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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) 28TH APRIL 2024

HOLY MASS

Tues 7.00 pm at St Anthony's

Wed 09.30 am at St Mark's

Thu 09.30 am at St Anthony's

Fri 9.30 am at St Mark's

Sat 9.30 am at Anthony's

5 pm Vigil at St Mark's

Sun 10.00 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 9:26-31 *Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey*

Psalms Ps 21:26-28, 30-32 r. 26 *You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.*

Reading 2 1 John 3:18-24 *We believe in his Son and that we love one another.*

Gospel Acclamation John 15:4-5 *Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.*

Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.

Gospel John 15:1-8 *Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.*

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

Anniversaries: Isobel Clark; Isabel Dooley

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; Neil Morton

LEAP FRIENDSHIP GROUP LOCHBRAE

Local charity Leap run several friendship groups within various Sheltered Housing Complexes in our area, one of which is based at Lochbrae Sheltered Housing Complex. The group is run by trained Leap volunteers. The group meets fortnightly on a Thursday between 11-12.30 pm. Members enjoy a cuppa and chat along with some fun filled activities. The group provides an opportunity to meet new friends and can help reduce loneliness and isolation. Regulars enjoy the experiences very much! If you'd like to come along, help, or find out more, Leap volunteers will be in the porch after 11.30 Mass at St Anthony's next weekend (5th May), and also at the coffee morning in the hall. Flyers with more information are also available, or you can contact donna@leap-project.co.uk

ASSISTED SUICIDE—CALLED TO CARE, NOT KILL

Across the Catholic Church in Scotland this weekend we have a focus on plans to introduce assisted suicide in legislation into our country. Please contact your MSPs today to stop assisted suicide becoming legal in Scotland. You can use this QR code to access an online resource created by the Catholic Parliamentary Office, including guidance on contacting your MSPs. You can also visit rcpolitics.org/assistedsuicide or email us at office@rcpolitics.org for more information.



WELLSPRING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 21ST MAY

As you know, we held a very fruitful parish council meeting in November where we discussed our parish strengths and challenges, and began some focussed pastoral planning and prioritising. Our planning dovetailed perfectly with the diocese-wide launch of the Well-spring Project in February, which laid out a diocesan vision for renewal. Parish across the diocese are now in the parish discussion phase.

Fr Stephen summarised the discussed priorities from November's meeting as: **Consolidation of existing initiatives; Ongoing improvement of Parish fabric to provide a welcoming environment; Family engagement; Communication; Encouragement of African-origin Parishioners;** and opportunities arising from **Sacramental preparation.**

We agreed to meet again in Eastertide to review and celebrate progress and to revisit/expand/update our parish pastoral priorities. This meeting will take place on Tuesday 21st May 7.30 at St Anthony's. The timing will give us an opportunity to begin our deliberations with prayer with the celebration of Mass and St Anthony Novena at 7pm. All most welcome.

PERU FREINDSHIP GROUP

The group met on Wednesday and are advancing plans for a joint live prayer service beamed to each other's parish. The parishioners in Ate are also excited about this event and our growing link: 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 recently at St Mark's led by our Igbo Nigerian community and friends. A group of us met recently 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!

ALPHA PROGRAMME PAUSE

Our very successful & enjoyable Alpha programme will pause for a couple of weeks due to the Higher examinations. We'll reconvene for the final 3 session on Tuesdays 14th, 21st and 28th May before finishing with the Holy Spirit day retreat at St Anthony's on Saturday 8th June.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO IONA 4TH - 6TH OCTOBER: DEADLINE REMINDER

The parish pilgrimage to the cradle of Christianity in Scotland: Iona, from Friday 4th - Sunday 6th October is almost full. . Price (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.**

FOODBANK NEWS

On a beautiful sunny day, our volunteers welcomed 96 visitors to our Foodbank's. As always we are indebted to our parishioners, The City Charitable Trust and local residents for their continued support. We couldn't do any of this without your help.

This week we are asking for help collecting produce from local shops. Our appeal is for volunteers to help with this. If you have a spare hour please contact this number 07523 214227. Many thanks.

WEE BOX, BIG THANKS. DEADLINE FOR RETURNS TODAY

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 **TODAY** 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.

TABLE AMNESTY!

We appear to be very short of tables in both parish halls. People have borrowed tables at various points and may still be in the process of returning them: can you please do so this week so that we can assess whether we have to buy more. Thanks!

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.

