

ST ANTHONY & ST MARK'S

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Parish of the Diocese of Motherwell

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All Masses in this Parish are livestreamed on YouTube

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) 8TH 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	Isaiah 58:6-10	Your light shall break forth like the dawn.
Psalms	Ps 112(111)	A light rises in the darkness for the upright.
Reading 2	1 Corinthians 2:1-5	I proclaimed to you the mystery of Christ crucified.
Acclamation	John 8:12	I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Gospel	Matthew 5:13-16	You are the light of the world.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently: Irene Thomson (funeral Friday 20th Feb 9.30am at St Mark's); Eve Loughran; Lucia Nino; James O'Hare; Mary Frances McCabe.

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 MARK'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 3: Sunday 8th February at St Mark's 10.50-11.45am; and Sunday 22nd February at St Anthony's 12.20-1.15pm

Session 4: Sunday 1st March at St Mark's; and Sunday 8th March at St Anthony's (same times as above)

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

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

DIOCESAN YOUTH CAMINO DE SANTIAGO INFORMATION EVENING THIS TUESDAY

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.

TAIZE EVENING OF PRAYER THIS 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.

LENT 2026

Lent 2026 begins 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.

ST MARK'S CONFIRMATION THIS WEDNESDAY: PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED!

The Primary 7 pupils of St Mark's Primary will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation this Wednesday 11th February 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.

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.

NEW PARISH PASTORAL PLANNING TEAM

The new Team met on Thursday for a time of prayer, and to consider their role and priorities, as well as how they can best reflect the views of the whole parish in their deliberations. They will meet again on Thursday 13th March. If you feel you would like to join the work of this important group, please see Fr Stephen.

CHURCH WORKERS' SOCIAL THANKS

Many thanks to everyone for coming along to a very successful evening on Friday. Particular thanks are due to the Burnside Hotel for hosting us, and to Frannie for the usual high standard of entertainment.

KILBRYDE HOSPICE DROP-IN SUPPORT

Compassionate Communities, a partnership between Kilbryde Hospice and Macmillan (Improving the Cancer Journey), is now offering free, local drop-in support for anyone affected by cancer, long-term conditions, bereavement, frailty or social isolation. No appointment is needed. Local sessions run at Whitlawburn Community Resource Centre (alternate Wednesdays, 10am–2.30pm from 21 Jan 2026) and at the Fernhill Community Centre car park via the Compassionate Communities Minibus (alternate Tuesdays, 10am–2.30pm from 27 Jan 2026). Everyone is welcome to come along for friendly, practical and emotional support.

DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT EVENING AT MOTHERWELL CATHEDRAL THIS SUNDAY

The monthly diocesan gathering of young adults takes place today, **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.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETING DATES 2026

Ignite for First Holy Communicants	Sunday 8th Feb 10.50-11.45am	St Mark's
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.

