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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C) 8TH DECEMBER 2024

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

HOLY MASS	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
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
	Sat	9-9.20am St Anthony's	Sat	4.30-4.50pm St Mark's
CONFESSION	Sat	9-9.20am St Anthony's	Sun	4.30-4.50pm St Anthony's

SUNDAY READINGS

Reading 1	Bar 5:1-9	God will show your splendour..
Psalm	Ps 125:	What great deeds the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad..
Reading 2	Phil 1:4-6	Be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.
Acclamation	Luke 3: 4, 6	Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God.
Gospel	Luke 3:1-6	All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently, especially: Patrick Martin; Alvina Murphy; Thomas Ward; **Christopher Haughey (funeral service Daldowie Thursday 12th Dec, 12.45pm)**

Anniversaries: Catherine Collins; Kevin; Thomas Burns

Sick & housebound : 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.

LIFETEEN GROUP THANKS

Many thanks to the young people and also to our 4 adult leaders. As our initial 5-week pilot of LifeTeen draws to a close. We'll now reflect on what we've learned and hopefully continue as a group in the new year: we'll keep the parish updated.

ALPHA PROCESS PAUSE FOR CHRISTMAS

Alpha will now pause for Christmas and resume in January, although the group is invited specially to the Carols by Candlelight service on Thursday 19th December. Many thanks to all who attended so far, and to the organising team of Ann, Karen and Stevie.

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.

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 will be ordained as a deacon next Saturday 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.

XAVERIAN MISSION APPEAL THANKS

Thanks to Fr Willie Hattie and Fr Jim Clarke of the Xaverian missionaries who were with us last weekend to celebrate Mass and make the annual mission appeal. We'll be sending them £1,400: thanks to all for your generosity.

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.

PARISH ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE THIS WEDNESDAY 11TH DEC, 7PM AT ST ANTHONY'S

Our annual parish penitential service will take place this Wednesday, with music, readings, a reflective examination of conscience and visiting priests to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession. The service will only take about 30 mins.

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 porch of our churches.

CHRISTMAS 2024 MASSES AND SERVICES:

Wednesday 11th December - Reconciliation Service with Confession (St Anthony's) – 7.00pm

Saturday 14th December: Confession (St Columbkille's) 2.30-4.00pm

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

CARITAS AWARD JUSTICE & PEACE SCOTLAND HOLY HOUR THANKS

Many thanks to our Caritas Award parishioners who led a beautiful and moving Holy Hour on Wednesday, dedicated to St Josephine Bakhita. We prayed for all victims of people trafficking and modern slavery, and prayed that hearts might be changed so that this practice can be ended. In the new year, the Caritas group will be challenging us to speak up for those affected.

FOODBANK NEWS

This week we welcomed 102 visitors to our Foodbanks. Thanks as always to our Parishioners, The City Charitable Trust, the ASN group at Lifestyles and the many local residents who have donated via the Rutherglen Wonderful Winter Windows appeal. It is greatly appreciated!

This week we are appealing for **Rice** as well as **Christmas treats** and **baby wipes**. Donations can be left at the back of both churches, at Jingers and Le Sorelle in Burnside.

Many thanks.

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, Trinity High, St Mark's Primary and St Anthony's Primary. Please do consider coming along.

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!)

