

# ST ANTHONY & ST MARK'S

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## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) 18TH JANUARY 2026

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

Reading 1	Isaiah 49:3, 5-6	I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.
Psalms	Ps 40(39)	Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.
Reading 2	1 Corinthians 1:1-3	Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Acclamation	John 1:14a, 12a	The Word became flesh and dwelt among us; to all who did receive him, he gave the authority to become children of God.
Gospel	John 1:29-34	Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Those who died recently:** Peter Quinn; Diana Valente (funeral Saturday 24th Jan 10.30am at Munn's funeral parlour)

**Anniversaries:** Edward Lawrie

**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.

### WELLSPRING PASTORAL FORUM: SAVE THE DATE

Bishop Toal invites parishes across the Diocese to save the date for the next Wellspring Pastoral Forum, taking place on **Tuesday 27th January** at 7pm in St Joseph's Parish Hall, Blantyre.

The Forum forms part of our shared diocesan journey of parish evangelisation, providing an opportunity to gather, listen and reflect together on how the Gospel is being proclaimed in our parishes today. Bishop Toal asks that all parishes be represented, and warmly encourages clergy, parish Wellspring representatives and parish teams to attend.

### JUSTICE & PEACE SCOTLAND SECOND COLLECTION THANKS

Many thanks to everyone for contributing to the annual Justice & Peace collection on the Feast of the Epiphany, which raised a healthy £1129, money which will be used to support the excellent work of Justice & Peace Scotland, including in our own parish.

### IGNITE FOR FIRST COMMUNICANTS BEGINS AT ST ANTHONY'S TODAY

After the great success of last year's pilot, our parish is once again joining many others across the diocese in running Ignite, a parish-based club for children preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

After last Sunday's successful first session at St Mark's, the same session will run this Sunday 18th Jan from 12.20-1.15pm in the side chapel of **St Anthony's**. The other dates are as follows:

**Session 2:** Sunday 25th January at St Mark's 10.50-11.45am; and Sunday 1st February at St Anthony's 12.20-1.15pm

**Session 3:** Sunday 8th February at St Mark's; and Sunday 22nd February at St Anthony's (same times as above)

**Session 4:** Sunday 1st March at St Mark's; and Sunday 8th March at St Anthony's

**Session 5:** Sunday 22nd March at St Mark's; and Sunday 29th March at St Anthony's

**Session 6:** Parish Easter Family Day Sunday 5th April 12.30-2pm at St Anthony's

### TAIZE EVENING OF PRAYER THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

In what has become a wonderful and much anticipated annual parish event, we will once again celebrate a Taize evening of prayer, reflection and song, on Thursday 12th February at 7pm at St Mark's. Those who have attended in previous years will testify that the event, organised by the parish Justice & Peace group and the Community Choir, is a real highlight in the calendar. We have also invited the other local churches of various denominations, so a good turnout of our parishioners would present a positive (and truthful!) picture of parish life to the wider community.

### P1 ENROLMENT FOR ST MARK'S AND ST ANTHONY'S PRIMARY SCHOOLS NOW OPEN

Enrolment for entry into Primary 1 in August 2026 opened on 5th January 2026. We are blessed with two excellent Catholic primary schools in our parish and we would encourage all parishioners with children of the relevant age to consider enrolling their children there. If you are a parishioner but you live outside the boundaries of the parish, you can easily ask for a placing request for your child to attend St Anthony's or St Mark's, even if you live in a different local authority e.g. Glasgow City Council: just contact the school who will guide you through the process. We are particularly keen to reassure the many New Scots parishioners that—unlike in most parts of the world—Catholic schooling is not private and fee-paying, but is free and part of the state system.

Online registration is available from 5th January 2026 on the South Lanarkshire Council website.

### CARITAS AWARD JUSTICE AND PEACE PROJECT

Our S6 parishioners and friends from Trinity High met last week to plan the third and final part of their J&P project, where they will challenge their parish and school to undertake some action in support of refugees and asylum seekers. We are looking forward to hearing their plans and responding with the same generosity of spirit which they have shown throughout their project..

### LIFETEEN RETURNS THIS EVENING

Our parish LifeTeen group for pupils in S2-5 returns this evening at St Anthony's from 6pm. The group really enjoyed their Carnival trip and are looking forward to another term together, as they have fun and learn more about their faith in an engaging way. If any parishioner or friend in that age category would like to get involved, please do get in touch or come along to a session to try it out.

### LITTLE MIRACLES LEADERS MEET THIS TUESDAY

The Little Miracles leadership team and volunteers will meet this Tuesday at 7.45pm at St Mark's parish house to chat about and plan for the term ahead. Anyone who would like to find out more or to help in any way is very welcome at the meeting. Little Miracles meets every Thursday at 10-11.15am at St Mark's hall and is for all babies and toddlers and those looking after them.

### 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

### FOODBANK THANKS

Thanks as always to everyone who has supported the Foodbank during and since the festive period: last week was busy once again with 94 individuals and families being supported at St Anthony's and St Mark's on Wednesday.

### SAVE THE DATE: CHURCH WORKERS' SOCIAL

As one of our Jubilee legacy projects, we'll be repeating the Church Workers' Social event which was such a success last year. It will take place on the evening of **Friday 6th February** at the Burnside Hotel: watch out for your invitation coming in the latter half of January.

**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.

