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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) (C) 27TH 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
	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	
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 5:12-16	More than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women.
Psalms	Ps 118(117)	Give praise to the Lord for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.
Reading 2	Revelation 1:9-19	'I died, and behold I am alive for evermore.'
Acclamation	John 20:29	You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.
Gospel	John 20:19-31	Eight days later, Jesus came.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently, especially: Pat Gallagher (funeral Friday 7th May 9.30am, St Mark's); William O'Connor (snr); Kitty Sweeney; Kathleen Corrigan

Anniversaries: Isabel Dooley; 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.

POPE FRANCIS RIP

The Community of the Diocese of Motherwell joins the Church and so many others in mourning the death of Our Holy Father, Pope Francis. We give thanks to God for his 88 years of life, particularly his service to the Church as a Jesuit, Priest and Bishop, and ultimately as Bishop of Rome. May his faith in the Lord's Resurrection, which he celebrated with us yesterday, be fully realised and may his good soul rest in God's peace.

+Joseph Toal, Bishop of Motherwell

Bishop Toal wishes to advise you of the following two Masses he will be celebrating in the next week or so:

- **Mass for the Eternal Rest of Pope Francis and in Thanksgiving for his Life and Ministry** will be celebrated by Bishop Toal on Thursday May 1st, the Feast of St Joseph the Worker, at 7pm in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell. The whole Diocesan Community will be welcome to attend along with friends who wish to pray for our late Holy Father.

- **Mass invoking the Holy Spirit on the Cardinals about to enter the Conclave** will be celebrated by Bishop Toal at Carfin on Sunday May 4th at 3pm. You are most welcome to attend to pray for the Church as our New Pope is about to be elected.

EASTER SUNDAY FAMILY DAY THANKS

A big thanks to everyone to organised the Easter Sunday Family Day last Sunday, which was blessed with beautiful sunshine and a church bursting at the seams with children and families. Thanks are due especially to St Anthony's Primary Parent Partnership who organised the Easter egg hunt and plant sale, the café team, and the Little Miracles group.

LITTLE MIRACLES PARISH BABIES' & TODDLERS' GROUP CONTINUES THIS THURSDAY 1ST MAY

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.

RCIA PERIOD OF MYSTAGOGIA

A huge congratulations once again to Alison, Carrie, Kirsten and Stephen, who celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist—at the Easter Vigil; also to Carrie's daughter Willow who was baptised and received her First Holy Communion, and her daughter Quinn was baptised. It was also a proud night for the RCIA team of Ann, Karen, Paul and Stevie who led them through the process from September.

The group will continue to meet over the next 5 weeks in what has since earliest times been known as Mystagogia. This is a time to reflect upon their experience of the Sacraments, to consider how they might live out their Baptism in the years to come, and to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Their first post-Easter meeting will take place this Thursday 1st May at 7pm at St Anthony's.

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.

FOODBANK NEWS

This week our volunteers supported 101 visitors to our Foodbank's. Thanks go to the support of our Parishioners, The City Charitable Trust, local residents and the Vogue Golf Club all left with food supplies.

We are very grateful for this support as without it, we couldn't operate.

This week we are running low on pasta and sauce. Donations can be left at the back of both Churches, at Jingers and at Le Sorelle Home & Gift Boutique. Many thanks.

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

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.

