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# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C) 25TH 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 Ascension Thursday: see box below 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 9.30am at St Anthony's

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 15:1-2, 22-29 It has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than

these requirements

Psalm Ps 67(66) Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Reading 2 Rev 21:10-14, 22-23 He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

Acclamation John 14:23 He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord,

and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.

Gospel John 14:23-29 The Holy Spirit will bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

# 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); Eric Wheeler (Funeral service Wednesday 28th May 3pm, Linn Crematorium); John Donaghey; Tom Spiers.

Anniversaries: Jim & Isabel McLaughlin.

**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.

# **ASCENSION THURSDAY THIS WEEK**

This Thursday, 29th May, is Ascension Thursday, and is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be at the following times:

Wednesday 28th: Vigil Mass 7pm at St Mark's church

Thursday 29th: Mass 9.30am at St Anthony's church; Mass 11am at St Mark's Primary (parishioners welcome);

Fr Stephen will also celebrate two Masses at Trinity High: please encourage pupils in your family to attend.

#### AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED APPEAL CONTINUES!

Thanks to all who contributed to Aid the Church in Need last weekend. It would seem that the collection baskets were not passed around at one or more of the Masses. If you wished to donate but didn't have the opportunity, there will be a second collection at the relevant Mass or Masses this weekend.



#### **COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND**

Next Sunday is Communications Sunday. There will be a letter from Bishop Frank, who is now the Bishop President of the National Communications Commission, & a second collection will be taken up to support the Commission's work.

## COFFEE N CUPCAKES FOR PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES HOSPICE NEXT SUNDAY

All parishioners are warmly invited to coffee and cupcakes next Sunday, 1st June, after the 11.30am Mass at St Anthony's, run by our parishioner Karen Smith and friends. All proceeds will go to the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice, which provides palliative care and support to people living in South Glasgow and East Renfrewshire. All of our hospices deserve our support and financial assistance, especially for the witness they give to the value of human life at its weakest and most vulnerable, in light of the recent attempt to legalise assisted suicide.

#### A THANK YOU MEETING FOR ALL OUR PARISH ALTAR SERVERS FRIDAY 30TH MAY

All our Parish Altar severs are invited for a quick thank you meeting and a bit of practice this Friday, at St Marks Church, 6-7pm. New members are welcome to come around. Cheers.

#### LITTLE MIRACLES AND LIFETEEN RUN THIS WEEK

Our parish Babies and Toddlers Group, Little Miracles, will run again this Thursday 29th May from 10-11.30am at St Mark's Hall. The group will now run weekly rather than fortnightly, on a Thursday morning.

Our LifeTeen group for teenagers will run this evening, Sunday 25th, at St Anthony's hall from 6-7.30pm. This week's session is entitled One for All, and it's all about community. If you're in S2-4, why not think about joining LifeTeen? It's really fun and sociable, and it brings together young parishioners from different high schools. Just ask Fr Stephen or come along.

## HOLY YEAR JUBILEE 2025 UPDATES: NEW SCOTS DAY 8TH JUNE, AND PARISH DAY AT CARFIN GROTTO

After a very successful inaugural event last Pentecost, we'll once again celebrate the richness and diversity of cultures among our parishioners in a special New Scots event on Pentecost Sunday, 8th June, at the 10am Sunday Mass. The organising group met yesterday and we are planning a fun occasion, with the usual upbeat music, national costume, and multilingual prayers at Mass, followed by a multi-cultural party in St Mark's hall. Everyone from across both churches of our parish is most welcome! We have also requested a parish day at Carfin Grotto to help celebrate the Holy Year, and this will be in the last week in June or the first week in July, to allow children and families to attend: specific date to follow.

#### **PARISH COUNCIL 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 parish groups will report on their progress and plans, and any support and help they might need from the wider parish. The meeting will take place on Thursday 12th June at 7-8.30pm in St Anthony's Hall. All parishioners are most warmly invited to attend.

# PARISH FOODBANK FUNDRAISING NIGHT SATURDAY 14TH JUNE

We will be having a fundraising night for our Foodbanks on Saturday 14th June in St Mark's Hall. Anyone wanting tickets please contact Frances on 07446 136370.

As part of the night we will announce the winner of two tickets for Oasis' up and coming gig at Murrayfield! They will go to the person who makes the highest donation pledge via our 'donation station' boxes! More info to follow!

# MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION MEETING THURSDAY 19TH JUNE

All Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to a prayerful inservice-style gathering on Thursday 19th June at 7-8pm at St Anthony's church. We'll pray together and reflect on the importance of this role in bringing the Lord to people both during the liturgy and in people's homes. We'll have some practical input regrading best practice, and some space to discuss any issues or worries. Others who might feel called to take up this ministry are also warmly invited.

## **DIOCESAN JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP MEEETING SUCCESS**

The initial meeting of the Diocesan Justice and Peace Group took place last Thursday in the Diocesan Offices in Motherwell. Congratulations to Paul Foley and the new team for a successful and well-attended gathering.

# **FOODBANK NEWS**

The recent beautiful weather brought 100 visitors to our Foodbanks this week. Our volunteers were able to offer everyone some items to take away thanks to your continued generosity.

This week we are very low on supplies of pasta and pasta sauce and we would appreciate any donations received. Many thanks.

#### **KEY FUTURE DATES**

Fabric Committee: Tuesday 27th May 5.45-6.45, St Anthony's side chapel Mass for babies and children baptised over the past year: Saturday 21st June, 12 noon, St Anthony's

Candidacy Mass for our parish diaconal student Paul May: Sunday 22nd June, 10am at St Mark's.

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.