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EASTER SUNDAY (C) 20TH APRIL 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

No mass on WednesdaySun10.00 am at St Mark'sThu9.30 am at St Anthony'sSun11.30 am at St Anthony'sFri9.30 am at St Mark'sSun5.00 pm at St Anthony's

Sat 9.30 am 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 Acts 10:34a, 37-43 We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

Psalm Ps 118(117) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.

Reading 2 Colossians 3:1-4 Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.

Acclamation Philippians 2:8-9 Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed; let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord

Gospel John 20:1-9 He must rise from the dead.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently, especially: Sophia McGowan

Anniversaries: Gerry Daly; Mary Gibson; Isobel Clark; Maisie Linstrum.

Sick & housebound: John Mulheron; 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.

EASTER MESSAGE 2025 FROM BISHOP TOAL

As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year there can be no day more hope-filled than Easter Sunday as we celebrate with great joy the Lord's Resurrection. May the Risen Lord Jesus therefore renew our faith, fill us with great hope, and inspire further acts of Christian love and service.

A special word of welcome to those received into the Church this Easter. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you experience the power of the Lord's presence in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. May your participation in Christ and his Church sustain you constantly now in the pilgrimage of life.

As we continue to hear of the ravages of war and of the terror felt by many in our troubled world we pray earnestly for peace and justice, for forgiveness and healing, for a respite from fear and a glimmer of hope.

We pray that the Lord of New Life will keep us and our loved ones safe in his care and bring consolation to all in pain.

With my Easter blessing and good wishes,,

+ Joseph Toal, Bishop of Motherwell



EASTER SUNDAY FAMILY DAY TODAY 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.
- there will be a plant sale outside the main doors, with lovely spring plants to cheer up your house or garden.
- the Sunday café will be on hand to serve tea, coffee and something to eat. All welcome.

RCIA CONGRATULATIONS

A huge congratulations to Alison, Carrie, Kirsten and Stephen, who celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist—at the Easter Vigil, in what was a very powerful ceremony. Carrie's daughter Willow was also baptised and received her First Holy Communion, while her daughter Quinn was baptised. Many thanks are due to the RCIA team of Ann, Karen, Paul and Stevie who led them through the process from September, as well as all parishioners who supported them by attending the Alpha programme and teaching sessions throughout the autumn and winter.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER THANKS

As Holy Week and the Triduum draw to a close, it's time to thank most sincerely everyone who has contributed to a beautiful and dignified celebration of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection. To all musicians, choir members, cleaning teams, flower sculptor, altar servers, welcome ministers and passkeepers, bulletin team, readers, Minsters of Holy Communion and everyone else who gave so generously of their time and expertise, a huge thank you.

CLEANING TEAM AT ST MARK'S: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our beautiful churches benefit from dedicated teams who keep them neat, tidy and clean, and we are very grateful to those who dedicate their time in this way. The St Mark's team are rather short of bodies at the moment and are appealing to you to join them. They work every second Wednesday after the 9.30am Mass for about an hour. If you'd like to join them to you'd be interested to find out more, please contact the parish or come along on Wednesday 30th April after Mass. Many thanks.

WELLNESS AFTERNOON AT ST MARK'S HALL SUNDAY 4TH MAY 1.30-3pm

We're delighted to be hosting a wellness afternoon which will explore simple, practical ways to look after mind and body. Our parishioner Jenny Kane will be exploring the essential role of gut health as well as giving the opportunity to try some health, nutrition samples, and there will also be some meditation and good advice around peri-menopause and menopause. The day is free, and will hopefully allow you to leave feeling relaxed and empowered thanks to the conversation and the knowledge gained. For more info you can check out the posters in the church porches.

CALLED AND GIFTED

Have you ever wondered what charisms and spiritual gifts God has given you, and how these can be used to serve others and the parish? Called & Gifted has been developed as a tool to help all the baptised discover their charisms and so live out the fullness of their baptismal vocation, and it is now coming to our diocese, bringing with it the ability to unlock so much potential in our parishes and contribute to the ongoing work of renewal. Fr Stephen has asked for 3-5 places on the programme: could you take one of them? All are welcome to consider this, but it's particularly suited for people not currently heavily involved in a parish ministry, and who might be in a time of transition, e.g. retirement, end of education, or bereavement of a husband or wife.

Please do consider this, and you can also find out more on their website at https://callednandgifted.org.uk . If you feel drawn to process and want to hear more, please be in touch with Fr Stephen in person, by phone or email.

FUTURE DATES OF KEY MEETINGS

The following parish groups will meet on these dates during Eastertide:

Parish Family Pastoral Team: Sunday 27th April, 12.30pm, St Anthony's side chapel

Holy Year Jubilee Pastoral Planning Team Wednesday 30th April 7pm, St Mark's parish house

Media and Communications Team: Wednesday 7th May, 7pm, St Mark's parish house

Parish Council: Wednesday 14th May, 7pm, St Anthony's side chapel

New Scots Team (to plan Pentecost): Saturday 17th May, 3.30pm, St Mark's parish house

POSTCARD CAMPAIGN AHEAD OF THIRD READING OF ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

A reminder to 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.



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