

# ST ANTHONY & ST MARK'S

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## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (C) 9TH 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 2.00pm St Anthony's (Syro-Malabar Qurbana)
	Sat 9.30 am at St Anthony's	Sun 5.00 pm at St Anthony's

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Tue 6.30 pm at St Anthony's

**HOLY ROSARY** 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	Deuteronomy 26:4	The confession of faith of the chosen people.
Psalms	Ps 91(90):1-2	Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.
Reading 2	Romans 10:8-13	The confession of faith of believers in Christ.
Acclamation	Matthew 4:4b	One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.
Gospel	Luke 4:1-13	Jesus was led by the Spirit in the wilderness and tempted by the devil.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Those who died recently, especially:** Irene McGinn; Trisha Stewart; John Swan; Peter Wright ; Steve Kolbay

**Anniversaries:** Jimmy Lang; Ellen McColgan; Henry McVey; Catherine Sweeney

**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 School 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, and we encourage parents in particular to come along.

Lenten Mass will be celebrated in the Oratory at Trinity High School on Tuesdays at 1.10pm and on Fridays at 8.25am. Unfortunately these aren't open to the public, but please encourage our teenage parishioners to come along and join Fr Stephen and Christopher.

**Stations of the Cross** will be celebrated on a Tuesday evening at 6.30pm at St Anthony's. As always, we're looking for parish groups to lead the Stations each week: can you please let Fr Stephen/Christopher know if your group can help?

### ST MARK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL CULTURE AND DIVERSITY WEEK COMING SOON

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? If you are keen to participate in any of these events, please email Mrs Livingston on [gw16livingstonlucyan@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw16livingstonlucyan@glow.sch.uk) or phone the school on 0141 634 4238.

### **SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS FUND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**

We will be taking up a second collection to support the sick and retired priests of our diocese next weekend: please be generous in supporting the clergy who have served us so well on years and decades past.

### **TAIZÉ EVENING OF PRAYER AND SONG THIS WEDNESDAY 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.

### **ST PATRICK'S NIGHT FUNDRAISER NEXT SATURDAY 15TH MARCH**

The parish St Patrick's night fundraiser will take place in Saturday 15th March from 7pm in St Mark's Hall. The event is sold out, but cash donations or gifts for raffles are greatly appreciated, they can be handed in to Father Stephen or brought along on the night.

### **LITTLE MIRACLES PARISH BABIES' & TODDLERS' GROUP CONTINUES THURSDAY 20TH MARCH**

Our new parish Babies and Toddlers Group began on Thursday, and everyone who came along really enjoyed the toys and activities, the singing around the parachute, and the hospitality for the adults. The group will be meeting fortnightly on Thursdays 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. An optional donation of £1.50 per family to cover costs would be gratefully received. People have been so generous in investing in what we needed to get started, via the Amazon wishlist and other donations: many thanks to them and all parishioners for the support and prayers for the success of this exciting new initiative.

### **SCIAF DAY OF PRAYER**

SCIAF invites you to join their WEE BOX Day of Prayer on Friday 14th March. On this day, as a community, we pause to reflect, connect, and pray for peace and hope for communities in Colombia. We know that through prayer we can deepen our relationship with God, seek guidance, and offer support to those in need. For more information about the Day of Prayer please visit [sciaf.org.uk/weebox](http://sciaf.org.uk/weebox) or call 0141 354 5555.

### **WELLSPRING DIOCESAN RENEWAL FORUM THIS MONDAY**

The first Wellspring Parish Renewal Event is coming up soon, on **Monday, 10th March at 7pm in St Bernadette's Parish Hall, Motherwell**. Parish groups, led by their clergy (including Fr Stephen and Deacon Christopher), will gather for a time of prayer, reflection, and discussion. Three parishes will share their renewal journey so far, and there will be time for reflection and discussion.

### **DIOCESAN JUSTICE AND PEACE ROLE FOR PAUL FOLEY**

We're delighted to announce that our very own Paul Foley has been appointed by Bishop Toal as diocesan co-ordinator of Justice and Peace, with a task of setting up a Diocesan Justice and Peace Group. Paul plays guitar and leads the singing weekly at the 5pm Mass at St Anthony's, and is an enthusiastic member of our parish J&P Group. The Diocesan group will have its first meeting on 22nd May 2025 at 7.30 pm in the Diocesan Offices in Coursington Road, Motherwell. Congratulations Paul!

### **SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL DEANERY MASS THIS TUESDAY**

We're delighted that our parish SSVP group will be hosting the Deanery Mass and meeting this Tuesday evening at the 7pm Mass: members from across the deanery are most welcome for this important event.

### **DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT EVENING TONIGHT (SUNDAY) 7.30PM MOTHERWELL CATHEDRAL**

The monthly diocesan gathering of young adults takes place this evening at the Cathedral in Motherwell. The event begins with a talk followed by prayer time with excellent music. The young people then spend some social time catching up in the Railway Tavern. It's a really relaxed and enjoyable evening, and a good way to meet others who are trying to live out their faith.

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

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

The Courage to be Catholic Conference 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 CONTINUES THIS WEEK**

The Ignite Club for First Communicants continues St Anthony's' today, Sunday 9nd March, from 12.20-1.15pm.

**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.

