

# ST ANTHONY & ST MARK'S

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A) 14TH DECEMBER 2025

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| <b>HOLY MASS</b>   | 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 (funeral)  | Sun | 11.30 am at St Anthony's                   |
|                    | Thu  | 9.30am at St Mark's (funeral)  | Sun | 9 am at St Anthony's: Syro-Malabar Qurbana |
|                    | Fri  | 9.30 am at St Mark's (funeral) | Sun | 5.00 pm at St Anthony's                    |
|                    | Sat  | 9.30am at St Mark's (funeral)  |     |  |
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| <b>HOLY ROSARY</b> | Tue  | 6.40pm at St Anthony's         | 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                   |

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

### SUNDAY READINGS

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| Reading 1   | Isaiah 35:1-6a   | God himself will come and save you.  |
| Psalm       | Ps 146(145):6c-7 | Come, Lord, and save us.   |
| Reading 2   | James 5:7-10     | Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.                        |
| Acclamation | Isaiah 61:1      | The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor. |
| Gospel      | Matthew 11:2-11  | Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?                        |

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Those who died recently:**

**Gerald Lang (funeral Tuesday 16th Dec 9.30am St Mark's);**

**Nora McGinley (funeral Wednesday 17th Dec 9.30am St Mark's);**

**John Hendren (funeral Thursday 18th Dec 9.30am St Mark's; reception Wed 17th Dec 6pm);**

**Priscilla Nellaney (funeral Friday 19th Dec 9.30am St Marks);**

**Conceição Alexandre (funeral Saturday 20th Dec 9.30am, St Mark's);** John Hendren; Marie McCarthy; Lucy Stuart

**Anniversaries:** Bob Cononico; Kevin Thomas Burns; Christine Rooney; James Friel

**Sick & housebound :** Cathy Callaghan; Maureen Maguire; 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

We supported 71 visitors at our Foodbanks this week. Massive thanks once again for your support. It has been incredible. Our focus is on Christmas treats this week in the build up to the holidays. Any donations will be gratefully received.

Here is a note of our opening hours for the foodbank over the festive period.

Tuesday 23rd December: St Anthony's: 8.30am—10am St Mark's: 11.30am—1pm

Tuesday 30th December: St Anthony's: 8.30am—10am St Mark's: 11.30am—1pm

Please share with anyone who may need our help at this time. Thank you.

### CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT THIS THURSDAY 18TH DEC

One of the great highlights of our year is the Carols by Candlelight service which will be held this Thursday 18th Dec at 7pm at St Mark's church. This annual carol service includes congregational carols alongside performances by the local schools and our Community Choir, in the atmospheric surroundings of a candlelit St. Mark's. Please make sure to come along: you won't regret it!

### FREE PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS: PLEASE DISTRIBUTE

Once again we have produced parish Christmas cards to greet our neighbours and friends and to inform them about our parish and how they can worship with us over Christmas and New Year. PLEASE take some cards and put them through the letter boxes of your neighbours or pass on to family and friends: this will not be taken as an imposition but as an act of neighbourliness and care.

### PARISH CONFESSION THIS WEDNESDAY 7-8PM AT ST MARK'S

Following the success of this event last Lent, we will once again be offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession this Wednesday 17th Dec from 7-8pm at St Mark's: just drop in at any point. There will be visiting priests available. We'll have beautiful atmospheric live music, and the special St Mark's coloured and dimmed floodlights. We hope that many parishioners will take this opportunity to prepare spiritually for Christmas.

### 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.

### CONFESSION AT ST COLUMBKILLE'S SATURDAY 20TH DEC

There will be several priests available at St Columbkille's on Saturday 20th Dec from 2.30-4pm, and also Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

### ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

Christmas Nativity Concert: St Mark's Primary Tuesday 16th & Wednesday 17th December.

Wednesday 17th December - Confession (St Mark's) – 7.00-8.00pm

Thursday 18th December - Carols by Candlelight Service (St Mark's) – 7.00pm

Saturday 20th December - Confession (St Columbkille's) – 2.30-4.00pm

#### CHRISTMAS MASSES: Wednesday 24th December

Christmas Vigil Mass (St Anthony's) 5.00pm

First Mass of Christmas by Candlelight (St Mark's) – 8.00pm (with carols from 7.30pm)

**Christmas Day:** Dawn Mass (St Mark's) – 10am Mass during the Day (St Anthony's) - 11.30am

Thursday 1st January (**New Years Day**) St Anthony's – 11.00am

### 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. All profit will be donated to Kilbride Hospice. Tickets £5, or £15 for a family (household) ticket, available from Franny 07952313267. Raffle prizes will be received gratefully: please drop off to the parish house.

### ALTAR SERVERS' / LIFETEEN ANNUAL CARNIVAL TRIP

Once again our altar servers will have a special treat to recognise all their hard work throughout the year, by going to the In Bru Carnival on **Friday 2nd January**. We'll meet at the Town Hall in Rutherglen at 10.30am and head in by train. Information letter and permission slips are available in the servers' sacristy. Parents re not required to attend but are welcome to do so.

### WHITE FATHERS CALENDAR 2026 NOW AVAILABLE

Our friends the White Fathers from Milrig Road have once again produced a beautiful and inspiring calendar for 2026, and this is available in the stalls in both churches: donations for their work gratefully received.

### 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: St Mark's:** Wednesday 11th February, 7pm; **St Anthony's:** Wednesday 25th February, 7pm

### CHRISTMAS TREES HELP NEEDED AT ST MARK'S TODAY!

The team will be putting up the Christmas trees today after the 10am Mass: would some people please consider staying behind to help the team? Many thanks!

**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.

