

# ST ANTHONY & ST MARK'S

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## SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY (A) 4TH 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 60:1-6	The glory of the Lord has risen upon you
Psalms	Ps 72	All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.
Reading 2	Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6	It has now been revealed that the Gentiles are fellow heirs of the promise
Acclamation	Mt 2:2	We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage.
Gospel	Matthew 2:1-12	We have come from the east to worship the king

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Those who died recently:** Gerald Greenan (funeral Monday 5th Jan 9.30 at St Mark's); Michael McVey; Martin McKenna; Evelyn Gallagher; Mary O'Connor; Tom Gill; John Kelly.

**Anniversaries:** Bobby Roney; Denis McKenna; Christopher Murphy; Tony Reilly; Fred Wylie

**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.

### CHRISTMAS KINDNESS

Fr Stephen and Fr Christopher would like to thank all parishioners most sincerely for their good wishes, cards and gifts received over the festive period, and they assure everyone of their best wishes and prayers in the year to come.

### SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: JUSTICE & PEACE SCOTLAND

This Sunday is known as Justice and Peace Sunday, and it provides an opportunity to support the work of the Justice & Peace Commission for Scotland, an arm of the Bishops' Conference which advises the bishops on relevant issues and supports parishes in their work. We have benefitted hugely over the past couple of years from the support of Anne Marie Clements from J&P Scotland, especially in the development of our Caritas Award project. Please give generously this weekend.

The next meeting of the **Diocesan Justice & Peace Group** is this coming Thursday 8th January at 7:30 pm. It will be held on Zoom. If you would like to join the meeting, please email [paulfoley@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:paulfoley@rcdom.org.uk) for the Zoom link. We will be exploring Pope Leo's recent Urbi et Orbi address and how Motherwell Diocese can respond to it. All are welcome.

### IGNITE FOR FIRST COMMUNICANTS BEGINS NEXT WEEK

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

The sessions begin next Sunday at St Mark's, with the same session running the following Sunday in the side chapel of **St Anthony's**. The dates are as follows:

**Session 1** (for parents and children): Sunday 11th Jan 10.50-11.45 at St Mark's; Sunday 18th Jan 12.20-1.15pm at St Anthony's

**Session 2:** Sunday 25th January at St Mark's; and Sunday 1st February at St Anthony's (same times as above)

**Session 3:** Sunday 8th February at St Mark's; and Sunday 22nd February at St Anthony's

**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

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

Enrolment for entry into Primary 1 in August 2026 opens 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.

### PARISH HOGMANAY PARTY THANKS

A huge thanks to everyone who was involved in the organisation and entertainment at our annual parish Hogmanay Party in aid of Kilbryde Hospice, which raised £1,015 for this excellent cause. As always, Franny was the perfect host and ensured that we had a very joyful beginning to what we hope will be a happy and healthy year for all.

### ALTAR SERVERS' / LIFTEEN ANNUAL CARNIVAL TRIP THANKS

A big thanks to all the leaders, parents and young people who came along to the annual Carnival trip. The trip was a small opportunity to thank the young people of the parish for their dedication and enthusiasm. Everyone had a really lovely time.

### HOME FROM HOME EVENT THANKS

This brand new parish event held on Saturday 3rd Jan was a great success, providing an opportunity for parishioners and friends who may be far from their families to be together as a parish family at new year. Many thanks are due to the organising committee and to all those who contributed by bringing along food, costumes and music from their culture to be shared and enjoyed by all.

### 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

### HCPT FUNDRAISING NIGHT WITH ATLANTIC REEL THIS FRIDAY

HCPT Group 89 (Fr Stephen's group) are hosting a fundraising night featuring the outstanding local band Atlantic Reel, this Friday 9th January 7.30-11.30pm in St Columbkille's Hall. Tickets priced £10 are available on the door.

### 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.

