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TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 29TH 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 am 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	9.10 am at St Mark's
	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	Num 11:25-29	Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets!
Psalms	Ps 18:8, 10, 12-14 r.9	The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.
Reading 2	Jas 5:1-6	Your wealth is all rotting.
Gospel Acclamation		Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.
Gospel	Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48	Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently, especially: Mary Mullen (funeral Wednesday 9th October 9.30am St Anthony's; funeral reception Tuesday 8th 6.30pm, St Anthony's); Gertie Robertson; Maureen Guild; Tom Gallacher;

Anniversaries: John & Mary McGinley

All sick and housebound of the Parish: Kirsty Travers; Catherine Scott; 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

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO IONA NEXT WEEKEND

The exciting day is almost here, when 40 or so of our parishioners and friends travel to Iona for our annual parish pilgrimage. We're particularly excited that some families and young people will be with us, including no less than 4 altar servers! We'll be carrying the prayers and intentions of the parish to the cradle of Scottish Christianity. Watch out for lots of photos on parish social media!

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 this **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.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

Today we 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.

PARISH FAMILY PASTORAL PLANNING TEAM AND TODDLERS' GROUP

In the wake of our very successful Family Fun Day, we'd like to keep the momentum going and keep the organising team meeting, while inviting others to get involved. Upcoming initiatives could include a Mass for babies baptised over the past year, looking at some child-friendly equipment for both churches, and the formation of a Toddlers' Group.

The group will meet again next **Sunday 6th October after 11.30am Mass** at St Anthony's, in the side chapel, to explore the way forward. We'd welcome all parents, grandparents and interested parishioners to come along and share your ideas.

At this point, can we please ask for donations of equipment (books, toys etc) which could be used either for a toy box for young children for use during Mass, or for a Toddlers' Group, and also one or two high chairs for the Sunday café at St Anthony's?

Secondly, can we ask if anyone would like to explore the possibility of starting Toddlers' Group on a Thursday at St Anthony's (or indeed in St Mark's, on a Thursday on another day of the week)? We already have one very capable volunteer who can anchor the St Anthony's Toddler's Group, but we need to form a team for it to work. There will be a meeting for anyone who might be interested on **Sunday 13th October after 11.30am Mass** at St Anthony's, in the side chapel.

RCIA PROCESS BEGINNING THIS WEDNESDAY

Following the successful enquiry evening, the RCIA process will begin this **Wednesday 2nd October, at 7pm** in St Mark's parish house (it will normally be a Thursday at St Anthony's). It's not too late for others to join: just ask them to come along on the night. Please pray for our candidates as they begin to explore whether they are being called to the Catholic faith and to the sacraments.

JUSTICE & PEACE SCOTLAND CARITAS PILOT PROJECT AND CARITAS MASSES

We're delighted that 6 young people came along last Sunday evening, with several others sending apologies. The group will meet on **Thursday 3rd October at 4.30pm** in the side chapel at St Anthony's to begin their project. The group also agreed to animate a monthly Caritas Mass at the 11.30 Mass at St Anthony's over the next few months.

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**, at St Anthony's from 7.00 - 8.15pm.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

If you are in P5 or above, would you consider joining our excellent band of altar servers? We have servers aged right up to S3. Serving is a great way to experience Mass, as you have the best view and are involved throughout. We even have an annual trip to the Inn Bru Carnival! Training will take place at St Mark's on **Wednesday 2nd Oct** at 3.15-4pm, and at St Anthony's on **Thursday 10th Oct** at 3.15-4pm. Letters and permission slips will go out via our parish primary schools. If you are at another local primary please pick up a letter from the porch of the church and return it at training, and if you are in secondary school, just speak to Fr Stephen who will arrange some training before Sunday Mass one week.

EUTHANASIA: A WARNING FROM CANADA

Learn how Assisted Suicide has failed in Canada, and what you can do to stop it in Scotland. Alex Schadenberg is a Catholic from Canada and a world expert on the dangers of euthanasia. In Canada, as with all euthanasia laws, they started with "strict safeguards" which were then considerably widened. Funding has also been cut for hospices who refuse to take part in euthanasia. By the end of the talk, you'll have lots of information to put to your MSPs and others to explain why "assisted dying" proposals currently being debated in the Scottish Parliament are so dangerous to the most vulnerable people in Scotland. **Thursday 3rd October, 7.30 - 9pm, Gillis Centre, 100 Strathern Road, Edinburgh EH9 1BB.** Register at: <https://bit.ly/warningfromcanada>

FOODBANK NEWS We had 83 visitors at our Foodbanks this week. Everyone was supported thanks to your generosity, the support of the City Charitable Trust and the many local residents. We must also say a special thanks to Rev. John Sanderson and the representatives from Rutherglen Churches Together who gave us a financial donation from their fund. This week we are focussing on **diluting juice**. We are hoping for small bottles if possible. As always, gifts can be left in both churches and at Jingers or Le Sorelle Home & Gift Boutique. Many thanks.

CLASSROOMS FOR MALAWI AFTERNOON TEA

Local charity Classrooms for Malawi is hosting afternoon tea fundraiser 1-4.30pm, Wednesday 23 October 2024 in St Columbkille's Hall. Funds raised will be put towards purchasing beds and mattresses for the students at Ngumbe Secondary as they are presently sleeping on the floor. Tickets £15 include a glass of prosecco on arrival, afternoon tea and entertainment. Tickets can be purchased by phoning Andrea 07947 631008 or by emailing hello@classroomsformalawi.org.

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.

