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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (C) 14TH SEPTEMBER 2025

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	1.30 pm at St Anthony's: Syro-Malabar Qurbana
	Sat	9.30am at St Anthony's	Sun	5.00 pm 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	Numbers 21:4b-9	If anyone were bitten by a serpent, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.
Psalm	Ps 78(77):1-2.	Never forget the deeds of the Lord!
Reading 2	Philippians 2:6-11	He humbled himself, therefore God has highly exalted him.
Acclamation		We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your Cross you have redeemed the world.
Gospel	John 3:13-17	The Son of Man must be lifted up.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently, especially: Rose Gebbie (funeral Monday 15th Sept. 9.30am St Anthony's); Anne Barnwell (funeral Friday 19th Sept, 9.30am, St Mark's); Ellen Green (funeral Friday 26th Sept 9.30am, St Anthony's; reception Thursday 6.30pm); Johnny Cassidy; Cathy Dougan

Anniversaries: Joan McFadden; May Mullen; Colette Docherty; John Kelly; Gerry McLaughlin

Sick & housebound : Maureen Maguire; 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.

CARE OF CREATION

Pope Leo XIV has extended the 1 Sept World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation: "Together with all Christians, we celebrate it and extend it into the Season of Creation until October 4, the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi," he said. "In the spirit of the Canticle of Brother Sun, composed 800 years ago, let us praise God and renew our commitment not to spoil His gift, but to care for our common home." He invites us to pray, saying that "for believers, environmental justice is also a duty born of faith, since the universe reflects the face of Jesus Christ, in whom all things were created and redeemed."

137TH GLASGOW (ST COLUMBKILLE'S) SCOUT GROUP

We meet each Wednesday in St Mark's Church Hall. We have Beavers, Cubs and Scouts sections (each meet for 1 hour). We welcome anyone and it would be great to have young people from the parish and local area come along and join us for adventure and fun. We would especially welcome adults (+18) to come and join the Leadership Team, no experience necessary and the level of commitment is up to you. Full training and support is given. Scouting gives young people opportunities to dream big, give it a go, and build skills for life as well as providing excellent opportunities to improve your CV and develop transferable lifelong skills. For more information please email us at: 137thglasgowscouts@gmail.com or call Anthony on 07899 923 710 for more info.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK: APPEAL FOR SOCIETY OF ST PETER APOSTLE

This weekend, Fr Vincent Lockhart from Missio will make an appeal for the Society of St Peter the Apostle which funds the education of students to the priesthood and religious life in mission countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Often the Church in these countries cannot afford the cost of training these young men and women but because the Church is a family, we who are better off financially can share what we have with them. We would ask you to be generous, as you always are, during the second collection. (Apologies as we normally try to avoid collections near to each other).

FATHER CHRISTOPHER PARISH CELEBRATIONS CONTINUE

Many thanks to everyone who was involved in last week's Mass of Thanksgiving and celebration at St Mark's, including the organising team, the Community Choir, Betty our chef and the Cuppa Club team, the visiting Nigerian musicians, and the volunteers who both set up and cleared up in the hall.

This Sunday, Fr Christopher will celebrate a special Thanksgiving Mass followed by buffet lunch at the 11.30 Mass at **St Anthony's on Sunday 14th September**. We have a special job for the children at this Mass. Come with an appetite.

Needless to say, all parishioners and friends are welcome at this parish event.

CALLING ALL S2-S5 AND YOUR PARENTS: OPEN EVENING THIS EVENING

LifeTeen is our Sunday evening parish group for young people aged S2-S5. our growth. We'd love our S2-5 parishioners and their friends to join us. We're having an open event for all parents/carers and young people who'd like to learn more, this evening (**Sunday**) at **6pm** in our home, the side chapel at St Anthony's. There'll be pizza, a game and a chance to meet the leaders and current members. See you there!

FABRIC COMMITTEE MEETING THIS TUESDAY

The Fabric Committee has overseen a huge amount of improvements to our 6 buildings in the last two years of its existence, and our next meeting will be this coming **Tuesday** at **5.45-7pm** in the side chapel at St Anthony's. The Committee welcomes new members, and also any advice or expertise parishioners can give.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING AT ST MARK'S THIS THURSDAY

We have a great and faithful altar serving team in both churches of our parish, and we'd love to recruit new servers to join. It is a very up-close and interactive way to experience Mass, and there are some rewards along the way like our annual trip to the Irn-Bru Carnival. Server training at St Mark's will take place this **Thursday, 18th Sept**, from **3.15-4pm**. Parishioners from P5 upwards (whichever school you attend) are most welcome to come along to train and to join the team. If you can't make the training, please let Fr Stephen or Fr Christopher know and we can arrange an alternative.

Altar server training will take place at St Anthony's **next Thursday, 25th Sept**, from **3.15-4pm**.

CALLING ALL POTENTIAL CATHOLICS! ENQUIRY EVENING THIS THURSDAY

Have you ever thought about becoming a Catholic or wanted to know more about the Catholic faith? Consider this your personal invitation! We'll be holding a completely no-obligation enquiry evening on **Thursday 18th September** from 7-8pm in St Mark's church house. Our team will outline the process involved, you'll hear from some of the people who undertook the process last year, and you'll have a chance to ask any questions you may have, all in an informal setting with nice cakes! You can also bring a friend for support. See you then. The parish RCIA team.

WARM CLOTHING APPEAL

St Mark's Primary are looking donations to create a bank of warm clothing for winter. If you have winter jackets, hats, scarves, gloves or winter boots which you no longer need and are in good condition, please hand these into St Mark's Primary. These will be distributed to families free of charge. We are always very grateful for anything we receive.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO SALAMANCA

The parish pilgrimage to the Royal Scots College in Salamanca, Spain, will depart this **Saturday, 20th September**. While there we'll visit Avila, where St Teresa of Avila and St John of the Cross began their work to reform the Carmelite order; Alba de Tormes where St Teresa is buried; Segovia where St John of the Cross is buried; and the Valladolid, site of the Royal Scots College for many centuries. The pilgrimage is one of our key parish events for the Holy Year 2025, and so we travel as Pilgrims of Hope.

We bring with us on pilgrimage the prayers and intentions of all parishioners, and we'll remember you all at daily Mass. We'll keep everyone up to date with regular posts on our parish social media channels.

Please pray for the success of the parish pilgrimage.

ECCLESIASTICAL STUDENTS FUND THANKS

Many thanks to everyone for contributing to last week's collection, which raised £987.

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

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.

