

ST ANTHONY & ST MARK'S

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Parish of the Diocese of Motherwell

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) 1ST FEBRUARY 2026

HOLY MASS	Mon	NO MASS	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		
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	Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13	I will leave in your midst a people humble and lowly.
Psalm	Ps 146(145)	Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Reading 2	1 Corinthians 1:26-31	God chose what is weak in the world.
Acclamation	Matthew 5:12a	Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.
Gospel	Matthew 5:1-12a	Blessed are the poor in spirit.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently: Peter Quinn (funeral Tuesday 3rd Feb, 9.30am at St Anthony's); John Thompson; Mary Wolfe; Margaret Fitzpatrick; Sr Rosemary Reilly.

Anniversaries: Catherine Anderson; Mary Kirk; Charles Kirk; Danny Thompson; Bobby Thompson; Bernard Thompson; Mary Hughes; May & Nell Conway; Richard Conway.

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.

IGNITE FOR FIRST COMMUNICANTS CONTINUES AT ST ANTHONY'S TODAY

Ignite, our parish-based club for children preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, has begun very successfully, and we had almost a full house at the last sessions for both St Mark's and St Anthony's. Upcoming dates are as follows:

Session 2: Sunday 1st February at St Anthony's 12.20-1.15pm

Session 3: Sunday 8th February at St Mark's 10.50-11.45am; and Sunday 22nd February at St Anthony's (same time 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

DIOCESAN YOUTH CAMINO DE SANTIAGO INFORMATION EVENING

Following successful pilgrimages to Rome and to Lourdes over the past two summers, the Diocese will be running a pilgrimage for young adults (aged 18-30) in summer 2026: walking the final 100km of the Camino de Santiago in Spain, from **Monday 6th – Monday 13th July 2026**. The cost will be approx. £1,000 including flights, transfers, meals and accommodation. You are warmly invited to an information evening at the Diocesan Centre, Coursington Road, Motherwell ML1 1PP on **Tuesday 10th February from 7-8pm** to find out more. You can also contact Fr Stephen for further info.

RUTHERGLEN 900

Our town turns 900 this year, as we celebrate the anniversary of the granting of Royal Burgh status by King David of Scotland in 1126 (making us the oldest royal burgh in Scotland). We encourage all parishioners to get involved in the many events and celebrations planned for this year, including a book festival, heritage bus tours, concerts, a comedy workshop, the Rutherglen Mela, monthly tea dances and a grand parade. All the details are available on the website at www.rutherglen900.com.

ST MARK'S CONFIRMATION PRAYER PARTNERS

The Primary 7 pupils of St Mark's Primary will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday 11th Feb at 7pm: all parishioners and friends are most welcome to attend and pray with the young people, their sponsors and families. The pupils are seeking Prayer Partners: please sign up on the boards at the back of the church.

RCIA TEACHING SERIES CONTINUES THIS WEDNESDAY 4TH FEB

Having completed the Alpha course, our RCIA candidates have now entered a period of learning about essential topics, and as last year, we'd like to invite the whole parish to consider participating in these adult formation sessions. They will continue this **Wednesday 4th February** at 7-8pm in the side chapel at St Anthony's with the topic: **Crowning the Year with God's Goodness: Living the Liturgical Year**

NEW PARISH PASTORAL PLANNING TEAM MEETING THIS THURSDAY

The team which formed to organise the Jubilee Year 2025 celebrations has agreed to stay on and become the new Parish Pastoral Planning Team. The group will meet for the first time on **Thursday 5th February** at 7-8.30pm in the parish house at St Mark's. If you feel you would like to join the work of this important group, please see Fr Stephen.

CHURCH WORKERS' SOCIAL INVITATIONS: DON'T FORGET TO COLLECT YOURS!

This parish event will take place on the evening of **Friday 6th February** at the Burnside Hotel. Personal invitations are available this weekend on tables at the back of the churches/porch. Please look out for your invitation, and remember that if you fulfil multiple roles, your invitation may be in a different folder than expected. If you are a member of a parish group you might consider passing on the invitations to members of your group who attend Mass in another parish.

TAIZE EVENING OF PRAYER THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

A reminder that our Taizé evening of prayer, reflection and song takes place on Thursday 12th February at 7pm at St Mark's. a big highlight in the calendar. Please do consider coming along.

DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT EVENING AT MOTHERWELL CATHEDRAL NEXT SUNDAY

The monthly diocesan gathering of young adults takes place next **Sunday (8th February)** evening at the Cathedral in Motherwell from 7.30pm. The event begins with a talk followed by prayer time with excellent music. The young people then spend some social time catching up in the Railway Tavern. It's a really relaxed and enjoyable evening, and a good way to meet other young people who are trying to live out their faith. Fr Stephen will be going if you'd like a lift.

FOODBANK UPDATE

Our amazing team of volunteers welcomed 86 visitors to our Foodbanks today. As well as doing this, they headed over to Loch Primary School to receive an amazing donation of food from the pupils and staff there. Our needs remain basic- pasta, tinned tomatoes, bags of rice & cuppa soup. Donations can be left at the back of both Churches, at Le Sorelle and at Jingers in Burnside.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY 6TH MARCH

This year our parish will be hosting the World Day of Prayer Service, which is an international movement dedicated to peace and to unity among Christians. Each year the materials are written by the people of one country, and we're delighted that this year it is Nigeria. The service will be held on Friday 6th March at 1.30pm at St Anthony's Church. All welcome.

PARISH MEETING DATES 2026

Parish Pastoral Planning Team	Thursday 5th Feb 7-8.30pm	St Mark's parish house
Parish Fabric Committee	Tuesday 10th Feb 5.45pm	Side chapel, St Anthony's

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.

