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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) 16TH FEBRUARY 2025

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 30 mins before weekday/Saturday Masses

HOLY MASS	Tues 7.00 pm at St Anthony's	Sat 5.00 pm Vigil at St Mark's
	Wed 9.30am at St Mark's & 7pm St Anthony's (Confirmation)	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	Tue 6.30 pm at St Anthony's	Sat 9.00 am 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	Jeremiah 17:5-8	Cursed is the man who trusts in man; blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord.
Psalms	Ps 1. R: Ps 40(39)	Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.
Reading 2	1 Cor 15:12, 16-20	If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile.
Acclamation	Luke 6:23ab	Rejoice and leap for joy, says the Lord, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.
Gospel	Luke 6:17, 20-26	Blessed are you who are poor. Woe to you who are rich.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently, especially: Andrew McPeake; Mary Walsh

Anniversaries: Sarah Law; John Curley; Victor Hanlon; Isabel McLauchlin; Bernadette Watters; Rosemary Scollin; Michael Dooley; James McCurdy .

Sick & housebound : Steve Kolbay; Tim Kolbay; Rose McCorley; 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; Sandra Burke.

CHURCH WORKERS SOCIAL FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

Thanks to everyone who managed to reply to their invitation. If you have any **dietary requirements** can you please contact the parish to advise, if you haven't already done so, . Quite a few invitations weren't collected over the two weekends, and Fr Stephen tried to contact everyone he had a phone number for before he confirmed the final numbers with the Burnside Hotel on Friday. Sorry if you missed out: if you think you should have been there but weren't invited, you were almost certainly invited!

NEW PARISH TODDLERS GROUP STARTING SOON: HELP NEEDED

As part of our pastoral focus on children, young people and families, we are in the process of setting up a parish Toddlers' Group based at St Mark's hall, beginning with a pilot every second week on a Thursday morning. This would really help to build the parish of the future and provide support to parents, grandparents and carers, especially if they are a little isolated. We're considering possible names: Fr Stephen likes the suggestion of 'Little Miracles' but we're open to ideas! We aim to start on Thursday 6th March, and the core team will meet again on Sunday 2nd March at 12:45pm at St. Mark's Hall: please feel free to join them! The team have set up an Amazon wishlist which we'd ask parishioners to explore and consider donating something: there are specially chosen items for every budget, from cutlery to play mats to a child-sized table and chairs. The link is: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/16SGWZSOMUK14?ref=wl_share. Many thanks for your support and prayers for the success of this exciting new initiative.

MARY'S MEALS THANKS

"Thank you so much for your precious gift of **£2,491.30**, which is helping us to transform the lives of hungry children around the world with a nutritious daily meal in school. Your kindness is bringing food, joy and hope to the children who eat Mary's Meals, allowing them to make the most of their education and giving them the chance of a better future.

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for your incredible generosity which will have a life-changing impact on some of the world's poorest children, providing them with food, education and hope for a brighter future." Marie Doyle, Interim Executive Director, Mary's Meals UK.

RCIA TEACHING SESSIONS OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS: CONTINUES THIS WEEK

All sessions are open to the whole parish and to non-parishioners to help increase your faith and knowledge. The current planned dates and topics are as follows (all sessions **7pm—8.15pm** at St Anthony's side chapel):

Thursday 20th February: The ultimate life-changing experience: Baptism.

Thursday 6th March: More than a symbol? What do Catholics believe we receive in Holy Communion?

HOLY YEAR 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE PARISH MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY

A Holy Year (also called a Jubilee Year) is time of grace which is celebrated every 25 years within the Catholic Church, marked by the opening of holy doors, pilgrimage, a focus on penance and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and the granting of indulgences. The next meeting of the steering group is on **Wed. 19th February 7pm** at St Mark's, and all parishioners are welcome to come along.

CARITAS AWARD JUSTICE AND PEACE PROJECT CONCLUDES NEXT WEEKEND: HELP NEEDED!

The parish Caritas Award J&P project comes to its conclusion next weekend, as our young people challenge all parishioners, their families and friends to support them in a big social media campaign to raise awareness about the scourge of modern slavery and people trafficking. They have produced a multi-media campaign comprised of posters, a blog/newspaper article, and visuals for the parish social media channels (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram), which they will share with you next weekend. Specific instructions regarding how you can help will be printed in next weekend's bulletin: watch this space!

PARISH THEATRE TRIP: TINA (THE TINA TURNER MUSICAL) 24TH SEPTEMBER

As you know, over the past few years we have had regular parish trips to the theatre (including the upcoming Dear Evan Hansen on 26th Feb), and we're delighted to announce that the next planned show is to see Tina (The Tina Turner Musical), on Wednesday 24th September at the King's Theatre in Glasgow. The cost is £62, based on 25 attending. To find out more, please see the posters at the back of each church, or speak to Karen Smith. To book a place, please put your name on the list in the church porches.

SAVE THE DATE: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE FRIDAY 7TH MARCH

The World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical initiative which brings churches and parishioners together in prayer and friendship. This year, the service, will take place at Cambuslang Parish Church on Friday 7th March at 2pm. The service this year has been planned by women in the Cook Islands. All parishioners are warmly invited and encouraged to attend.

SALAMANCA JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE UPDATE AND MONEY DUE

Our parish pilgrimage is growing in number, with 33 people now signed up! A further £100 is now due to Marjorie: she will collect moneys this Tuesday evening at 6.30pm at St Anthony's if you'd like to pay in person.

CONFIRMATION CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS

The Sacrament of Confirmation has been celebrated and bestowed on our young P7 pupils in both churches over the past two weeks. Congratulations to them and their families: the parish is proud of how they are deepening their faith and finding ways to minister in parish and school. A big thanks to both primary schools, and to all who contributed to the beautiful celebrations.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: SCOTTISH CONFERENCE 'COURAGE TO BE CATHOLIC'

Saturday 29th March, Glasgow Royal Concert Hall 9.30am—4pm

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) have launched tickets for one of the biggest events for Catholics in Scotland in 2025 – Courage to be Catholic Conference – which will feature dynamic speakers including a bishop from the Holy Land, a bishop from Nigeria and the head of Divine Renovation UK. ACN's focus, for the first conference of its kind in Scotland, is to foster a spirit of collaboration amongst different Church organisations, agencies and charities, as well as encouraging the laity to live their faith boldly in today's world and support one another in their faith journey as the Church celebrates a Jubilee Year of Hope.

Tickets can be purchased via <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EHSR> priced £30 Concession and £35 general admission and tea/coffee and lunch will be included for all attendees.

IGNITE CLUB FOR FIRST COMMUNICANTS TAKES A BREAK

The Ignite Club for First Communicants will take a break today for the school holiday weekend, before resuming with session 3 at St Anthony's on Sunday 23rd February. Well done everyone so far!

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.

