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Parish of the Diocese of Motherwell

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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT (A) 22ND 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	Ezekiel 37:12-14	I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live.
Psalm	Ps 130(129)	With the Lord there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption.
Reading 2	Romans 8:8-11	The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you.
Acclamation	John 11:25a, 26	I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord.
		Everyone who believes in me shall never die.
Gospel	John 11:1-45	'I am the resurrection and the life.'

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently: James Adams

Anniversaries: Gerard Ayre; Jean Meanen

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

We have been truly blessed this week to receive donations from many sources. Firstly, the pupils in P6 in St Anthony's had a collection for us which they gave to our volunteers on Wednesday.

Then we received a huge donation of items from Burnside Primary. Our team of volunteers were blown away by their generosity.

We thank both schools for thinking of us and arranging the collections as we know the work that is involved. It is greatly appreciated.

The young people involved from both schools were a total credit to the school and their families. 🤝

Finally, we must thank South Lanarkshire Council who gave us a donation via their community grant budget. We are immensely grateful to receive this and it will make a huge difference to the range of products we can offer our visitors.

In a world that sometimes feels full of awful news it is lovely to share great news from our community with everyone.

Thank you to all involved.

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 DYING BILL

Many thanks to all parishioners who decided in conscience to contact our MSPs in relation to the above Bill which was defeated in parliament this week: who knows what difference our interventions made, but it was interesting to observe that e.g. 5 of our 7 regional MSPs voted against the Bill.

FYI, three of the candidates for our Rutherglen & Cambuslang constituency election in May are currently MSPs and therefore voted on the bill: Annie Wells and Claie Haughey voted against, while Monica Lennon voted for.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETING DATES 2026

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

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!

STATEMENT FROM THE BISHOPS OF SCOTLAND: CONSULTATION ON DIOCESAN CHANGES

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Following a request from the Holy See, the Bishops of Scotland have been invited to reflect on how the structures of the Church in our country can best serve her mission in the years ahead, specifically whether the present situation of eight dioceses is suitable.

We are all aware of the challenges before us — fewer clergy, changing patterns of practice, and increasing pressures on our diocesan resources, among other things. Yet our mission remains unchanged: to proclaim the Gospel and to lead our people to Christ.

Two possible pathways are being proposed for careful discernment: developing deeper cooperation and the sharing of resources across dioceses within our present structures, or the merging of some dioceses.

In order to best inform ourselves and the Holy See, each bishop will engage with his diocese over the coming months for the first part of this process. Everyone will be given the opportunity to pray, reflect, and contribute.

Following-on from the presentation of a discussion paper, responses from each diocese will contribute to the initial findings which will be given to the Holy See in the Autumn.

This is not simply an administrative exercise. It is a pastoral and missionary response to our changing landscape. This process will ensure our Church in Scotland will continue to grow ever more missionary, more Christ-centred, and more collaborative in the service of God's people. Entrusting this work to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and to the intercession of Our Lady, we move forward together with confidence and renewed hope.

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT UPDATE

Just to let you know that last week's St Patrick's Night event raised £1,400 for HCPT—The Pilgrimage Trust—and will help to send two local children (both pupils at Trinity High) to Lourdes this Easter. Well done to all.

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.

