

# ST ANTHONY & ST MARK'S

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All Masses in this Parish are livestreamed on YouTube*

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C) 15TH DECEMBER 2024

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT for 30mins before each weekday / Sat morning Mass

<b>HOLY MASS</b>	Tues	7pm 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	2.00pm St Anthony's (Syro-Malabar Qurbana)
	Sat	9.30 am at St Anthony's	Sun	5.00 pm at St Anthony's
<b>HOLY ROSARY</b>	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
<b>CONFESSION</b>	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	Zep 3:14-18a	The Lord will exult over you with loud singing.
Psalms	Is 12:2-3.	Shout aloud and sing praise, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.
Reading 2	Phil 4:4-7	The Lord is at hand.
Acclamation	Isaiah 61:1	The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, he has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor.
Gospel	Luke 3:10-18	And we, what shall we do?

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Those who died recently, especially:** Bob Cononico; Michael McCuaig; Sheila Young; Theresa Dunne; Sadie McDaid; Anne Marie Flynn; Dennis McAullife; John MacDonald

**Anniversaries:** James Friel; John McColgan (Snr); Susane McConnellogue; Molly Baker; Agnes McGinn

**Sick & housebound :** Patrick Gallagher; 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.

### HOLY YEAR OPENING EVENT SUNDAY 29TH DECEMBER

The Holy Year opens in our diocese with a pilgrimage moving towards the Cathedral behind the cross prepared by Holy Cross High School for the jubilee – a pilgrim people behind the cross of Christ which remains the anchor of salvation.

People are invited to gather at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in Carfin at 1pm on Sunday 29th December for a short gathering that introduces the pilgrimage and the opening of the Holy Year. Bishop Toal, with a small group of young people, will then make the first part of the pilgrimage towards the Cathedral.

At 2.30pm, all people from across the Diocese are invited to gather in St Bride's Hall (across from the Cathedral) for the short pilgrimage to the Cathedral, the veneration of the Cross, a memorial of our baptism and the celebration of Mass.

### SALAMANCA DEPOSITS DUE TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER: MEETING AT 6.15

Thanks to all who have expressed a firm interest in our parish pilgrimage to Salamanca in September 2025. You can pay your deposit and ask any further questions at a meeting in the side chapel at St Anthony's at 6.15pm a week on Tuesday.

### CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER 7PM ST MARK'S

This event is a highlight of the year and will feature carols, readings and music from the parish Community Choir and local schools. We'll have the atmospheric lighting, the Christmas tree illuminated as well as the candles lit. Please do consider coming along as we begin to celebrate Christmas together as a parish. Teas and coffees will be available in the parish hall after the service.

### BIG NEWS: WE'RE GETTING A DEACON!

Fr Stephen is delighted to announce that from Christmas until the autumn we'll be hosting a deacon in our parish, who will be living with Fr Stephen at St Mark's and ministering across both churches. His name is **Christopher Igwe**, and he was ordained as a deacon this weekend at Oscott College in Birmingham where he has been studying for the last few years for the Diocese of Motherwell. Christopher is a transitional deacon, and God willing will be ordained as a priest for the Diocese of Motherwell sometime after summer 2025. He is originally from Nigeria (and a proud Igbo) and has been living in the UK for several years. Between Christopher and Paul May - who is studying to be a permanent deacon and is on placement in our parish - our parish is clearly seen by the diocese as an excellent place for formation, so congratulations to you all for making it so.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS: PLEASE DISTRIBUTE TO YOUR NEIGHBOURS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

As we did last year, we have commissioned parish Christmas cards which contain a greeting from the parishioners and all the times of Masses and services over Christmas and New Year. You can take one home, but most importantly can you please take a handful and distribute them to neighbours, family and friends, and especially to people who may have stopped worshipping with us or someone who might be isolated and be able to watch the services via our livestream (YouTube: @catholicg73). The cards provide a perfect and simple way to evangelise and to be outward-looking as a parish.

### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASSES AND SERVICES:

**Thursday 19th December** - Carols by Candlelight Service (St Mark's) – 7.00pm

#### **Tuesday 24th December:**

Christmas Vigil Family Mass (St Anthony's) 5.00pm

First Mass of Christmas by Candlelight (St Mark's) – 8.00pm (with carol service from 7.30pm)

#### **Christmas Day:**

Dawn Mass (St Mark's) – 10am; Christmas Mass (St Anthony's) – 11.30am

Weekday Masses Wednesdays—Saturdays from 26th Dec— 4th January at **11AM** in the usual locations.

**Hogmanay:** Mass of Thanksgiving for 2024: 7pm St Anthony's

**New Year's Day:** Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God: Mass 11am, St Mark's

### PARISH HOGMANAY PARTY: TICKETS ON SALE AFTER MASSES

A reminder that the Parish Hogmanay party will run in St Mark's hall on 31st, 8 til late in aid of Kilbryde Hospice, BYOB, featuring live music from Franny Conway and the McHugh family. Tickets £5, or £15 for a family (household) ticket, available from Franny 07952313267 or in the stall of our churches.

### MISSIONARIES OF AFRICA (WHITE FATHERS) EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Missionaries of Africa in Rutherglen are looking for someone to add to their team who can provide holiday and sickness cover for the cook.

The successful applicant will be required to prepare, cook and serve a three course meal to be served at lunchtime to our community of six in their home. Lunch is served at 12.30pm. The hours are 9.00 'til 2.00pm which allows for food preparation, cooking and preparing the dining room before lunch.

If you are interested in working in a friendly and welcoming environment and would like to find out more about this paid position please contact Joan McLaughlin, Housekeeper on 0141 647 3800/07455 091749.

### FOODBANK NEWS

We welcomed 104 visitors to our Foodbanks this week.

We have many people to thank for their generosity; The City Charitable Trust, Lifestyles ASN group, St Fillan's primary school, a local businessman, SLC community Wishlist and the many local residents who have donated via Wonderful Winter Windows. Your generosity has been outstanding and we thank you all very much.

This week we are looking for **cuppa soups, baby wipes, crisps / biscuits / selection boxes** for the children.

Donation can be left in the usual drop off places as well as at key drop of areas across the community via the Wonderful Winter Windows food drive.

Many thanks.

### SPACE—CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CHILDREN

Many thanks to all the generous parishioners who contributed to this appeal.

**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 (which is working again!)

