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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B): GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY 21st APRIL 2024

HOLY MASS

Tues 7.00 pm at St Anthony's Sat 9.30 am at Anthony's Wed 09.30 am at St Mark's 5 pm Vigil at St Mark's Thu 09.30 am at St Anthony's Sun 10.00 am at St Mark's Fri 9.30 am at St Mark's Sun 11.30 am at St Anthony's Sun 5.00 pm at St Anthony's

SUNDAY READINGS

Reading 1 Acts 4:8-12

Psalm Ps 117:1.8-9, 21-23, 26.28-29

Reading 2 1 John 3:1-2 Gospel Acclamation John 10:14

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This is the only name by which we can be saved.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. We shall see God as he really is.

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me.

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Gospel John 10:11-18 The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently, especially: Duncan McLaughlin (funeral St Mark's Tuesday 30th April 9.30am); Eleanor Lappin; Margaret McGrath: Anne Czarnecki

Anniversaries: Isobel Clark; Mary Quinn; Gerald Daly; Brian McLaughlin

All sick and housebound of the Parish: Pauline Mahon; Mary McColgan; Ella Connolly, Isa Daniels, Finn McGuinness, Hope

McKenna, May O'Donnell, Margaret Rice; Annie O'Donnell.; Sandra Morgan.

LANARKSHIRE CUP CONGRATULATIONS. Congratulations to the Trinity High School boys football team which followed up their Caritas Cup 2024 win with victory in the Lanarkshire Cup final last Wednesday. Well done to all.

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. Its costs you nothing but the church can received an addition 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.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO IONA 4TH - 6TH OCTOBER: DEADLINE FOR BOOKINGS

We are delighted to announce a parish pilgrimage to the cradle of Christianity in Scotland: lona, from Friday 4th - Sunday 6th October. We will stay 2 nights at the Royal Hotel in Oban, and have a full day trip to lona, including Mass in the ancient Abbey as well as a group Sunday Mass at Oban Cathedral. Price including half board accommodation, coach, ferries, and entrance fees (based on 2 sharing) is £290pp, with a £44 single supplement for the very limited number of single rooms. We'd love families to come along, and so the parish is offering a special offer of £99 per child in a family room. Please contact Anne Marie Cairns at Alba Travel (01698 262941), Fr Stephen, or Marjie McAuley on 07771939696 asap for further info and to book. A deposit of £100pp and booking is due by 29th April. Marjie will also be collecting deposits after Mass this Thursday morning at St Anthony's.

PERU MEETING (WEDNESDAY) AND PLANS

Fr Stephen has been in regular contact with Fr Nilton in the Parish of the Risen Lord in Ate (Lima), who greets everyone very warmly. He passed on great phots of the Way of the Cross undertaken by young people during Holy Week, carrying the cross from chapel to chapel in every district of the parish: see our parish Facebook. To continue planning how to take our friendship forward, you are invited to a meeting this Wednesday 24th April at 7pm in St Mark's Presbytery. The team's first plan is to hold a joint live prayer service beamed to each other's parish: watch this space!

NEW SCOTS EVENT PENTECOST SUNDAY

Our parish is blessed with many New Scots from Africa, Asia and Latin America as well as closer to home. You may e.g. have seen the wonderful Dedication ceremony last Sunday at St Mark's led by our Igbo Nigeran community and friends. A group of us met yesterday to plan a celebration of the many cultures of our parish: this will take place in St Mark's one Sunday after Mass and hopefully include music, national dress, food etc. This will probably take place on Pentecost Sunday—19th May. Save the Date!

ST MARK'S CHURCH AND PRIMARY SCHOOL FEAST DAY ON THURSDAY

St Mark's church and primary school both celebrate their feast day on Thursday 25th April. To mark the occasion, Mass will be celebrated in St Mark's Primary at 2pm followed by refreshments. All parishioners are very warmly invited to attend and celebrate.

ALPHA PROGRAMME CONTINUES THIS TUESDAY

Our very successful & enjoyable Alpha programme will continue this Tuesday 23rd April from 5.45 - 6.45pm, in our newly refurbished side chapel at St Anthony's. This week the session will seek to answer the question: How can I resist evil? We'd particularly encourage you to come along to support our young people who are preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation.

FOODBANK

This week we supported 108 visitors via our Foodbanks. We did this thanks to the generosity of our Parishioners, The City Charitable Trust and the many local residents who so generously donate items.

This week we are running low on the following items: Pot noodles, sandwich spread, washing up liquid, nappies size 5&6, baby wipes, baby food, diluting juice, shampoo& shower gel. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Thanks for your continued support.

MARGARET MCGRATH ROLES: SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

As you'll know we lost our wonderful parish secretary Margaret on Good Friday. Would anyone please consider taking up a part of her role? This includes publishing the parish bulletin, paying parish bills, answering calls and emails, keeping the books up to date, making our gift aid claim, and preparing the accounts. Please get in contact in person, by phone or email.

FREE PARISH WELLBEING SESSIONS FOR CARERS AND ALL PARISHIONERS

Don't forget the series of free wellbeing sessions open to all parishioners, and particularly aimed at anyone who has a caring responsibility.

All are welcome to the remining 2- hours sessions on a Thursday from 6-8 p.m. in St Mark's parish hall: 25th April and 2nd May. Please just come along with no obligation to see if it's for you, or contact Claire at claire@theactc.com

WEE BOX, BIG THANKS. DEADLINE FOR RETURNS

Thank you all so much for your support of SCIAF's WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE Lenten appeal for girls and women in Rwanda. Please return your wee boxes **BY NEXT SUNDAY** so they can be banked. You can also donate to SCIAF by visiting sciaf.org.uk/weebox or by calling 0141 354 5555. Thank you, once again, for your wonderful generosity.

SQA EXAM GOOD LUCK

We wish lots of good wishes and blessings to our young parishioners undertaking exams from this week onwards: especially those who have been attending the parish tutoring sessions since the autumn. A huge thanks to the tutoring team for working so hard to prepare them to give of their best. St Joseph of Cupertino, Pray for Them!

