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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C) 11TH MAY 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 11 am at St Mark's (First Holy Communion)	
HOLY ROSARY	Tue 6.40pm at St Anthony's	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 13:14, 43b-52	Behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.
Psalms	Ps 100(99):1-2. 3. 5.	We are his people, the sheep of his flock.
Reading 2	Rev 7:9, 13a, 14b-17	The Lamb will be their shepherd and will guide them to springs of living water.
Acclamation	John 10:14	I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep and my own know me.
Gospel	John 10:27-30	I give eternal life to my sheep.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently, especially: Ann Archer (funeral reception Monday 26th May 6.30pm St Mark's; funeral Mass Tuesday 27th May 9.30am St Mark's).

Anniversaries: Brian McLaughlin; Eileen McNulty.

Sick & housebound : John Mulheron; Steve Kolbay; Tim Kolbay; Rose McCorley; 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.

LITTLE MIRACLES RUNS THIS WEEK: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our parish Babies and Toddlers Group, called Little Miracles, will run again this **Thursday 15th May** at the new time of 10-11.30am at St Mark's Hall. The group will now run weekly rather than fortnightly, on a Thursday morning.

To achieve this, we need some new volunteers to form a rota alongside the experienced current team. There is a wide variety of roles, e.g. hospitality team; general helpers. Age is also no barrier, and we are likely to be reliant on a core of retired people. Could you please consider if you could be part of the team? You can contact the parish in person, by phone or email, or just come along for a chat on Thursday.

CALLED AND GIFTED

A final call to consider undertaking this diocesan initiative, which helps people to discern the charisms and spiritual gifts God has gifted to each of us, and how these can be used to serve others and the parish. You can find out more on their website at <https://calledandgifted.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, asap

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP TOAL ON THE ELECTION OF POPE LEO XIV

With our fellow Catholics, and so many others across the world, we in the Diocese of Motherwell thank God for the election of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. It is great news that Cardinal Prevost was chosen so quickly by his fellow Cardinals and there is reassurance that they have placed this confidence in his abilities to lead the Church in the great mission of preaching Christ, and upholding and strengthening our communion as the Body of Christ, the People of God. We trust that his choice has been inspired by the Holy Spirit and his actions will always be guided by the same Holy Spirit.

May God bless Pope Leo, and may he be sustained by the prayers of all the faithful. We commend his ministry as the Successor of St Peter to the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, and to that of all the Saints.

We will celebrate a Diocesan Mass in Thanksgiving for the Election of Pope Leo XIV in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell, on **Monday 26th May at 7pm**. All are most welcome to attend.

+ Joseph Toal, Bishop of Motherwell

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend we will have an appeal from Aid the Church in Need and a second collection. Aid to the Church in Need is a Pontifical Foundation of the Catholic Church, supporting the Catholic faithful and other Christians where they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need. Each year they fund over 5,000 projects in more than 140 countries around world, helping to support the Church in its mission, and bringing hope and solidarity to millions of people.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS AND THANKSGIVING MASSES

This weekend and next see the First Holy Communion celebrations at both of our churches. It's particularly special this year as this is the first group to have successfully undertaken the Ignite Club, our parish-based preparation programme which has complemented the work done in our wonderful primary schools. The Masses of Thanksgiving will also feature a Eucharistic procession around the grounds, and a celebratory tea in the halls afterwards. The dates are:

St Anthony's: First Holy Communion Saturday 10th May 11am; Mass of Thanksgiving Sunday 11th May 11.30am.

St Mark's: First Holy Communion Saturday 17th May 11am (replaces 9.30am Mass); Mass of Thanksgiving Sunday 18th May 10am

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS TEAM UPDATE

The team met last week and had valuable discussions on various aspects of communications in the parish.

You'll see below a summary of our action points: you'll see that the work is varied and very important in the life of the parish, and we would invite you to consider joining the Team, whether you have a specific expertise (e.g. social media, IT, sound & vision, journalism) or whether you could represent the 'view from the pew' more generally. Our upcoming meetings will be on Tuesday 24th June and Thursday 18th September at 7-8.30pm at St Mark's parish house: you'll be welcome to come along. Here is the summary:

Bulletin: the weekly bulletin will be put on parish social media and sent as an announcement via the Parish Community on WhatsApp (comprising the parish team WhatsApp groups).

Media stories: the Team will write pieces on several recent parish events (Easter Vigil Baptisms; Little Miracles; Brian Quigley's 100th birthday; Holy Communion/Thanksgiving Masses) and send these with accompanying photos to Fontes magazine and/or the Rutherglen Reformer.

Social media: the posting process will be streamlined and we will repost more interesting content from around the wider Church.

Audio/Visual and Livestreaming: Team members will meet soon to iron out some issues e.g. intermittent blanking of right-hand screen at St Mark's; poor sound levels at the rear of St Mark's; high pitched hum at St Anthony's.

Calendar syncing: we'll try to move towards a shared calendar among parish, schools and Parent Partnerships to avoid clashes.

Outreach to the housebound: the Team will devise and apply a strategy to help the housebound to install an icon on their device desktop to allow direct access to the parish livestreaming via YouTube.

SCIAF WEE BOXES DEADLINE TODAY

Many thanks to those who have already returned their SCIAF Wee Boxes. If you haven't already done so, can you please return your box by **next Sunday, 11th May**. They can be handed into the sacristy or included in the collection plate.

PARISH COUNCIL POSTPONED TO THURSDAY 12TH JUNE

The Parish Council is a body for all parishioners to discuss, review and plan our parish life, and it meets twice per year. The past few meetings have focussed on parish renewal and pastoral planning, but with the Jubilee steering group currently keeping an eye on parish initiatives, the meeting will refocus on the parish groups, who will report on their progress and plans, and any support and help they might need from the wider parish. Given the change of focus and the importance of groups assigning representatives and preparing an informal report, it would seem wise to postpone the meeting. It'll now take place on Thursday 12th June at 7-8.30pm in St Anthony's Hall. All parishioners are most warmly invited to put this new date in your diary.

FUTURE DATES OF KEY MEETINGS

Fabric Committee: Tuesday 27th May 5.45-6.45, 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.

