

ST ANTHONY & ST MARK'S

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Parish of the Diocese of Motherwell

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All Masses in this Parish are livestreamed on YouTube

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C) 30TH NOVEMBER 2025

HOLY MASS	Mon	9.30am at St Mark's	Sat	5.00 pm Vigil at St Mark's
	Tues	7.00 pm at St Anthony's	Sun	10.00 am at St Mark's
	Wed	9.30am at St Mark's	Sun	11.30 am at St Anthony's
	Thu	9.30am at St Anthony's	Sun	1.30 pm at St Anthony's: Syro-Malabar Qurbana
	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

Exposition of the Blessed sacrament for 30 mins before each weekday/Saturday Mass

SUNDAY READINGS

Reading 1	Isaiah 2:1-5	The Lord gathers all nations together into the eternal peace of the Kingdom of God.
Psalms	Ps 122(121)	Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.
Reading 2	Romans 13:11-14a	Salvation is nearer to us now.
Acclamation	Psalms 85(84):8	Show us, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation.
Gospel	Matthew 24:37-44	Stay awake so that you may be ready.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently: Hugh McKenna, William Brown, Mary Scally.

Anniversaries: Margaret Lawrie; Ann Barrett; Mary O'Hare; Kathleen Harkin.

Sick & housebound : Cathy Callaghan; Maureen Maguire; Nora McGinley; Michael Leslie; John Mulheron; Rose McCorley; Catherine Scott; Erin Lavery; Beatrice Hannah; Pauline Mahon; Mary McColgan; Ella Connolly, Finn McGuinness, Hope McKenna, Margaret Rice; Sandra Morgan; Neil Morton; Steven Murphy; Cathline McNiel; Sandra Burke.

FOOD BANK

Our fabulous team of volunteers have welcomed 141 visitors to our Foodbank over the past two weeks. We are delighted to report that some of our regular visitors have gained employment which is brilliant news and makes what we do so worthwhile. They have thanked our volunteers for the support given when they needed it most.

Our Christmas jumper appeal resulted in 37 jumpers being donated. These will be distributed to those who need them over the next few weeks. We are focussing on Christmas and would ask that we think of the children once again. If possible could people donate selection boxes so that the children have a sweet treat to enjoy over Christmas.

As always, we thank everyone for their continued generosity. Special thanks to the ASN club run via Lifestyles for their ongoing support. Thanks also to Cathkin Nursery class for their donation as well donations received via South Lanarkshire Council Wishlist appeal. We are always in need of pasta, rice, tinned tomatoes, shampoo, shower gel, baby wipes. Any donations can be left at the back of both Churches, at Jingers and at Le Sorelle in Burnside. Thank you for your support, it is greatly appreciated.

TEAS IN AID OF PPWH TODAY

Karen's teas and home baking in aid of the PPWH, Sunday 30th November at St Anthony's. All welcome.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK THANKS

Thanks to everyone for your generosity in contributing **£836** to last week's second collection to support the work of the Scottish Catholic Education Service.

A big thanks to the pupils of S6 at Trinity for sharing their work and reflections from the Caritas Award Justice and Peace Project. They invited you to the **Holy Hour** to pray for the issue of refugees and asylum seekers on **Wednesday 10th December** at 7-8pm at St Mark's, and hopefully many parishioners will attend to support them. Last year's Holy Hour was beautiful, with the atmospheric lighting, prayerful reflections, and music by the Community Choir.

The Trinity pupils also provided the music at the Diocesan Education Mass last Monday and they were absolutely outstanding.

PARISH ADVENT RETREAT

You are all warmly invited to an parish Advent retreat, which we will be our way of concluding the Alpha/RCIA session for 2025, but is open to the whole parish. The afternoon will include a buffet lunch, reflection on the Advent readings using Christian art, and tasters of different forms of prayer and meditation. The retreat will take place at St Anthony's on **Saturday 13th Dec** from 12.30-3.30. Numbers are limited and there is a sign-up sheet on the notice board to each church this weekend.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT WEDNESDAY 18TH DEC

One of the great highlights of our year is the Carols by Candlelight service which is held at St Mark's church. This annual carol service includes congregational carols alongside performances by the local schools and our choir, in the atmospheric surroundings of a candlelit St. Mark's. Please make sure to put this in your diary: you won't regret it!

PARISH HOGMANAY PARTY: TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!

Once again we will be celebrating a parish Hogmanay Party on 31st December from 8pm-1am in St Mark's hall. Those who went last year will testify that it was an exceptionally fun night with music and Karaoke from Frannie and friends, with a very laid back atmosphere and the chance to bring in the bells together with friends and fellow parishioners. All profit will be donated to Kilbryde Hospice. Tickets £5, or £15 for a family (household) ticket, available from Franny 07952313267 or in the porch of our churches.

ST ANTHONY'S PRIMARY AND TRINITY HIGH CHRISTMAS FAYRES THIS WEEK

All parishioners are warmly invited to the **St Anthony's** Christmas Fayre next **Sunday 7th Dec** in the school from 12-4pm. Featuring Santa's Grotto, Children's Class Stalls, a Chocolate Tombola, home baking and much more. All moneys raised will help the school pupils in their various activities throughout the year. In order to support the Fayre, the Sunday café at St Anthonys church hall will not run next weekend, and all parishioners are warmly invited to attend the Christmas Fayre instead.

Trinity High Christmas Fayre will take place this **Thursday 4th December** 6-8pm, and all parishioners are most welcome.

UPCOMING DATES:

Christmas Fayres: Trinity High: Thursday 4th December 6-8pm; St Anthony's Primary Sunday 7th December, 12.30-3.30pm

Caritas Justice and Peace Project Holy Hour: Wednesday 10th December, 7pm at St Mark's

Christmas Nativity Concerts: St Anthony's Primary, Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th December; St Mark's Primary Tuesday 16th & Wednesday 17th December.

Parish Advent Retreat: Saturday 13th Dec 12.30-3.30pm at St Anthony's

GREENERY NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS DISPLAYS

Holly, ivy and greenery are needed for flower arrangements. If you have some you can spare from your garden please leave it at whichever church suits you best and preferably by 14th December. It will be collected from there on a Saturday or Sunday.

ST MARK'S CUPPA CLUB

St Mark's Cuppa Club will be holding their Christmas celebrations on Wednesday 10th December. This will be the last meeting this year and we will reopen on Wednesday 7th January 2026.

SCIAF REAL GIFTS

Real Gifts make a world of difference. They can provide real support to people who need it the most. For example, water gifts help communities tackle both the causes and consequences of dirty water, giving them easy access to clean water, and securing essential hygiene and sanitation. <https://shop.sciaf.org.uk/> Brochures are available in the porch of both churches this weekend.

YOUNG ADULTS ADVENT RETREAT THIS TUESDAY

"HOPE has a Name" (poster in foyer) For all S6's and 16-30 yr olds

An evening of Talks, Eucharistic Adoration, Personal Testimonies, Live Music, Pizza & Social. Come along to prepare your hearts in prayer as we enter the Advent season together. | Tuesday 2nd Dec | 7pm - 9pm | Motherwell Cathedral.

To register, please email mishal@rcdom.org.uk

SPACE—CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CHILDREN

SPACE provides Christmas gifts for children in the East End of Glasgow. Today is the deadline for returning the gifts: many thanks to you all for your generosity.

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.

