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TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 22ND SEPTEMBER 2024

HOLY MASS	Tues	7.00 pm at St Anthony's	Sat	5.00 pm Vigil at St Mark's
	Wed	9.30 am at St Mark's	Sun	10.00 am at St Mark's
	Thu	9.30 pm at St Anthony'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
	Sat	9.30 am at St Anthony's		
	HOLY ROSARY	Tues	6.30 pm at St Anthony's	Wed
Thu		NO ROSARY at St Anthony's	Sat	9.10am at St Anthony's
CONFESSION	Sat	9-9.20am St Anthony's	Sat	4.30-4.50pm St Mark's
			Sun	4.30-4.50pm St Anthony's

SUNDAY READINGS

Reading 1	Wis 2:12, 17-20	Let us condemn him to a shameful death.
Psalms	Ps 53: 3-6. 8 r.6	The Lord upholds my life.
Reading 2	Jas 3:16—4:3	Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.
Gospel Acclamation		I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life.
Gospel	Mark 9:30-37	The Son of Man will be delivered. If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself servant of all.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently, especially: Gertie Robertson; Maureen Guild

Anniversaries: Moira Lydon; William & Mary Egan; Francis McCurdy; John Lawrie

All sick and housebound of the Parish: Erin Lavery; Beatrice Hannah; Pauline Mahon; Mary McColgan; Ella Connolly, Isa Daniels, Finn McGuinness, Hope McKenna, May O'Donnell, Margaret Rice; Sandra Morgan; Neil Morton; Steven Murphy

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2024-25: NOTE CHANGE OF FIRST RECONCILIATION DATE FOR ST ANTHONY'S

The date of this Sacrament has been changed at St Anthony's only as follows:

First Reconciliation: St Mark's Thursday 20th February 6 pm; St Anthony's Thursday **6TH MARCH** 6 pm

JUSTICE AND PEACE CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING SERIES

Our parish Justice and Peace Group will soon be hosting a workshop series on Catholic Social Teaching, which has been described as 'the Church's best kept secret'. CST gives us practical Gospel-based principles which can be applied to all aspects of daily life and wider society. The series will begin on **Thursday 3rd October** at 7.30pm—on the theme of "In His Image and Likeness: Human Dignity as the Foundation of Catholic Social teaching" - and continue on Thu 24th Oct and Thu 21st Nov, all in the side chapel at St Anthony's. Sessions will be led by Anne Marie Clements from J&P Scotland. All most welcome.

PARISH FAMILY FUN DAY THANKS

A huge congratulations and thanks is due to Jenny and all the team (many of them from the Children's Liturgy and Café teams) for a very successful and enjoyable Family Fun Day. If you were there or if you follow us on social media, you'll have seen how joyful an occasion it was. Many thanks to all who contributed in any way, many giving of their professional services free of charge. As noted previously, the day wasn't principally a fundraiser, but the generosity of parishioners and visitors meant that we will be able to send £1,617 to charity, split between Kilbryde Hospice and Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Scotland. Amazing!

A list of those still to claim raffle prizes is on various posters around the churches, and the prizes themselves are at St Anthony's.

VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK AND COLLECTION FOR SEMINARIANS

Many thanks to you all for contributing to last week's second collection for the seminarians from our diocese, which totalled £703.

RCIA ENQUIRY EVENING UPDATE

We were blessed to welcome 4 people at our enquiry evening on Thursday, and we ask for God's blessing upon them as they begin to explore whether they are being called to the Catholic faith and to the sacraments. They will begin their journey on Thursday 3rd October and continue on a Thursday evening, being part of our Alpha process which will be open to all parishioners.

FABRIC COMMITTEE MEETING THIS TUESDAY

The committee will meet at 5.45 pm in the side chapel at St Anthony's this Tuesday, 24th Sept. Ongoing projects include secondary glazing, carpeting and enhanced disabled access for St Mark's Church, and fire safety procedures for both churches. If you have any other ideas or issues you'd like raised, please let us know or come along on the night.

JUSTICE & PEACE SCOTLAND CARITAS PILOT PROJECT GATHERING THIS EVENING

A reminder that our first gathering with our Caritas group will be this evening at 6pm in St Mark's parish house. If you are undertaking Caritas but are not at Trinity, you are warmly invited to join the group. Please keep our young parishioners in your prayers.

DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULTS GROUP THIS EVENING

Please join the diocesan young adults group this evening in Motherwell Cathedral at 7.30pm. We will spend some time in prayer and then gather afterwards to socialise in the Railway Tavern. It is a really great night spent with a lively group of young people. Fr Stephen will be going along and will be able to give you a lift: just let him know.

NEW CHALICES AND CIBORIA FOR THE PARISH

As you may remember, several families in the parish have donated a chalice or ciborium (which holds the hosts at Mass) in memory of loved ones or their whole family, or to mark a special occasion. The ciboria have now arrived and we'll begin to use them at Mass this weekend. The family of Mgr John J. (Jack) Burns RIP, who live in the parish, have also donated his chalices to the parish, and Fr Stephen is particularly delighted to use them, as he spent the first 6 years of his priesthood with Mgr Burns in St Bride's, Bothwell.

ALPHA PROCESS BEGINNING THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER

After the great success of last year's Alpha process, we'll be running Alpha again on Thursday evenings (apart from Justice & Peace workshop nights and holidays) beginning on 10th October. Those who came along last year will testify to the quality of the Alpha videos and rich discussion questions, and the ability of Alpha to grow and deepen our faith. By coming along you'll also be accompanying the RCIA candidates on their journey towards Easter, as well as others who are curious about the Catholic faith and our parish. The sessions will take place in the side chapel at St Anthony's from 7-8.15pm, and run from October until about February.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

Next weekend we'll celebrate Safeguarding Sunday, to tell the good news story of the many ways in which children, young people & vulnerable adults contribute to the life of our parish, and to make sure we're all focussed on their wellbeing.

FOODBANK NEWS

We had 93 visitors at our Foodbanks this week. Everyone was supported thanks to your generosity, the support of the City Charitable Trust, The Kilbryde Hospice and the many local residents.

Our appeal this week is for shower gel and sandwich bags of varying sizes to enable the team to split up key items, enabling fair distribution. We would also ask if anyone has spare Poly bags or shopping bags that they leave them in our usual drop off points. Finally thanks to Jenny and the team who organised the Family Fun Day. We raised £66 via our Tombola! Hope all our winners liked their prize.

LOOKING FOR BABY SOPHIA

Back on 25th February, a family came to St Mark's for a Baptism but Fr Stephen didn't know about / had forgotten about the Baptism, so they went to St Bartholomew's and Sophia was kindly baptised by Fr Montesi. We don't have any details to record the Baptism in the parish register: can the family get in touch with Fr Stephen please?

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.

