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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) 23RD 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	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	1 Samuel 26:2-23	I would not put out my hand against the Lord's anointed.
Psalms	Ps 103	The Lord is compassionate and gracious
Reading 2	1 Corinthians 15:45-49	We shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.
Acclamation	John 13:34	A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.
Gospel	Luke 6:27-38	Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently, especially: Margaret Gillen (funeral Thursday 6th March 9.30am, St Anthony's); Vic Legrix

Anniversaries: Jim Smith

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 THANKS

Many thanks to everyone who attended the Jubilee Church Workers' Social on Friday night in the Burnside Hotel. It was a very enjoyable occasion for all. A big thanks in particular to the staff at the hotel and to Frannie for the entertainment.

NEW PARISH TODDLERS GROUP STARTING 6TH MARCH

Our new parish Babies and Toddlers Group begins on **Thursday 6th March** from 9.30am—11 am at St Mark's parish hall. All babies and toddlers—parishioners or non parishioners- are most welcome, along with their parents, grandparents or whoever is looking after them. There will be toys and activities available for the children, and some simple hospitality for the adults. We'll finish with some singing around the parachute.

The core team will meet again on Sunday 2nd March at 12:45pm at St. Mark's Hall: please feel free to join them, we could definitely use a couple more helpers. 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. We'd be happy to receive pre-loved versions of the items on the list.

Many thanks for your support and prayers for the success of this exciting new initiative.

CARITAS AWARD JUSTICE AND PEACE PROJECT SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN LAUNCHES: HELP NEEDED!

The parish Caritas Award J&P project comes to its conclusion this 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. The young people will speak at all Masses this weekend or next, and here's what they'd like you to do:

- Share the Facebook post currently on the parish Facebook page with as many people as you can, as well as tagging your friends.
- Share the Twitter post currently on the parish Twitter feed, tagging your friends.
- Share the Instagram post currently on the parish Instagram feed, adding it to your own story.

If you don't currently use social media, why not ask a family member to help you share and post the campaign, or ask them to do the same on their social media feeds.

For everyone, please see the beautiful poster in the porch of both churches, and pray for the success of the campaign, for the victims of people trafficking and modern slavery, and for an end to this dehumanising practice. St Josephine Bakhitha, Pray for Us!

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 26th February: Confirmation: our 'personal Pentecost' (led by Deacon Christopher)

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

A MESSAGE FROM ST MARK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

World Book Day 2025 and Careers Education. We are looking for volunteers to come into some of our classes on Thursday 6th March to celebrate World Book Day and Careers Education. Could you come into one of our classes to read your favourite story? Could you come and talk to our pupils about your career? How have your Literacy and English skills helped you in your job? Or do you just enjoy reading to help you relax after a hard day at work? Please consider coming into one of our classes to share your love for your job, reading or both!

Culture and Diversity Week. Due to the huge success of our Culture and Diversity Week last year, we are proud to be hosting another week of learning this year. We plan for the workshops to take place between 17th -21st March. Would you like to come into our school to share knowledge of your culture? Maybe you have lived out with Scotland before and you could show our pupils some photographs and talk to them about the weather, traditions, and cultures? Please get in touch with our Culture and Diversity Group if you are interested. If you are keen to participate in any of these events, please email Mrs Livingston on gw16livingstonlucyan@glow.sch.uk or phone the school on 0141 634 4238.

HOLY YEAR 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE PARISH MEETING UPDATE

The steering group met on Wednesday to review progress, and all agreed that the year has started well in relation to Hogmanay; SALT Approach to RE in our schools; Ignite Club; Toddlers' Group; LifeTeen; Caritas J&P Project; and Church Workers' Social. Upcoming priorities include the Taize service; a focus on the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent; and an afternoon tea. Other initiatives we'd like to adopt include more exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; a monthly Sunday café at St Mark's; a blessing of married couples; and a parish day at Carfin. There is also progress on hosting a possible addiction recovery group; and a special Marian Mass in August. Watch this space.

SAVE THE DATE: TAIZÉ EVENING OF PRAYER AND SONG 12TH MARCH

The Community Choir and Justice and Peace Group are organising a parish Taizé worship evening for peace on Wednesday 12th March at 7pm at St Mark's. Our theme will be Pilgrims of Hope, following the theme of the Jubilee Year. We will also be inviting the local churches of various denominations to join us. All parishioners and non-parishioners are warmly invited.

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.

FOODBANK NEWS

Our team of volunteers have had a busy few weeks at our Foodbank's. Over that period, they have supported 184 families thanks to the donations received from our Parishioners, The City Charitable Trust and local residents. We thank everyone for their generosity as we couldn't support our visitors without it.

We are low on baby wipes, nappies- size 5 & 6, pasta, rice and tins of pasta sauce.

Donations can be left at the back of both Churches, at Jingers and at Le Sorelle Home & Gift Boutique.

Many thanks for your ongoing kindness. It is very much appreciated.

IGNITE CLUB FOR FIRST COMMUNICANTS RETURNS THIS WEEK

The Ignite Club for First Communicants resumes 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.

