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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C) 7TH 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	Wisdom 9:13-18b	Who can discern what the Lord wills?
Psalms	Ps 90(89)	O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.
Reading 2	Philemon 9b-10, 12-17	Have him back no longer as a bondservant but as a beloved brother.
Acclamation	Psalms 119(118):135	Let your face shine forth on your servant, and teach me your decrees.
Gospel	Luke 14:25-33	Any one who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently, especially: Rose Gebbie (funeral Monday 15th Sept. 9.30am St Anthony's); Ted O'Donnell; Etta McFadden; Nadia Vieira; Matt Murdoch; Marie Lynch.

Anniversaries: Jean McCluskey; Kathleen (Tonner) Connor; Thomas Watters.

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.

PARISH CHOIR

Choir rehearsals have started back on a Tuesday evening at St Anthony's after 7pm Mass. New members always welcome. We are a friendly bunch and don't take ourselves too seriously!

We will be preparing the music liturgy for Deacon Christopher's first Masses in the parish and would be delighted for more people to join us. We will also be looking ahead to our eagerly anticipated Carols By Candlelight. No previous experience required.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Siobhán on 07970094836.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

North Korean defector to share his remarkable story of survival, courage, and hope.

Wednesday 10th September, St Joseph's Church Hall, Clarkston, 7pm – 9pm. Free event.

Hear the powerful testimony of a Christian who escaped the brutal regime in North Korea. Reserve your ticket at <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FDYV>.

For more information, please contact the ACN Scotland office at scotland@acnuk.org or call 01698 337 470.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN TODAY

The annual National Pilgrimage to Carfin takes place today, Sunday 7th Sept, with Mass beginning at 3.15pm. All parishioners are most welcome to attend along with the pilgrims from across Scotland.

FATHER CHRISTOPHER CONGRATULATIONS AND PARISH CELEBRATIONS

A huge and heartfelt congratulations to Fr Christopher Igwe on the occasion of his Ordination to the Priesthood. Very many parishioners were privileged to share the occasion with him and his family, and we were especially thrilled that his dad John, mum Jacinta, and sister Doris were able to travel from Nigeria to celebrate and give thanks to God with him.

Many thanks and congratulations are due to the committee who organised the celebrations, and to the parishes of Cathedral in Motherwell and Our Lady of Lourdes who hosted the events so beautifully.

To the delight of all, Bishop Toal has appointed Fr Christopher as assistant priest in our parish, as well as assisting Fr Stephen as chaplain at Trinity High school. We wish him every blessing in his new appointment.

The celebrations are not over yet!

- Fr Christopher will celebrate a special Thanksgiving Mass at the 10am Mass, today, **Sunday 7th September**, at **St Mark's**, followed by a celebration in the hall. Fr Christopher's parents will be in attendance and will bring forward the gifts at the offertory procession. As we did for the New Scots Pentecost Mass, all parishioners will be invited to come forward to give their offertory rather than the basket being passed around. Mass will start in an unusual way but hopefully you will enjoy! And the celebration in the hall afterwards will feature beautiful African and Scottish food and music.

We will be setting up the hall after the Vigil Mass on Saturday 6th: could some people please stay behind to help set up? And please feel free to help clear up after the event on the Sunday: we are all hosts as well as guests at this celebration!

- Fr Christopher will also 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 for this one, too.

Needless to say, all parishioners and friends are welcome at ALL of the above events, you don't have to choose!

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: ECCLESIASTICAL STUDENTS FUND

This week is Vocations Awareness Week in which we focus on all the vocations arising from the Baptism, but in particular on Priesthood, Deaconate and Religious Life. We give thanks for the priestly vocation of Fr Christopher, and the generosity and willingness of Paul May and Stevie Kilcoyne to explore a vocation to the Diaconate.

Aware that their formation programmes require financial support to operate, we will be taking up a second collection at all Masses today for the Ecclesiastical Students' Fund.

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

Next 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).

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS TEAM MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY

This refreshed group has been working very hard on projects such as replacing the sound system at St Anthony's, streamlining the screens, renewing the social media branding and outreach (including moving from X/Twitter to Bluesky) and updating all the Mass times on the most common Mass times websites. We'll be meeting again this **Wednesday 10th Sept at 7-8pm** in St Mark's parish house: could you bring a valuable 'view from the pew' to the conversation, or a particular skill or interest? You'll be very welcome!

JUSTICE AND PEACE CARITAS AWARD PROJECT MEETING THIS THURSDAY

Thanks to those pupils who came along and engaged so generously with our first parish session, which explored the work of Justice and Peace Scotland and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Our next session will take place on **Thursday 11th September at 4.30-6pm** in the side chapel at St Anthony's.

Time is running out to sign up, but if you are undertaking the Caritas Award (those in S6), whether at Trinity or another school, and whether a parishioner or not, consider joining us. Please contact your Caritas co-ordinator at school or email Paul Foley at paulfoley@rcdom.org.uk.

CALLING ALL S2-S5 AND YOUR PARENTS: OPEN EVENING NEXT SUNDAY

LifeTeen is our Sunday evening parish group for young people aged S2-S5. We take over the side chapel and hall at St Anthony's (and sometimes Fr Stephen and Fr Christopher's house!) for sport and games, reflection and discussion, prayer and friendship. We follow the LifeTeen programme which brings the freshest content from the States to help us build community and promote our growth. We also love a night out, and were last spotted at Showcase for bowling and McDonalds. We'd love you to join us.

We're going to have an open event for all parents/carers and young people who'd like to learn more, next **Sunday 14th September at 6pm** in our home, the side chapel at St Anthony's. The very worst thing that can happen to you is to get fed with pizza and learn how to play the legendary gagaball then wave us goodbye. We'll see you there.

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

Thanks to all who came along on Sunday. We had excellent conversations around engaging parents in the faith formation of their children, the possible use of the SALT RE materials at the children's liturgy, and strategies for growing Little Miracles. Watch out for all our initiatives unfolding and please support us!

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.

