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PENTECOST SUNDAY (B) 19TH MAY 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
	Sun 11.30 am at St Anthony's
Fri 9.30 am at St Mark's	Sun 5.00 pm at St Anthony's
HOLY ROSARY	
Tuesday 6.30pm at St Anthony's	Wed 9.10 am at St Mark's (month of May)
Thursday 9am at St Anthony's	Saturday 9.10am at St Anthony's (month of May)

SUNDAY READINGS

Reading 1 Acts 2:1-11	<i>They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.</i>
Psalm Ps 103	<i>Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.</i>
Reading 2 1 Cor 12:3-7	<i>In the one Spirit we were all baptised.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.</i>
Gospel John 20:19-23	<i>As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit.</i>

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently, especially: Patricia Williamson (Funeral Mass Friday 24th May 9.30am St Mark's); Tommy Fallon, Joseph O'Toole. Bridget Blair.

Anniversaries: Bridged Kelly. Paddy Gallagher. Mary Eagan;. Jim Hutcheson. Freddie MacConnell. Angela MacConnell. Isabella & James McLaughlin. Jack Dornan. Hilary McEwan. The McGuinness Family.

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; Steven Murphy

ST ANTHONY'S PRIMARY SUMMER FAYRE

The summer fayre will take place on Sunday 2nd June in the grounds of St Anthony's school and in the school itself, from 12 noon until 3pm. There will be lots of different stalls, fun and activities, and all money raised will go towards educational equipment and opportunities for the pupils. Please do consider going straight over from 11.30am Mass that week, or later in the afternoon.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS AND MASSES OF THANKSGIVING

A heartfelt congratulations to the children of primary 4 at St Mark's who received First Holy Communion for the first time yesterday. Many thanks to all at St Mark's school who prepared them so well. They will be back today at the 10am Mass, at the end of which there will be a Eucharistic procession around the grounds, with the children making a carpet of petals for the Blessed Sacrament. This will be followed by the New Scots reception in the hall.

NEW SCOTS WELCOME EVENT PENTECOST SUNDAY

This celebration of the many cultures of our parish will take place in St Mark's today, Pentecost Sunday—19th May after the 10am Mass. First of all, everyone is invited to join the First Holy Communicants of Primary 4 in their procession around the grounds of the church: please consider wearing your national costume (including Scottish national dress). You are then all invited to the hall afterwards for food and drinks, as well as an informal showcase of your culture: you may wish to consider a song, story, object etc which represents your culture and which can be shared. This event will conclude formally around 12.30pm, although people may elect to stay on for a little while after that to continue chatting.

WELLSPRING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 21ST MAY

A reminder that this meeting will take place on Tuesday 21st May 7.30 at St Anthony's. We will review, celebrate progress and revisit/expand/update our parish pastoral priorities arising from November's Parish Council, which were as follows:

Our mission: If there was any 'headline' from the Parish Council, it regards mission and outreach. As a parish we have to overcome the understandable instinct to look inwards as a community, and rather to look outwards, thinking like an outsider: why would someone want to be an active part of our parish, and how can we help them to return?

Consolidation: the autumn was an important time to consolidate the positive initiatives of the past few years noted at the Council, such as the tutoring and bible study. These are now pretty firmly established.

Parish fabric: the open meeting after the Parish Council underlined the importance of having a modern, warm and welcoming environment in our parish buildings as an essential backdrop to any pastoral growth and outreach. A parish Fabric Committee has now been formed, which is establishing a maintenance programme based on fulfilling our statutory duties and following a priority/cost matrix.

Family engagement: This emerged as a priority at the Parish Council. Fr Stephen will establish a family engagement team on his return from Peru: this group will become the forum for a pastoral strategy encompassing such issues as events; a welcoming environment; outreach initiatives; and liaison with parents via schools (such as via the very successful Travelling Cribs).

Communication. The importance of good communication was underlined at the Council. The refreshed Communication Team has already begun to implement a strategy across social media, the church screens, local press etc. Themed communications initiatives such as the parish Christmas card distribution have also begun.

Encouragement of African-origin Parishioners. In reading the signs of the times around us, one clear area of potential is the number of young African-origin families attending our parish, especially the 10am Mass at St Mark's. Many are taking responsibility as readers, altar servers, welcome ministry, or attending the children's liturgy. Fr Stephen will soon organise a gathering for interested African-origin families to discuss how our parish can be further enriched by their gifts, and how they can grow as agents of evangelisation in the wider community.

Sacramental preparation. Sometimes pastoral priorities find us rather than the other way round! One emerging area is sacramental preparation, a wide ranging area encompassing school-age children seeking Baptism; children attending non-denominational schools seeking First Reconciliation (including many of the African-origin children noted above); and teenagers/adults wishing to complete their initiation. This provides a complex but very rich opportunity which will develop over the next few months to the summer.

FOODBANK NEWS

~ We are having a Quiz Night to raise funds for the Foodbank on Saturday 15th June, 7-30 til late in St Mark's Hall. Tickets £5 pp. If you wish to attend, please put your name and contact number on the sheet at the back of the Church and we will get tickets to you.

~ Today we supported 109 visitors at our Foodbank's thanks to your continued generosity. Thanks also to The City Charitable Trust and the many local people who are so supportive of what we do.

This week we would appreciate donations of the following:

Jam, baby wipes, cleaning products and biscuits / snacks.

Donations can be left at the back of both Churches as well as at Le Sorelle and at Jingers in Burnside.

OPEN HOUSE CONFERENCE 2024 SCOTLAND'S SYNODAL JOURNEY A conversation about becoming a synodal church
Eyre Hall, Glasgow Archdiocesan Offices, 196 Clyde St, Glasgow G1 4JY Saturday 8 June 2024, 10am– 4.30pm Doors
open and registration from 9.30am . Tickets cost £20, non waged £10.

Booking: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/open-house-conference-2024-scotlands-synodal-journey-tickets> 875837121407

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