

# ST ANTHONY & ST MARK'S

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## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C) 30TH 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	Joshua 5:9a, 10-12	The people of God entered the promised land and there kept the Passover.
Psalms	Ps 34 (33)	Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Reading 2	2 Corin 5:17-21	'God who through Christ reconciled us to himself.'
Acclamation	Luke 15:18	I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you'
Gospel	Luke 15:1-3	Your brother was dead, and is alive.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Those who died recently, especially:** Ann Marie Coyle; Theresa Scott; Agnes Welsh

**Anniversaries:** Anne Czarnecki; Grace McFadden; Margaret McGrath

**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 AND HOLY WEEK 2025

**A Lenten service of the Word and Holy Communion** will be celebrated by Deacon Christopher at St Anthony's Primary this Thursday morning at 8.30am; and on Friday morning at 8.30am at St Mark's Primary. This service is open to all parishioners.

**Stations of the Cross** will be celebrated on a Tuesday evening at 6.30pm at St Anthony's. Last week's Stations were led by Paul May, our trainee deacon; this week (1st April) by the Alpha/RCIA Team; and next week (8th April) by the SSVF. Could your group lead the final Stations on Tuesday 15th April? 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.

The **Triduum** services during **HOLY WEEK** will be as follows:

**Holy Thursday:** Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm at St Anthony's

**Good Friday:** Children's Stations of the Cross 12 noon at St Anthony's

**Good Friday:** Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross 3pm at St Mark's

**Good Friday:** Stations of the Cross and Veneration of the Cross 7pm at St Anthony's

**Holy Saturday:** Easter Vigil 9pm at St Mark's (with 6 Baptisms)

**Easter Sunday:** Mass 10am at St Mark's and 11.30am at St Anthony's. No evening Mass.

### SCIAF SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND

On this SCIAF Sunday, we pray for all mothers around the world. We thank you, Lord, for giving us this precious gift – and we thank our mothers for the love and care they provide. We especially give thanks for mothers in Colombia, who, despite the challenges they face, provide their children with the love and support they need to survive. Please give what you can in today's second collection for SCIAF. You can also donate to SCIAF at [sciaf.org.uk/donate](http://sciaf.org.uk/donate) or by calling 0141 354 5555.

### RCIA UPDATE

On the First Sunday of Lent our 4 parish catechumens - Alison, Carrie, Kirsten and Stephen - were enrolled along with 70 others from across the Diocese of Motherwell in the Book of the Elect at the Cathedral. Last Sunday evening at the 5pm Mass at St Anthony's they undertook the Scrutinies, the next step on their Lenten journey to Baptism at the Easter Vigil. This Saturday evening at the 5pm Vigil Mass at St Mark's, they will officially be presented with the Creed, which we will pray with them. This is given as a symbolic gift of the precious faith with they are soon to adopt through the Sacraments of Initiation. Carrie's daughters Willow and Quinn will also be baptised at the Easter Vigil, and are preparing for Baptism in school at St Mark's. Please keep them all in your prayers.

### PENITENTIAL SERVICE WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL

One of the five precepts of the Church which are binding on all Catholics is that we should confess our sins once per year in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (the other precepts are: Attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation.; Receive the Eucharist at least during the Easter season; Observe days of fasting and abstinence; and Contribute to the material needs of the Church). Catholics are also invited in a special way this year to receive God's forgiveness as an aspect of the celebration of the Holy Year. There are many opportunities to fulfil this precept during Lent (see Confession times on the front of the bulletin), but to help focus our minds, we'll have an hour dedicated to the Sacrament on **Wednesday 9th April from 7-8pm** at St Mark's. You can come along at any point and there will be visiting priests available as well as Fr Stephen, accompanied by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

### LITTLE MIRACLES PARISH BABIES' & TODDLERS' GROUP CONTINUES THIS THURSDAY 3RD APRIL

Our new parish Babies and Toddlers Group continues this Thursday from 9.30am—11am 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. Many thanks to all parishioners for the support and prayers for the success of this exciting new initiative. Please do invite along anyone you think might benefit: they will be most welcome.

### TRINITY HIGH HOLY DOORS CHALLENGE

A big thanks and congrats to the 12 pupils from Trinity who undertook the Holy Doors Challenge on Friday, to complete their requirements for the Holy Year Plenary Indulgence, with Mrs Marks, Mrs Hand and Fr Stephen. They travelled by public transport to all the local Plenary Indulgence sites: the Holy Door at Motherwell Cathedral, the National Shrine at Carfin, and St Andrew's Cathedral in Glasgow. Our parishioners were at the forefront, with Aela, Aria, Ava, Ciaran, Ethan, Joseph, and Zac all present.

### BIBLE STUDY ON ST LUKE'S GOSPEL

On Palm Sunday we will hear St Luke's account of the Passion and Death of Jesus. To help us enter into Holy Week and this beautiful text, there will be a Bible Study on St Luke's Passion at St James' Parish Coatbridge on **Monday 7th April** at 7.00pm in the Church Hall, led by Fr Paul Denney. We will read through the text, looking at some of the features of the Lord's Passion and Death only found in St Luke's Gospel, which will help us understand more of what the Lord Jesus has done for us in His Passion. All are most welcome. Teas & coffees will be available.

There will be another Bible Study on St Luke's account of Jesus' Resurrection on **Monday 14th April** at 7.00pm. at St James'.

### DIOCESAN JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

The initial meeting of the Diocesan Justice and Peace Group will take place on **Thursday 22nd May** at 7.30 pm in the Diocesan Offices in Motherwell, preceded by Mass in Motherwell Cathedral at 7.00 pm. Please consider coming along.

### GIFT AID

Many thanks to those who signed up for Gift Aid last weekend. As you know this increases the amount by 25% free of charge, and last year it raised over £18,000. 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. Please pick up your envelopes if you haven't already done so. May God bless you all for your ongoing support and generosity.

### PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The committee will meet in the parish house at St Mark's on **Wednesday 9th April**. If you have any issues you'd like raised or discussed regarding parish finances, please feel free to email the parish, or phone the parish house on a Monday from 9am –12 noon. An annual parish financial statement will be shared with the parish in the few weeks following this meeting.

**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.

