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Parish of the Diocese of Motherwell

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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT (A) 15TH MARCH 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	1.30 pm 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 Sunday 4pm at St Anthony's			

SUNDAY READINGS

Reading 1	1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a	David is anointed king of Israel.
Psalms	Ps 23(22)	The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Reading 2	Ephesians 5:8-14	'Arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'
Acclamation	John 8:12	I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Gospel	John 9:1-41	'He went and washed and received his sight.'

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently: Anne Murphy; Gertie Hart; Michael McLaughlin.

Anniversaries: Mary Fallon; Catherine Sweeney.

Sick & housebound: Parick McCarry; Jimmy Mahon; 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

Our team of volunteers welcomed 78 people to our Foodbank this week. We were able to support everyone thanks to the generosity of our parishioners and the many local residents who donate so generously to our cause.

We need some toiletries; shampoo, shower gel and soap as well as some Easter treats for the wee knew who will come along over the break. Donations can be left in the usual places.

Finally, we did our big shop this week and are thankful to the Scouts who helped our volunteers unload the van in the pouring rain! They did a fabulous job and their help greatly reduced the time it would have taken our team to unload.

SPACE EASTER EGG APPEAL

If you would like to donate an egg for a child within the area, please pop it in the baskets provided on the following dates—Sat 14th/Sun 15th March, or Sat 21st/Sun 22nd March. Uplift of eggs will be Mon 23rd March to enable delivery before Easter!

LENT RECONCILIATION EVENING AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES

As Holy Week approaches, here are the details of the various events:

Thursday 26th March 7-8pm: Drop-in **Confession** at St Mark's, with visiting priests

Holy Thursday (Thursday 2nd April):

Morning Prayer 9.30am at St Anthony's
Mass of Chrism 11am Cathedral, Motherwell
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm at St Anthony's
Night Prayer 9pm at St Anthony's at the Altar of Repose (side chapel)

Good Friday (Friday 3rd April)

Morning Prayer 9.30am at St Mark's
Stations of the Cross and Veneration of the Cross for Children 12 noon at St Anthony's
Good Friday Service and Veneration of the Cross 3pm at St Mark's
Stations of the Cross and Veneration of the Cross 7pm at St Anthony's

Holy Saturday (Saturday 4th April):

Morning Prayer 9.30am at St Anthony's
Easter Vigil 8.30pm at St Mark's, with the Baptism & Reception of our 4 RCIA candidates.

Easter Sunday (Sunday 5th April):

Easter Sunday Mass 10am at St Mark's
Easter Sunday Mass and Family Day 11.30am at St Anthony's No evening Mass on Easter Sunday

ASSISTED SUICIDE VOTE IMMINENT

The final vote on this momentous bill in the Scottish Parliament is due on Tuesday of this week. As the various amendments have been proposed and voted on this week, the severe weaknesses in the Bill have become clearer, e.g. the lack of a conscientious objection clause for doctors, and for institutions such as hospices and Catholic nursing homes whose future will now be placed in doubt; and granting the right to doctors to suggest assisted suicide to a patient rather than waiting on them to request it, thus damaging the doctor/patient relationship and increasing the possibility of coercion. More such amendments are likely to appear this week.

Please consider contacting our MSPs to make your views known: this makes a huge difference, not least as many of our regional MSPs have still to decide which way to vote (do remember to write also to the regional MSPs who have an equal vote). Our constituency MSP intends to vote against the Bill. The list of our MSPs can be found at writetothem.com : just enter your postcode.

PASTORAL PLANNING TEAM UPDATE

The new Parish Pastoral Planning Team met for the second time this week. The team undertook a SWOT exercise, and were able to articulate the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats in our parish: a very interesting activity, and one which will inform their work going forward. Next time they will continue to work on the SWOT outcomes, review the parish pastoral calendar for the year; and consider ways to make our parish more welcoming and user-friendly. If you have any feedback for the team please get in touch.

LENT 2026 EXTRA DEVOTIONS

During Lent, there will be early morning **Masses** on **Tuesdays 7am** Mass at St Mark's.; **Thursdays 8.30am** Mass at St Anthony's Primary, and **Fridays 8.30am** Mass at St Mark's Primary: all welcome

Holy Hour will take place weekly 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, at **St Anthony's**. This week's Stations will be led by the parish St Vincent de Paul Society, and next week's will be led by the parish LifeTeen group /Community Choir.

SCIAF SUNDAY THANKS

A big thanks to everyone for your generosity in last week's SCIAF collection which raised £1,650.08, a superb total.

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT THANKS

A big thanks to Franny and the team, and everyone who attended Saturday's event, which once again was a great success.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETING DATES 2026

Ignite for First Holy Communicants Sunday 22nd March 10.50-11.45 St Mark's Church

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.

