

# ST ANTHONY & ST MARK'S

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (C) 4TH MAY 2025

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

<b>HOLY MASS</b>	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		
<b>HOLY ROSARY</b>	Sat	9.00 am at St Anthony's		
<b>CONFESSION</b>	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 5:27b-32, 40b-41	We are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit.
Psalm	Ps 30(29)	I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up.
Reading 2	Revelation 5:11-14	Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth.
Acclamation		Christ is risen, who created all things and has shown compassion on the human race.
Gospel	John 21:1-19	Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Those who died recently, especially:** Pat Gallagher (reception of the body Thursday 8th May 6.30pm, St Mark's; funeral **Friday 9th May** 9.30am, St Mark's); Ann Archer (funeral date to be arranged).

**Anniversaries:** Cathy Divers; Gertrude Duffy; John & Julia Conway; Joseph Dooley; John Brennan.

**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.

### HOLY YEAR JUBILEE 2025 UPDATE

A Holy Year (also called a Jubilee Year) is time of grace which is celebrated every 25 years within the Catholic Church. The steering group has been guided by Pope Francis' two main principles: that the Jubilee should seek outreach and service to the weakest: prisoners, children; the elderly, migrants etc; and that it should serve the ongoing pastoral renewal of the parish, creating a legacy rather than dominated by one-off events. The group met on Wednesday and reflected on what has been achieved so far: **Legacy initiatives:** Ignite Club for First Communicants; Caritas Award Justice and Peace project for S6 parishioners; SALT RE materials introduced in both primary schools; LifeTeen group for teenagers; Little Miracles for babies and toddlers and their families. **Legacy events,** now annual events in the parish calendar: Hogmanay Party; Church Workers' Social; Taize evening of prayer. We also reflected on the Jubilee theme of mercy, and our strategy to promote the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** throughout Lent: offering Reconciliation to adults at the First Reconciliation service; a revamped Reconciliation event at St Mark's; the weekly Holy Hour; preaching and bulletin inserts reminding parishioners of the obligation on Catholics to attend Reconciliation once per year. **In the pipeline** is the annual celebration of New Scots on Pentecost Sunday (Sunday 8th June); a new weekly AA meeting at St Mark's hall; an annual Mass for babies baptised over the past year (Saturday 14th June); a parish day at Carfin (date TBC); Mass of Mary Immaculate Queen followed by a celebratory event for those who may struggle to attend church easily (Fri 22nd August).

### LITTLE MIRACLES PARISH BABIES' & TODDLERS' GROUP UPDATE AND APPEAL

Our parish Babies and Toddlers Group, called Little Miracles, is coming to the end of its pilot period. The leaders have really enjoyed the experience, and have felt very supported by the prayers and practical support of the wider parish. We have learned from the experience and as a result have decided the following:

- it's essential to have the group running **weekly** rather than fortnightly, so that it becomes established and clear in people's minds. 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. we could really benefit from some people who are in charge of the teas and coffees; also people who might help to set up or pack up; as well as 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? A larger team of volunteers may well prove crucial to the continuing existence of the group. You can contact the parish in person, by phone or email, or come along to the group.

- we are also going to change the **time**, from 9.30-11am, to 10-11.30am on Thursdays.

- we're also aware that some weeks ago the hall was rather cold, and we are going to ensure that the hall is always warm in future (some of the heaters seem to have been non-functioning, and these will be fixed).

The changes to time and frequency will begin at the next gathering, on **Thursday 15th May**.

### SCIAF WEE BOXES DEADLINE NEXT SUNDAY

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.

### MASS INVOKING THE HOLY SPIRIT ON THE CARDINALS

A reminder that the **Mass invoking the Holy Spirit on the Cardinals preparing to enter the Conclave** will be celebrated by Bishop Toal at Carfin today, Sunday May 4th, at 3pm. You are most welcome to attend to pray for the Church as our New Pope is due to be elected this week, with the conclave beginning on Wednesday.

### WELLNESS AFTERNOON AT ST MARK'S HALL TODAY, 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.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS AND THANKSGIVING MASSES

The next two weekends will 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; Mass of Thanksgiving Sunday 18th May 10am.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR NEOPHYTES

Please continue to pray for our neophytes (newly-Baptised): Alison, Carrie, Kirsten, Stephen, Willow and Quinn.

We the Church exist to make disciples and to baptise, as we were commissioned to do by Jesus himself before he ascended to the Father after his Resurrection, and so the neophytes are our greatest joy and gift of this Easter season.

### DIOCESAN JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

The initial meeting of the Diocesan Justice and Peace Group will take place on **Thursday 22nd May** at 7.30 pm in the Diocesan Offices in Motherwell, preceded by Mass in Motherwell Cathedral at 7.00 pm. Please consider coming along. As you know, our very own Paul Foley has been appointed by Bishop Toal as diocesan co-ordinator of Justice and Peace, with a task of setting up a Diocesan Justice and Peace Group. Paul's email address is paulfoley@rcdom.org.uk.

### FOODBANK NEWS

Massive thanks to everyone who helped support our 97 visitors to our Foodbanks this week! We are very grateful for your ongoing support!

If anyone can donate some rice, pasta and sauce it would be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks.

### FUTURE DATES OF KEY MEETINGS

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

**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.

