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3rd March 2024—THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

HOLY MASS

Tues 7.00 pm at St Anthony's

Wed 09.30 am at St Mark's

Thurs 09.30 am at St Anthony's

Fri 09.30 am at St Mark's

Sat 09.30 am at St Anthony's

Sat 5.00 pm at St Mark's (Vigil)

Sun 10.00 am at St Mark's

Sun 11.30 am at St Anthony's

Sun 5.00 pm at St Anthony's

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sat 9.00-9.20 at St Anthony's

Sat 4.30 –4.50 at St Mark's

Sun 4.30-4.50 at St Anthony's

RECITATION OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

Tues 6.30 at St Anthony's

Wed & Fri 9.00 am at St Mark's

Thurs & Sat 9.00 am at St Anthony's

SUNDAY READINGS

Reading Ex 20: 1-17

Psalm Ps 18

Reading 1 Cor 1: 22-25

Gospel Jn 2:13-25

The Law given at Sinai.

I will love thee, O LORD, my strength.

The crucified Christ. The power and wisdom of God.

.Destroy this Sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently, especially: Thomas O'Brien; James Smith; Josephine Curley; Roddy Neeson.

Those whose anniversaries occur: Henry McVie; Brian McGhee.

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.

PARISH OUTING TO "HAMILTON"

All those attending the theatre production of "Hamilton", please note that the bus will leave the car park at St Mark's Church at 5.30 pm on Tuesday 12th March. Please ensure you arrive in good time.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR LAST WEEK

Plate collection including Gift Aid envelopes: £ 1518.78; Gift Aid to Bank £ 772.50 Total £ **2291.28**

REFUND OF OFFERTORY PAYMENTS PAID TO DIOCESE OF MOTHERWELL £ 485.00

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND 9TH/10TH MARCH IS FOR SCIAF

Thank You

FOODBANK : It was another busy day at both Foodbanks today. We welcomed 84 visitors, and all left with supplies. We thank you all for your wonderful support and your kindness. We also thank The City Charitable Trust for their continued support. This week we are running low on the following items: Coffee, diluting juice, toothpaste, biscuits, jam, pot noodles, cereal, soap, washing pods / powder, washing up liquid, size 4 & 5 nappies and baby wipes. Any donations can be left at the back of both Churches and at Jingers or Le Sorelle in Burnside.

LENTEN MASSES : In addition to the normal Masses, there will be the following additional Masses to which everyone is invited:

Thursdays 8.30 St Anthony's Primary School - Fridays 8.30 St Mark's Primary School

We hope especially that pupils and parents of our two primary schools as well as our parishioners will make a big effort during Lent to attend Mass with their peers.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS : Stations will be celebrated every Sunday at 4.30pm at St Anthony's. Please do come along to this much-loved Advent devotion. If you are a member of a parish group, would your group consider leading the Stations one week? Would any parish group be available to lead Sunday 10th March?

WELLSPRING PROJECT UPDATES

FABRIC: LOFT CLEARANCES

Thanks to all who managed along to St Anthony's Hall yesterday for the loft clearance. A reminder that we'll be clearing the loft of St Mark's Presbytery this morning (Sunday) after the 10am Mass: please lend a hand if you can.

PERU: PERU FRIENDSHIP MEETING

Following on from the very successful open meeting on Shrove Tuesday, Fr Stephen has been in touch with Fr Nilton Imán, the new parish priest of the Risen Christ parish in Ate, Lima, who is excited and enthusiastic about growing a connection of friendship between our parishes. To this end, we'll have a first meeting on Wednesday 13th March at 7.30 p.m. in St Anthony's hall to start thinking and planning. Fr Nilton will join us on Zoom for part of the meeting. All welcome. Watch out for some updates via our parish Facebook, as well as a very special and thoughtful gift which the women of the Risen Christ parish are preparing for next weekend.

ALPHA : The highly-acclaimed Alpha programme will run in our parish on Tuesdays from 5.45-6.50pm, beginning this Tuesday 5th March, in the side chapel at St Anthony's. Please do consider coming along, and encourage others to do the same. Personal invitation is essential to the model of Alpha, so please don't be shy to invite someone who may not have been to church for a while.

Alpha features high-quality teaching videos and guided discussion to help us find or deepen faith in Jesus, helping us to grow as missionary disciples. It will also be the main way we form people who wish to join our parish, including two young men who have asked us to help them prepare to complete their initiation into the Church. If you can't make it, please pray for the success of Alpha in our parish.

FR DOUGAN ORDINATION : Please continue to pray for Fr Frank in these last few days of preparation for his ordination as Bishop of Galloway. He will be ordained bishop in St Peter in Chains Church in Ardrossan this coming Saturday 9th March at 11 am, and he will take possession of St Margaret's Cathedral in Ayr at Mass on Sunday 10th March at 3pm. Both events are attended by invitation or tickets only, the latter very limited supply having been distributed to the parishes in his new diocese. You can watch and pray live online on the diocesan Facebook (/GallowayDiocese) and YouTube channel (RCGalloway).

THEOLOGY THURSDAY WITH FR STEPHEN : The St Andrew's Foundation at the University of Glasgow are running their annual Theology Thursdays series aimed at formation of a non-specialist audience. The latest session will feature Fr Stephen, who will be giving a talk entitled 'Blessing sin? The theological vision of Fiducia Supplicans', this Thursday 7th March from 5-6pm in the Ogilvie Room of the St Andrew's Building, Eldon St, G3 6NH. All are most welcome as we reflect on this important and somewhat controversial recent document from the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome on the blessing of same-sex couples.

FONTES DIOCESAN MAGAZINE : Please do pick up your copy of the latest Fontes magazine which has a lovely and colourful 2-page spread on Fr Pat and Fr Stephen's recent trip to Peru.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA : A meeting for all of those attending the Parish Pilgrimage will take place on Thursday 14th March at 6 pm in the Cry Chapel at St Anthony's Church. Marjorie will be supplying you with forms which need to be completed and handed in at the meeting. Also, a deposit of £450.00 must be paid at the meeting.

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT RAFFLES : The team will be selling raffle tickets in the porch of the church this weekend, in aid of Kilbryde Hospice and HCPT - The Pilgrimage Trust. We would also welcome raffle prizes and cash donations to these great causes.

PLEASE SUPPORT SCIAF : In Rwanda, many women and girls suffer directly from gender-based violence. Your donations, prayers and actions make a real and lasting difference in their lives. To learn more about how you can help support women in Rwanda, please visit SCIAF's website (sciaf.org.uk).

Next week (9/10th March) will be SCIAF Sunday when there will be a second collection in aid of SCIAF.

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 new QR code.

