

# ST ANTHONY & ST MARK'S

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## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (C) 23RD MARCH 2025

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

<b>HOLY MASS</b>	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 5.00 pm at St Anthony's
	Sat 9.30 am at St Anthony's	<b>HOLY HOUR</b> Friday 4-5 pm
<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>	Tue 6.30 pm at St Anthony's	<b>HOLY ROSARY</b> Sat 9.00 am 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	Exodus 3:1-8a	"I Am" has sent me to you
Psalms	Ps 103(102)	The Lord is compassionate and gracious.
Reading 2	1 Corin 10:1-6	The way of life of the people with Moses in the desert was written down for our instruction.
Acclamation	Matthew 4:17	Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Gospel	Luke 13:1-9	Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Those who died recently, especially:** Thomas McLaughlin; Marie White

**Anniversaries:** Gerald Ayre; Jean Meanen; Mary & Catherine Fallon

**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.

### LENT 2025

**Lenten Mass** will be celebrated at St Anthony's Primary every Thursday during Lent on a Thursday morning at 8.30am; and every Friday morning at 8.30am at St Mark's Primary. These Masses are open to all parishioners. There are also two Masses in Trinity High, on a Tuesday morning at 8.25am and Wednesday lunchtime at 1.10pm. Please encourage your teenage family members to attend.

**Stations of the Cross** will be celebrated on a Tuesday evening at 6.30pm at St Anthony's. Last week's Stations were lead by the Justice & Peace Group, this week by Paul May, our trainee deacon, and next week by the Alpha/RCIA Team. Could your group lead one of the future Stations? Please speak to Fr Stephen or Deacon Christopher.

A **Holy Hour** is held on Fridays from 4-5 pm at St Mark's, with silence, reflections, Sacrament of Reconciliation and Benediction. This is a beautiful and meditative way to start the weekend, and already the numbers are growing as word spreads.

### IGNITE CLUB FOR FIRST COMMUNICANTS: TAUGHT SESSIONS CONCLUDE THIS WEEK

The Ignite Club for First Communicants continues at St Anthony's today, Sunday 16th March, from 10.50-11.45am. This will be the final taught session across both churches, while the Club will conclude with a family fun day and Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday. A huge thanks is due to all leaders, parents and children who have believed in and committed to this new parish initiative, part of our parish pastoral priority of children, teenagers and families.

### SCIAF SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND

In Colombia, many people are impacted by ongoing violence and conflict. With your help, we can give shelter, food and water for those caught up in violence, provide safe havens for children affected by conflict, and help communities rebuild their lives, long into the future. For more information on how you can support communities in Colombia, please visit SCIAF's website [sciaf.org.uk](http://sciaf.org.uk). A second collection will be taken up next weekend to support SCIAF, which was founded in Rutherglen 60 years ago.

### GIFT AID

If you don't already do so and if you are a UK taxpayer, please consider signing up to Gift Aid your collection. As you know this increases the amount by 25% free of charge, and last year it raised over £18,000. Hopefully you've seen the tangible benefit of this money in things like the carpeting of both churches. You can gift aid whether you pay by standing order, cash or the QR code. For standing order and cash, please fill in one of the forms available on the table at the back of the church/porch and return it in the collection plate or put it through the parish house door. For the QR code, the online page used for payment also gives the option to gift aid the money.

Our parishioners are very generous with their resources as with their time and energy. This Sunday might represent a chance to reevaluate & update how much we give weekly: e.g. many committed Christians of various denominations practice tithing as a spiritual discipline, committing a small but steady percentage of their income to their church, which also helps with personal budgeting. May God bless you all for your ongoing support and generosity. A parish financial report for 2024 will be published soon.

### SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS FUND COLLECTION THANKS

Many thanks to all who contributed to this collection which raised £1,074 and which has been passed on to the diocese.

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

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

LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR TICKETS! Bring your friends, family or parishioners and get 5 tickets for £112. ACN are bringing a Bishop from the Holy Land, a Bishop from Nigeria and the Head of Divine Renovation in the UK. Don't miss this first-time event! To book, please go to <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EHSR> to register.

### STORIES FROM THE HOLY LAND

A message from our friend Anne-Marie Clements at Justice and Peace Scotland:

"Earlier this year I visited Jerusalem with J&P Scotland and on Tuesday 8th April I am giving a talk in Motherwell Diocesan Centre at 7.30pm on the stories I heard there from the Christian community, predominantly in the West Bank. I'll also be sharing some general reflections on the situation in the Holy Land and what Justice & Peace Scotland's hopes are for peace. If you're interested it would be really great to see you there!"

Anne-Marie has been so supportive to our parish, piloting the Caritas Award with our S6 parishioners, and sharing her insights throughout our Catholic Social Teaching series in the autumn: please support her if you can, in what should be a fascinating evening.

### ST PATRICK'S NIGHT THANKS

Congratulations to everyone for a very enjoyable and successful St Patrick's Night celebration last week in St Mark's hall. A huge thanks especially to Frannie and his team for running the show and providing the entertainment. The night raised over £1,400 to send a child to Lourdes at Easter with HCPT Scotland HCPT. Bravo

### DIOCESAN YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMIT SATURDAY 12TH APRIL



All parishioners who are currently working with teenagers or young adults, or who are interested in how we can nurture our young people's faith, are warmly invited to the first diocesan Youth Ministry Summit on the 12th of April from 9.30am-3.30pm. This is a free event, fully sponsored by the Diocese of Motherwell.

The theme is '**Next Generation Discipleship - Embrace, Empower, Evangelise**', focusing on how to accompany young people and ignite faith in the hearts of the next generation in the time and culture that we find ourselves in. Featuring a keynote speaker, panel of young people, training, discussion and resources.

You can register using the QR code to the left of this notice, or by emailing [mishal@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:mishal@rcdom.org.uk)

### ST MARK'S CULTURE AND DIVERSITY WEEK UPDATE

A big thanks and congratulations to St Mark's Primary for a very successful and enjoyable week showcasing the variety of cultures and gifts among the pupils, families and staff. Fr Stephen contributed a little by teaching some basic Arabic, but Deacon Christopher stole the show with a great session featuring Igbo language, games, and songs; while Trinity High ceilidh band were also a huge success. Well done to all.

### CARITAS AWARD JUSTICE AND PEACE BLOG

Congratulations once again to our Caritas Award parishioners, whose blog detailing their experience of informing, praying with and challenging the parishioners on the theme of Catholic Social Teaching and Human Trafficking: you can read the blog here: <https://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk/Blog>



**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 this QR code.