

ST ANTHONY & ST MARK'S

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Parish of the Diocese of Motherwell

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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT (A) 22ND FEBRUARY 2026

HOLY MASS	Tues 7.00 am at St Mark's	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
LENT HOLY HOUR	Fridays 4-5pm at St Anthony's	STATIONS OF THE CROSS Sundays 4pm at St Anthony's

SUNDAY READINGS

Reading 1	Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7	The creation and sin of our first parents.
Psalm	Ps 51(50)	Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.
Reading 2	Romans 5:12-19	Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more.
Acclamation	Matthew 4:4b	One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.
Gospel	Matthew 4:1-11	Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently: John Harkins; Kathleen McGuire; Bridget Carr; Don Guidi.

Anniversaries: Isabel McLaughlin; Catherine Anderson; Victor Hanlon; John Curley; Elsie & Jimmy Douglas; Christine McLeod; Bernadette Watters; Karol Czarnecki.

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

Firstly we begin by saying a huge thank you to everyone for your donations of toiletries left in St Anthony's, as well as at Le Sorelle. We were delighted to receive so many! 🍷

Our 65 visitors all left with donations of food and basic toiletries thanks to your generosity.

We continue to seek donations of basics such as soap, shampoo and shower gel and donations can be left at the back of both Churches, at Jingers and at Le Sorelle Home & Gift Boutique.

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT

We're delighted to announce the annual Parish St Patrick's night for HCPT on Saturday on 14th March from 7pm. Live music, raffles BYOB and snacks. £5 ticket, £15 family ticket (text Franny 07952313267). Donations for raffle prizes greatly appreciated.

LENT 2026

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

Tuesdays 7am Mass at St Mark's

Thursdays 8.30am Mass at St Anthony's Primary: all welcome

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- **Holy Hour** will take place weekly on a Friday 4-5pm at St Anthony's: this week the prayer intention will be vocations to priesthood.

- **Stations of the Cross** will be led by different groups in the parish on a Sunday at 4pm at St Anthony's. If your group would like to volunteer for one week, please contact Fr Stephen

Please pray for our 4 adult parishioners—Caroline, Christine, Kevin and Sara—who are preparing to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. They will be at the Cathedral in Motherwell today for the Rite of Election, where they will officially be accepted as candidates for the sacraments alongside parishioners from across the Diocese.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS 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.

ST ANTHONY'S CONFIRMATION THIS WEDNESDAY

The Primary 7 pupils of St Anthony's Primary will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Wednesday 25th February at 7pm: all parishioners and friends are most welcome to attend and pray with the young people, their sponsors and families.

CARITAS AWARD JUSTICE AND PEACE PROJECT UPDATE

Our S6 parishioners and friends from Trinity High have made an excellent plan for the third and final part of their J&P project, where they challenge their parish and/or school to undertake some action in support of refugees and asylum seekers. In conjunction with EKin, a community project based in East Kilbride which welcomes migrants who have been settled in the town, they have devised an interactive migrant experience for S1 pupils. We wish them every success and blessing in this work.

LIFETEEN MEETS THIS EVENING

Our parish group for teenagers in S2-S5 meets again this evening at St Anthony's from 6-7.30pm. As always we will have fun games, interesting chats and tasty snack: if you'd like to join, us, just come along for a taster.

EAST KILBRIDE / RUTHERGLEN DEANERY HAS A NEW DEAN AND SECRETARY!

At Thursday's deanery meeting, Fr Stephen was elected as Dean, and Fr Christopher as Secretary, with Fr Colum Martin elected as Vice-Dean. As a new team, we are looking forward to serving the deanery, to helping foster closer working across the various parishes, and to providing mutual support to the clergy ministering in our area.

ST COLUMBKILLE'S LENT TALKS

Our neighbouring parish is hosting a series of talks for Lent on the teaching and spirituality of St John Henry Newman, given by Fr Willie Crombie of the White Fathers. The first talk is on Tuesday 10th March at 7pm on the first floor of the parish hall. All welcome.

DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT CAMINO DE SANTIAGO PILGRIMAGE : FINAL CALL

A final call for the pilgrimage to the last 100km of the Camino de Santiago in Spain, from **Monday 6th – Monday 13th July 2026**. The cost for parishioners will be £500 including flights, transfers, daily bag transfer, and dinner, bed and breakfast accommodation. The form and refundable **deposit is due by this Friday 28th February**: contact Alba Tours at annemariecairns@yahoo.co.uk.

SCIAF WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE

SCIAF Wee Boxes are available for you to take home from the back of both churches. This year's Lent Appeal focuses on the country of Ethiopia. Water is life. Yet, for many, clean water is dangerously scarce. Conflict, climate change, and deep aid cuts are driving this devastating water crisis, reversing decades of progress and leaving millions at risk. This Lent, let hope flow and use your WEE BOX to help bring clean water, dignity, and opportunity to those who need it most. To find out more, please visit sciaf.org.uk/

ST MARK'S PRIMARY MISSIO CHAMPIONS

Our MISSIO Champions are organising a raffle for MISSIO and are looking for raffle donations from parishioners. If you have any unused Christmas gifts or feel you could donate a voucher/ prize, please hand into St Mark's Primary School any time, any day! Our Mini Vinnies, MISSIO Champions and Pope Francis Faith Award pupils will be selling raffle tickets after Mass on Friday 6th March and some Sundays during Lent. Raffle tickets will also be on sale every Friday at 2:45pm in the school playground.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETING DATES 2026

Ignite for First Holy Communicants	Sunday 22nd March 12.20-1.15, St Anthony's
Parish Pastoral Planning Team	Thursday 12th March 7pm, St Mark's Parish House

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.

