

ST ANTHONY & ST MARK'S

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All Masses in this Parish are livestreamed on YouTube

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) 25TH JANUARY 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	Isaiah 9:1b-4	In Galilee of the nations the people have seen a great light..
Psalm	Ps 27(26)	The Lord is my light and my salvation.
Reading 2	1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17	I appeal to you that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you.
Acclamation	Matthew 4:23	Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom and healed every affliction among the people.
Gospel	Matthew 4:12-23	Jesus went to Capernaum so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled.'

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently: Peter Quinn (funeral Tuesday 3rd Feb, 9.30am at St Anthony's); Jean Crawford; Margaret Fitzpatrick; John McCross; Alexander Anderson; Sr Rosemary Reilly;

Anniversaries: Rosemary Reynolds; Patsy Harkin; Joe Daly; Patrick & Mary McElwee; Anne Cowie; Anna Moss; Ellen McColgan; Andrew McPeake; Bill Rooney; Ellen Collins.

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.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL UPDATE

A final vote is expected on this bill in the Scottish Parliament in March, so time is of the essence You may have heard on the new that the bill is likely to be presented without conscience safeguards for medical professionals, yet another reason for the bill to be voted down and a more measured debate to ensue. You may also have seen in the news that several MSPs who voted for the bill at the first vote have changed their mind and now oppose it due to the weaknesses of the bill.

Please consider contacting our MSP to make your views known: you can use the email tool below, it only takes a few moments and is very easy to do. <https://carenotkilling.uk/email-your-msps/>

NO MONDAY MASS UNTIL MAY

There will be no Monday morning Mass from tomorrow, 26th January, until Easter.

This is because Fr Stephen and Fr Christopher will be supplying in a parish in Glasgow for the next couple of weeks, after which Fr Christopher will be covering in St Bride's in Cambuslang until 1st May until the new parish priest, Fr Gerry Maguinness arrives, while remaining assistant priest at St Anthony and St Mark's, and assistant chaplain at Trinity High.

CHURCH WORKERS' SOCIAL INVITATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

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.

NEW PARISH PASTORAL PLANNING TEAM MEETING SOON

The team which formed to organise the Jubilee Year 2025 celebrations has agreed to stay on and become the new Parish Pastoral Planning Team. This team will:

- Provide oversight of the progress of the parish renewal mission begun in the Jubilee of Hope.
- Help set pastoral priorities
- Generate original ideas for future initiatives
- Be a critical friend to the clergy
- Take ownership of events and initiatives

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.

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 Taizé 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.

RCIA TEACHING SERIES BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY 28TH JAN

Having completed the Alpha course last week, our RCIA candidates will now enter 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 begin this

Wednesday 28th Jan at 7pm in the side chapel at St Anthony's with the topic:

Our Greatest Gift: an in-depth look at what happens at Mass

WORLD FRANCISCAN JUBILEE 2026

Pope Leo has designated this year as a Franciscan Jubilee, to mark the 800th anniversary of St Francis' death. We will begin the Franciscan Jubilee in the Diocese at St John Ogilvie's Church, Blantyre, on Monday 2nd February, the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord, at the 7pm Mass. It is the World Day of Prayer for Religious, and it seems appropriate to mark the Feast and to begin the Franciscan Jubilee with the Poor Clare Sisters, who recently moved to St John Ogilvie's. All are invited, especially the Religious of the Diocese, and priests are welcome to concelebrate.

I am designating St John Ogilvie's as a place of Pilgrimage throughout the Jubilee of St Francis. There will be an opportunity to reverence a relic of St Francis at the Monday Evening Mass in St John Ogilvie's each week. Those wishing to obtain the Plenary Indulgence are encouraged to attend this particular Mass.

+ Joseph Toal

FOODBANK UPDATE

It was another busy week at the Foodbanks with our teams welcoming 92 visitors! We are thankful that we could support everyone.

Thanks to our Parishioners and The ASN Group at Lifestyles for their donations this week. They are much appreciated!

Any donations can be left at the back of both Churches, at Jingers or Le Sorelle in Burnside.

SAVE THE DATE: 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 TUTORING SERVICE HAS RESTARTED

Our free parish tutoring service has begun again for the new term, and we'd like to thank all tutors for their work, and to wish the pupils every blessing and success in their studies in the months ahead.

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.

