

ST ANTHONY & ST MARK'S

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All Masses in this Parish are livestreamed on YouTube

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) 15TH 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	Sirach 15:15-20	He has not commanded anyone to be ungodly.
Psalms	Ps 119(118)	Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!
Reading 2	1 Corinthians 2:6-10	A wisdom God decreed before the ages for our glory.
Acclamation	cf. Matthew 11:25	I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.
Gospel	Matthew 5:17-37	It was said to those of old; but I say to you.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently: Irene Thomson (funeral Friday 20th Feb 9.30am at St Mark's); Mary Frances McCabe; Mary Coulter; James McEwan; Liam Martin; Moira Campbell; Margaret O'Donnell; Micheal McKinnon.

Anniversaries: Sarah Law; Rosemary Scollin; Peter McCormick; Jess Flynn; Michal Dooley.

Sick & housebound: Margaret Grant; 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.

FOODBANK UPDATE

It has been a busy few weeks at our Foodbanks! We have welcomed 139 visitors, all of whom left with food items. We went to thank the amazing ASN Group at Lifestyles for their generous donation which we picked up this week. We also want to say a huge thank you to the Scouts who helped our team unload the van after our monthly shopping trip! We were short on volunteers and the Scouts provided invaluable support to our team. We have no toiletries left at all so are appealing for soap, shampoo and shower gel. Donations can be left at the back of both Churches, Jingers Burnside and at Le Sorelle Home & Gift Boutique Burnside.

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2025-26

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

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

ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT 2026

Lent 2026 begins this week on **Ash Wednesday, 18th February**, a special time of grace marked by prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is also the final intensive time of preparation for those who will be receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil: in our parish, four adults have been making this journey through the RCIA process since September; please keep them in your prayers.

The **Ash Wednesday Masses** and distribution of ashes will take place at the following times:

7am at St Mark's

9.30am at St Mark's

7pm at St Anthony's

This weekend, the **SCIAF Wee Boxes** are available for you to take home from the back of both churches.

During Lent, there will be early morning Masses as follows:

Tuesdays 7am Mass at St Mark's (begins Tuesday 24th Feb)

Thursdays 8.30am Mass at St Anthony's Primary: all welcome (begins Thursday 26th Feb)

Fridays 8.30am Mass at St Mark's Primary: all welcome (begins **this Friday 20th Feb**)

There will be a weekly **Holy Hour** on a Friday 4-5pm at St Anthony's.

Stations of the Cross will be led by different groups in the parish on a Sunday at 4pm.

GOOD LUCK FR CHRISTOPHER!

Fr Christopher will be taking up his temporary residence at St Bride's Cambuslang on Tuesday, and will be there until new parish priest Fr Gerry Maguinness comes back on 1st May, when he'll return to us. We wish him every blessing: don't be a stranger!

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS

This annual collection will be taken up at all Masses. It is usually very well supported as everyone recognises the dedicated service given over many decades by currently retired priests of the Diocese such as Fr Pat and Fr Sweeney.

ROME PARISH PILGRIMAGE MEETING THIS TUESDAY

Excitement is building for this parish pilgrimage in September, with 37 people having signed up. The group will meet this **Tuesday 17th Feb at 7.30pm** in St Anthony's Hall for an information evening, looking over the programme and having any questions answered. We'll be joined by travel agent Anne Marie Cairns and Fr Stephen as pilgrimage leader.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER ORGANISING MEETING THIS FRIDAY

This World Day of Prayer Service, which our parish is hosting this year, is fast approaching: it will be held on Friday 6th March at 1.30pm at St Anthony's Church. We will be hosting people from local parishes and sister churches, to pray for peace and unity among Christians. The service this year has been written by Christians in Nigeria. All are most welcome.

We'll be having an organising meeting this **Friday 20th Feb at 1.30pm** at St Anthony's, so if you'd like to help in any way big or small in the organisation of the event, please do come along on the day or get in touch in another way.

DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT CAMINO DE SANTIAGO PILGRIMAGE UPDATE

After a successful Information Evening on Tuesday evening, we now invite applications and a £200 deposit to secure a place on the diocesan young adult (aged 18-30) pilgrimage to the last 100km of the Camino de Santiago in Spain, from **Monday 6th – Monday 13th July 2026**. The cost will be £1,000 including flights, transfers, daily bag transfer, and dinner, bed and breakfast accommodation. Further info and forms are available from Fr Stephen Reilly at frreilly@rcdom.org.uk, or Alba Tours at annemariecairns@yahoo.co.uk: the form and refundable **deposit is due by 28th February**.

TAIZE EVENING THANKS

A big thanks to everyone who organised and attended our annual Taizé evening, especially the Community Choir, parish Justice & Peace group and the Cuppa Club: it really was a beautiful occasion.

ST MARK'S CONFIRMATION CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the boys and girls who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Mark's on Wednesday, and to their families. Many thanks to the school staff, the school choir, and to the parish team of altar servers.

THE STEAMIE PARISH TRIP UPDATE

Could anyone who will be going to The Steamie on 12/11 please make payment by the weekend of 14/15th March? Cash in an envelope with name or bank transfer. Contact Karen on 07710469637 if any help or info is required.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETING DATES 2026

Parish Finance Team meeting	Tuesday 17th Feb 1-2.30pm	St Mark's Parish House
Parish Fabric Committee	Tuesday 17th Feb 5.45pm	Side chapel, St Anthony's
Rome Pilgrimage meeting	Tuesday 17th Feb 7.30pm	St Anthony's Hall

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.

