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CORPUS CHRISTI (C) 22ND JUNE 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 9.30am 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 9.30am 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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently, especially: Agnes Quinn (funeral St Anthony's: Thu 26th June, 9.30am); Mary Sandham Lee; Gertrude Eagers; Ella McPhail; Irene Russell; Ethel Dickie, Anne Wilson.

Anniversaries: Sadie McDougall.

Sick & housebound : Nora McGinley; Michael Leslie; 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 UPDATE: PARISH DAY AT CARFIN GROTTO THIS FRIDAY 27TH JUNE

Our parish day at Carfin Grotto is **this Friday 27th June**. Parishioners and friends are welcome to attend all or part of the day. The minibus will leave St Mark's at 10.15am and travel to Carfin Grotto via St Anthony's. Please bring a packed lunch as the Xavier Centre is being used for a gathering of priests. Soon thereafter we'll heading back to St Anthony's and St Mark's.

ST ANTHONY'S PRIMARY SUMMER FAYRE TODAY 12.30-3.30PM You are most welcome at the Summer Fayre, which will feature bouncy castles, face painting, axe throwing, hair braiding, stalls, a chocolate tombola, a home baking sale, hot food and much more. Entry is free! Please come along and support the children.

FR JOHNY HEADING TO PASTURES NEW

Fr Johny will be leaving us towards the end of July having been recalled to India by his Vincentian religious superior to take up a new post somewhere in the north of the country. In anticipation, we'd like to thank Fr Johny for his years serving the Syro-Malabar Mission in the Diocese, and for all his friendship and good humour during his time at St Anthony's. We fully expect that he will be replaced and that a new priest will be resident in St Anthony's. Safe journey and many blessings, Fr Johny!

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION UPDATES Can any Minister who missed the meeting on Thursday please see Fr Stephen or Deacon Christopher to receive a written update of procedures and a walk-through in the church. Many thanks.

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2025-26

First Reconciliation: St Mark's Wednesday 11th March 6 pm; St Anthony's Thursday 5th March 6 pm
First Holy Communion: St Anthony's Saturday 9th May 11 am; St Mark's Saturday 16th May 11 am
Confirmation: To Be Advised by the Diocese

PARISH STATEMENT FROM BISHOP TOAL

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I write to you today with a heavy heart. Mr Thomas Millar, former priest of the diocese, pled guilty on Wednesday 18th June 2025 at the High Court in Glasgow to non-recent sexual offences. He will remain in custody until sentencing in July.

This is a deeply painful moment for all of us. Our thoughts and prayers are with those who have suffered as a result of these crimes. We Recognise the profound courage it takes for survivors to come forward, and we hold them in our hearts with compassion and sorrow.

The Diocese continues to work closely with the relevant authorities and remains unwavering in its commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all, especially the most vulnerable. Our Safeguarding Department remains available to support those affected.

Please keep all those impacted in your prayers, and let us support one another with grace and humility as we navigate this difficult time together.

+ Joseph Toal

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

Next Sunday the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, and on this occasion, the traditional Peter's Pence collection takes place. This is a concrete way to support the Holy Father in his mission of service to the universal Church.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES AND FEEDBACK

24 different groups reported on their works and progress at the recent Parish Council.

Many groups made requests for help, so if you have a quiet moment over the summer you might consider if you could become involved in and/or support our parish groups? Needless to say the easiest way to get involved is to turn up at the activity and ask!

- **Church cleaning teams:** the team at St Mark's, which works every second Wednesday after the 9.30am Mass for about an hour, are particularly short on numbers; while the St Anthony's team would also welcome help (every second Tuesday after the 9.30am Mass on a rota basis). Just come along and you'll soon be handed a duster!

- **Children's Liturgy:** the St Mark's CL is very short on space in the Sacristy due to high numbers of children and is looking to split into two groups: pre-school and school, so more leaders would be very welcome. St Anthony's team requested some new materials which we'll pick up over the summer. Both children's liturgy groups will take a break over the summer school holidays.

- **Cafés:** Both the St Anthony's Sunday café and the St Mark's Wednesday Cuppa Club are blessed with small but very dedicated teams who are doing well but would always welcome help. They noted that the numbers at the Sunday café fluctuate quite a bit, so don't ever be shy to come and enjoy their hospitality after 11.30am Mass. The Sunday café will take a break during July.

St Mark's hall is now free on a Sunday morning and we have begun to have regular hospitality (First Communion Thanksgiving Mass; Ignite Club tea; New Scots day; Paul May's Candidacy). If you'd like to run a one-off hospitality event for your group or for a charity, or a more regular café, that would be very welcome.

- **Parish stalls:** these run well, but one gap is someone to run the stall before and after the Sunday evening Mass: any takers?

- **Community Choir** we are blessed by the quality and standard of the music in our churches. More musicians & singers are always most welcome: just come along to the Community Choir rehearsal on a Tuesday at 7.30pm at St Anthony's (final rehearsal this Tuesday before the summer break), or Sunday Mass. A particular role needed is for people to move along the slides on the iPads.

- **Foodbank:** the foodbank continues to benefit from a large and loyal group of volunteers on a Wednesday, though extra hands are always welcome. Please also keep the goods coming to the trolleys in the churches: they really do help people in an hour of need.

- **Society of St Vincent de Paul:** the group (which meets on a Tuesday evening at 7.30pm at St Anthony's) has appreciated Deacon Christopher's presence and support this year, and have recently been delighted to gain two new female members. More female members in particular would be very welcome, to allow visits to women and single-parent households.

- **Tutoring:** the team has offered Maths and Biology on a Wednesday and History on a Friday this year. In the past we also offered subjects such as English and Spanish, so it would be good to expand again next year. People with a keen general interest in a subject could support a teacher, so please speak to Fr Stephen or look out for the appeal in bulletin in the new term.

- **Media and Communications Team:** the team welcomes anyone who has a speciality or interest in any aspect of their work, as well as parishioners more generally. The team is beginning a small campaign to install a one-touch icon onto the iPad/tablet screens of the housebound so that they can access our live streams directly: if you could help, please be in touch. The Team will meet this Tuesday at 7.30-8.30pm at St Mark's parish house if you'd like to know more.

- **Little Miracles:** the group finished up on Thursday morning for the summer after a small-scale but successful pilot period. After the summer the group will need a larger core of dedicated volunteers in order to move to a rota; they also ask that everyone spreads the word as much and far as possible after the summer, as the numbers of children and families was often very small. They would also really appreciate some practical help/ a handyman to fix some things in the hall.

The **Finance Team; Alpha/RCIA; LifeTeen group for teenagers; Justice and Peace; Ignite Club; Book Club; Adult Formation; Altar Servers; Ministers of Welcome; Readers; and Ministers of Holy Communion** also appreciate all the encouragement and support from the parish, and welcome all offers of help and volunteers.

A huge thanks to all of our groups and volunteers who make our parish so special and lively.

BULLETIN TAKING A BREAK OVER THE SUMMER

As the school holidays begin this week, this will be the final bulletin until mid-August. Recently-deceased and Anniversary notices can still be handed in and will be displayed on posters in both churches. Thanks to deacon Christopher for printing the bulletin, Billy & Janice for folding, & Frank for posting on the website.

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.

