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24th March 2024—PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Sunday 4.30 pm at St Anthony's

HOLY MASS

Tues 7.00 pm at St Anthony's

Wed 09.30 am at St Mark's

Holy Thursday

09.30 am Morning Prayer at St Mark's

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00 pm at St Anthony's

Good Friday

09.30 am Morning Prayer at St Mark's

Children's Stations of the Cross and Veneration of the Cross 12 noon at St Mark's

Good Friday service and Veneration of the Cross 3.00 pm at St Anthony's

Good Friday Stations of the Cross and Veneration of the Cross 7.00 pm at St Mark's

Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer 09.30 am at St Mark's

Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection 8 pm at St Mark's

Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday Mass 10.00 am at St Mark's

Easter Sunday Mass 11.30 am at St Anthony's

(Children's Mass)

(No evening Mass)

SUNDAY READINGS

Procession	Mk 11: 1-10	Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord.
Reading	Is 50: 4-7	I did not cover my face against insult; I know I shall not be shamed.
Psalm	Ps 21	O Lord, in your strength the king rejoices, and in your salvation how greatly he exults.
Reading	Ph 2: 6-11	Christ humbled himself but God raised him high.
Gospel	Mk 14: 1-15: 47	The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently, especially: Nicol Volosin; Allan MacLeod; Jacqueline Brennan; Mary Gemmell; Gerard Healy

All sick and housebound of the Parish: Pauline Mahon; Mary McColgan; Ella Connolly, Isa Daniels, Finn McGuinness, Baby Hope McKenna, May O'Donnell, Margaret Rice; Annie O'Donnell.; Sandra Morgan.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Those parishioners who are members of the Gift Aid scheme and who pay the offertory by envelope can collect the new envelopes for the tax year beginning 7th April from the back of the church. Thank you to everyone who is a member of the scheme whether you pay by envelope or directly to the bank. If you are not a member, but are a UK Taxpayer, please consider joining. It costs you nothing but the church can receive an additional 25% of the monies you give in your offertory collection back from HMRC. All you need to do is complete a form, there are no questions about your income. If you would like to speak to someone about this please contact the parish office and one of our Gift Aid Administrators will contact you.

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT THANKS Our parish St Patrick's Night last Saturday was a huge success, with a packed hall raising £1350 for Kilbryde Hospice and HCPT - The Pilgrimage Trust. Thanks to the incomparable Frannie for providing the entertainment, to the Lafferty and Sloan families and everyone who donated and came along, as well as those who helped clear up.

HOLY WEEK AND THE TRIDUUM

Please see front of the bulletin for Service times during Holy Week & the Triduum. We are playing to the strengths of each church: The side chapel at St Anthony's for the altar of repose on Holy Thursday evening.
The clearer stations at St Mark's for the children's Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.
The dimmer lighting at St Mark's for the Easter Vigil.

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Please come along each morning Thursday—Saturday at 9.30 a.m. to join with the whole Church in praying Morning Prayer with psalms, readings and song.

CHRISM MASS

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend the annual Chrism Mass at the Cathedral in Motherwell on Thursday at 11 a.m. It is one of the highlights of the year, as the oils are blessed for use in the sacraments, and the priests renew their promises of service. The diocesan choir is always exceptional too.

HOLY THURSDAY WASHING OF THE FEET

Can we please have some volunteers - male or female - to have their feet washed at the Mass of the Lord's Supper? Fr Stephen stresses about this every year: some volunteers would really help!

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND VENERATION OF THE CROSS 12 NOON FRIDAY

The simplified Stations will be led by our young parishioners and there will be beautiful and child-friendly music. All are welcome: please encourage your young relatives in particular to attend.

GOOD FRIDAY: HOLY PLACES COLLECTION

We are reminded by Bishop Toal of the particular importance of giving generously to this collection on Good Friday, to support the very many Christians alongside their neighbours of other faiths who are suffering in the West Bank and Gaza, and whose livelihoods are being destroyed by the suspension of pilgrimages. You can see the wide-ranging work of the Custody of the Holy Land here: www.orientchurch.va.

ROTA FOR READERS AND MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR HOLY WEEK

Sheets are available in the porches of both churches for readers and ministers of Holy Communion to sign up for the various Masses and services throughout Holy Week and Easter.

FOODBANK This week we welcomed 102 visitors to our Foodbanks. Many thanks to all our volunteers who ensured everyone left happily. Many thanks to everyone in our Parish who has donated. Thanks also to The City Charitable Trust, a local businessman and local residents for their continued generosity.

JUSTICE AND PEACE. The next meeting will be in St Mark's this coming Wednesday 27th at 7.30 pm. Come along and hear about the interesting and valuable work planned for the year ahead. "If you want peace, work for justice." Pope Paul VI

CHALICES AND CIBORIA UPDATE Several individuals and families have kindly given consideration to donating a chalice or ciborium to the parish for use in either St Mark's or St Anthony's churches. The price range of these items is around £500 each. If you would like to pursue this idea, please email the parish, letting us know (if you wish) whether you prefer a chalice or ciborium. Fr Stephen will purchase the items in Lourdes and then email the final cost and the bank transfer details, then arrange the inscription.

PETITIONS FOR LOURDES. A reminder that Fr Stephen and the young participating parishioners will be happy to take petitions to be left in Lourdes. These are lists of people you'd like prayed for (like a November list, except those prayed for can be alive or deceased) which are left in a special box at the Grotto. Please do not include money as the petitions are burned after resting at the Grotto for a few days. They can be put in the collection plate, left at the stall, put through the letter box, emailed etc.

FABRIC COMMITTEE MEETING. A reminder that the parish Fabric Committee meeting will take place at 5.45 this Tuesday in the dining room of St Anthony's parish house. You're hopefully starting to see the committee's work bearing fruit: the new carpet at St Anthony's, the new disabled ramp at St Mark's hall, and the loft insulation at St Mark's Presbytery.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO IONA. Unfortunately the parish pilgrimage to Fatima has been cancelled due to low numbers, but we are now working towards an alternative: a 3-day pilgrimage to Iona in the summer or autumn: watch this space!

ALPHA. Many thanks to the organising team and all who have attended the first 3 weeks of our Alpha programme. We'll now be taking a break for Easter but will return on Tuesday 16th April.

QR CODE FOR PARISH GIVING If parishioners or visitors would prefer to use their mobile phones to make a donation at Sunday Mass, then please feel free to use the QR code.

