

# ST ANTHONY & ST MARK'S

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## 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT (A) 1ST MARCH 2026

<b>HOLY MASS</b>	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	
<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
<b>LENT HOLY HOUR</b>	Fridays 4-5pm at St Anthony's	

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Sunday 4pm at **ST MARK'S (NOTE VENUE CHANGE TODAY)**

### SUNDAY READINGS

Reading 1	Genesis 12:1-4a	The call of Abram, the father of the People of God.
Psalms	Ps 33(32)	May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.
Reading 2	2 Timothy 1:8b-10	God calls and enlightens us.
Acclamation		From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'.
Gospel	Matthew 17:1-9	'His face shone like the sun.'

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Those who died recently:** Margaret Grant; John Harkins; Peter Nolan.

**Anniversaries:** Bill Collins; Catherine Fallon; Jimmy Lang.

**Sick & housebound:** 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 volunteers welcomed 75 visitors to our Foodbanks this week. Everyone was supported thanks to the generosity of our Parishioners and the local residents.

This week we are looking for some crème eggs so that we have some to give to the children who will visit over the Easter break. Many thanks for your support, it is invaluable.

### WE'RE IN FONTES!

Please pick up your free copy of Fontes magazine this weekend, which has news and photos from around the diocese. Our parish Home from Home New Year event features of page 6 of the magazine, and there are features on Joe Wilson—who may one day be Scotland's youngest saint—the Franciscan Jubilee year, the Into the Margins conference on poverty and much more.

### SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: SCIAF SUNDAY

Next week we will celebrate SCIAF Sunday, as we take the opportunity to pray for and support our national Catholic development charity which began right here in Rutherglen.

We are bringing SCIAF Sunday forward this year to have a full focus on Mother's Day the following Sunday, as they both always fall on the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

On SCIAF Sunday, we will be praying for families around the world who long for safety, stability, and clean water. This year's campaign focus is Ethiopia, and we give thanks for the courage of mothers in Ethiopia who walk miles each day to care for their children, often at great risk. Please give what you can in next weekend's collection for SCIAF, which will be taken up at each Mass.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER THIS FRIDAY

The World Day of Prayer Service, which our parish is delighted to be hosting this year, will be held this **Friday 6th March at 1.30-2.15pm** at St Anthony's Church, followed by refreshments. We will be hosting people from local parishes and sister churches, to pray for peace, and for unity among Christians. The service this year has been written by Christians in Nigeria. All are most welcome: please come along if you possibly can as it will be a major showcase of our parish to the other churches in the area, and we're very keen to be good hosts. Thanks to Margaret who has taken the lead in organising this event on behalf of the parish.

### ST PATRICK'S NIGHT

We're delighted to announce the annual Parish St Patrick's night for HCPT on **Saturday 14th March** from 7pm. Live music, raffles BYOB and snacks. £5 ticket, £15 family ticket (text Franny 07952313267). This is a real annual parish highlight and we're sure you'll have a ball if you come along. Donations for raffle prizes greatly appreciated.

### LENT 2026 EXTRA DEVOTIONS

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

**Fridays 8.30am** Mass at St Mark's Primary, in the new Bethany RE space upstairs (well worth a visit): all welcome

**Holy Hour** will take place weekly on a Friday 4-5pm at St Anthony's: this week the prayer intention will be peace in Ukraine/Gaza.

**Stations of the Cross** will be led by different groups in the parish on a Sunday at 4pm, today at **ST MARK'S (NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE FOR ONE WEEK ONLY**, due to a parish retreat for our Syro-Malabar mission community at St Anthony's this weekend).

### RCIA UPDATE: SCRUTINIES THIS WEEKEND

A heartfelt congratulations to our four catechumens and candidates—Caroline, Christine, Kevin and Sara—who were officially accepted as the members of the elect at Cathedral in Motherwell last Sunday afternoon. They joined the biggest number in living memory—110 people—who will be entering the Catholic church across the diocese at the Easter Vigil.

At this weekend's 10am Mass at St Mark's, our catechumens/candidates will celebrate the Scrutinies, an ancient rite in which they publicly and vocally turn away from evil and sin, and in which we pray for their protection against evil in the crucial weeks to come.

### FIRST RECONCILIATION THIS THURSDAY 6PM AT ST ANTHONY'S

First Reconciliation for the pupils of primary 3 at St Anthony's will take place this Thursday evening at 6pm. As always we are stressing that this is a parish celebration: please consider coming along to support the children and their families.

### SECOND COLLECTION THANKS: SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS

Many thanks to everyone for contributing to last weekend's second collection, which raised £940.

### ST ANTHONY'S CONFIRMATION THANKS

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Primary 7 pupils of St Anthony's Primary as they received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Wednesday: the staff of St Anthony's primary, the parish team, and their sponsors and families.

### SUPPORT OUR YOUNG PARISH SINGING TALENT

Encore Drama Academy are putting on Little Shop of Horrors which one of our talented young choir members is starring in! She'd love you to come along and have an evening of entertainment. It runs 28th—29th—30th April at 7pm in Village Theatre East Kilbride. Tickets are priced £16 and available from South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture.

### DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT EVENING AT MOTHERWELL CATHEDRAL NEXT SUNDAY

The monthly diocesan gathering of young adults takes place next **Sunday (8th March)** evening at the Cathedral in Motherwell from 7.30pm. Feat. an inspiring talk, prayer time with excellent music and social time catching up in the Railway Tavern.

### UPCOMING PARISH MEETING DATES 2026

<b>Ignite for First Holy Communicants</b>	Sunday 1st March 10.50-11.45,	St Mark's Church
<b>Parish Pastoral Planning Team</b>	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.

