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PALM SUNDAY (C) 13TH APRIL 2025

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

HOLY MASS Tues 7.00 pm at St Anthony's

Wed 9.30am at St Mark's

Thursday—Sunday: see Holy Week notice below.

SUNDAY READINGS

Reading 1	Isaiah 50:4-7	I hid not my face from disgrace, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.
Psalms	Ps 22(21)	My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Reading 2	Philippians 2:6-11	He humbled himself, therefore God has highly exalted him.
Acclamation	Philippians 2:8-9	Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.
Gospel	Luke 22:14-23:56	The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently, especially: Arthurina McConnell, Michele Deans, Lydia Carty, Selina Gillespie, Kathleen Corrigan.

Anniversaries: Mary Quinn, Anne Brown.

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.

HOLY WEEK 2025

We have entered the most important and holy period of the Church's year: the celebration of Holy Week. As our Lenten observances and penances draw to a close we prepare to enter deeply with Jesus into his passion, death and Resurrection. We should try in as far as possible to celebrate the Triduum fully by attending on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil/ Easter Sunday.

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

Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday: Morning Prayer of the Church (with Tenebrae): 9.30am at St Mark's

Holy Thursday: Chrism Mass, 11am at the Cathedral in Motherwell. All parishioners welcome, as the priests renew their vows, and the oils are blessed and distributed to all parishes across the diocese.

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

(The Mass of the Lord's Supper is arguably the most intense and beautiful Mass of the whole year, where we recall the Last Supper, and accompany Jesus to the garden of Gethsemane as his passion begins.)

Holy Thursday: Night Prayer 9pm at St Anthony's

Good Friday: Children's Stations of the Cross with veneration 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

(It is worth remembering that the Easter Vigil is the most important and solemn celebration of the whole year. This year our parish will be blessed and renewed by the baptism of 6 catechumens, 4 of whom will also be confirmed and receive their First Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayer in the coming days. Please also consider coming along to this precious and atmospheric Mass).

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

EASTER SUNDAY FAMILY DAY AT ST ANTHONY'S

As a parish we'll celebrate an Easter Sunday Family Day after the 11.30am Mass at St Anthony's. This will mark the official closing of the Ignite Club for First Holy Communicants, and they and their families will be the special guests, receiving some gifts and their completed Ignite Club workbooks. All children and families are warmly invited. Here is what has been planned:

- St Anthony's Primary Parent Partnership are organising an **Easter egg hunt** in the grounds of the church. Each participating child will receive an easter egg, and there will be special eggs for those who collect the hidden tokens. All donations are most welcome, and the money raised will go directly to subsidise events for the pupils of St Anthony's Primary.
- the Little Miracles parish group for babies and toddlers will be running a **mini Little Miracles** in the side chapel, with all the classic fun such as the ball pool, arts and crafts, and the parachute.
- the **Sunday café** will be on hand to serve tea, coffee and something to eat. All welcome.

HOLY THURSDAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

As always, we need some volunteers to have a foot washed at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. As you may remember, Fr Stephen finds it rather stressful to find volunteers! So if you could step forward he would be very grateful: please just let him or Deacon Christopher know. You can be any age, male or female. Thank you!

ALTAR SERVER RECRUITMENT AND PRACTICES FOR HOLY WEEK

Our parish altar servers give excellent service throughout the year, and their expertise is needed more than ever during all the Masses and services of Holy Week. Fr Stephen and Deacon Christopher will be asking this Sunday about the availability of our servers on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil / Easter Sunday: parents can help by thinking about the family plans for the week ahead. We'll be holding practices for each big Mass and service, so if servers can please come along **one hour before** the beginning of each ceremony which they're serving, we'll go over the specialised roles and tasks required. Many thanks in anticipation.

FR STEPHEN AND DEACON CHRISTOPHER ARE OFF TO LOURDES!

Our parish clergy will be travelling to Lourdes with the Scottish region of HCPT—The Pilgrimage Trust on Easter Sunday. Fr Stephen will be with Group 89, while Deacon Christopher will be joining the Scottish Youth Group. They will remember all parishioners in their prayers at the Grotto. If you have any petitions which you would like them to take to Lourdes, please hand them in or put them in the collection basket. Many thanks to all who have supported HCPT, especially via the St Patrick's Night event in the hall.

LITTLE MIRACLES PARISH BABIES' & TODDLERS' GROUP CONTINUES THIS THURSDAY 17TH APRIL

Our 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. Please do invite along anyone you think might benefit: they will be most welcome.

SCIAF WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the recent collection for SCIAF, which totalled £1,802, an amazing total.

LENT 2025

The final **Stations of the Cross** will be celebrated this Tuesday evening at 6.30pm at St Anthony's, led by the young people from the LifeTeen group. Thanks to everyone who has led the stations so beautifully this Lent.

Thanks to Deacon Christopher for establishing and leading the Friday **Holy Hour** throughout Lent.

The Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and opportunity for Confession last Tuesday was a great success, with a good number attending. Many thanks to Fr Pat and Fr Johny for assisting, and Kirsty for the beautiful music.

FOODBANK NEWS

This week we welcomed 87 visitors to our Foodbanks. All were supported thanks to the generosity of our Parishioners, The City Charitable Trust and the many local people who have been so generous. Massive thanks also to the Extended Team who support young people in our area, for their beautifully decorated box of eggs for the kids.

This week we are looking for treats for the youngsters who visit with their parents. We also need shower gel.

Donations can be left in all the usual places. Many thanks for your continued support—it is very much appreciated

POSTCARD CAMPAIGN AHEAD OF THIRD READING OF ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

Please take away a postcard from the disability campaign group Not Dead Yet UK and ask our MPs to vote against the legalisation of assisted suicide in the Westminster parliamentary vote at Third Reading, likely on 16 May. The Second Reading vote passed by a narrower margin than expected (our own MP voted against and deserves our support). Now only 28 MPs need to change their vote at Third Reading to defeat the Bill, and your continued opposition will make a crucial difference.

BIBLE STUDY ON ST LUKE'S GOSPEL

A reminder that the second Bible Study on St Luke's account of Jesus' Resurrection led by Fr Paul Denney will take place on **Monday 14th April** at 7.00pm. at St James' Parish Coatbridge in the Church Hall. All are most welcome. Teas & coffees will be available.

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.

