

# ST ANTHONY & ST MARK'S

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) 19TH APRIL 2026

<b>HOLY MASS</b>	Tues	7.00 pm at St Anthony's	Sat	5.00 pm Vigil at St Mark's
	Wed	9.30am at St Mark's	Sun	10.00 am at St Mark's
	Thu	9.30am at St Anthony's	Sun	11.30 am at St Anthony's
	Fri	9.30am at St Mark's	Sun	1.30 pm at St Anthony's: Syro-Malabar Qurbana
	Sat	9.30am at St Anthony's	Sun	5.00 pm at St Anthony's
	<b>HOLY ROSARY</b>	Tue	6.40pm at St Anthony's	Sat
<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

### SUNDAY READINGS

Reading 1	Acts 2:14, 22-33	'It was not possible for him to be held by death.'
Psalm	Ps 16	O Lord, you will show me the path of life.
Reading 2	1 Peter 1:17-21	'You were ransomed with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish.'
Acclamation	cf. Luke 24:32	Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn within us when you speak to us.
Gospel	Luke 24:13-35	He was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Those who died recently:** Hugh Dougan; Billy Little; Jean Welsh; Helen Flannigan; Therese Callaghan; Kathleen McGarva; Michael Fallon; Susan Burke.

**Anniversaries:** Pat Gallagher; Isabel Dooley; Maisie Linstrum; Nellie & John McInnespie; Gerry Daly; Anne Brown.

**Sick & housebound:** Joan Watt; 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 Kenna, Margaret Rice; Sandra Morgan; Neil Morton; Steven Murphy; Cathline McNiel; Sandra Burke.; Annemarie Markey.

### FOODBANK UPDATE

Our wonderful team of volunteers welcomed 173 visitors to our Foodbanks over the past two weeks. Thankfully we were able to support everyone with offerings of basic food items and fresh fruit and veg.

The young people who visited enjoyed a wee treat over the Easter break thanks to everyone who donated crème eggs.

We always need basic toiletries such as soap and shampoo and would appreciate any donations that can be given.

### DIOCESAN WALKING PILGRIMAGE FROM MOTHERWELL TO ST ANDREWS

The diocesan pilgrimage group are organising a Diocesan walking pilgrimage from Motherwell Cathedral to St Andrews, walking around 10-12 miles each Tuesday, starting on 7th April and finishing on 9th June. There is no charge for the pilgrimage – the only cost will be for transport back to our starting point.

If you would like to join us, or would like more details, contact Jim McKelvie at [pilgrimage@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:pilgrimage@rcdom.org.uk) or call 07957 847290.

### MISSION APPEAL AND SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend we will have a visit from the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, who will be informing us of their work and making the annual mission appeal.

### PASTORAL PLANNING TEAM AND PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

You'll hopefully be aware that Fr Stephen has asked last year's Jubilee Team to continue on as the new Parish Pastoral Planning Team, to oversee a continued strategic parish approach to pastoral planning and priorities. The current priorities for 2024-2026 have been Families, Children and Young people; Parish fabric; Communications; New Scots; and Sacramental preparation. Over the next couple of months, the whole parish will have a chance to shape the priorities for the next year or two: these might stay the same, or if we feel they have been sufficiently progressed or achieved they may be replaced.

To that end, the **Parish Pastoral Planning Team** will meet on **Thursday 7th May** to suggest a tentative list of priorities. We will then be conducting a parish survey, open from Sunday 17th - Sunday 31st May, to gauge parishioners' views on the parish's strengths and areas for growth, which will inform the priorities going forward. The analysed results of the survey will be presented at a **Parish Council** meeting on **Wednesday 17th June** (this is an annual meeting of all interested parishioners and parish groups), and the participants will be able to shape the final priorities and consider how they or their parish group might contribute to them.

We hope that all parishioners can contribute to this process: hopefully you'll have seen over the past couple of years that this kind of process isn't just a talking shop but has real consequences such as the Ignite Club, Little Miracles, LifeTeen, Caritas Award J&P project; New Scots events (New Year Home from Home and Pentecost); Alpha; Fabric improvements; Social media & Fontes profile.

If you would be interested in joining the Parish Pastoral Planning Team please let Fr Stephen know.

We're also looking for people who have experience of empirical research to be part of a very short-term working group with Fr Stephen to frame and then analyse the parish survey: please get in touch.

### GIFT AID SCHEME LETTERS: FINAL CALL

Thank you to everyone who has collected their letters. If you haven't done so, can you please collect your letter?

- If you currently pay by Standing Order the letter provides details of the Parish's **new bank account: the old account which you have been using until now will be closing soon.**
- If you currently use envelopes to pay your offering you are encouraged to consider changing to pay by Standing Order: the account details are in the letter.

If you are a taxpayer and would like to join the scheme, you can collect a fill in a form, which is available at the back of the church/porch. You can return the form to the parish house, stall, or in the offertory basket.

### EASTER SUNDAY FAMILY DAY THANKS AND UPCOMING FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Easter Family Day at St Anthony's despite the freakish weather conditions. The indoor Easter egg hunt, raffle, Easter café and Little Miracles area were all much appreciated.

Congratulations to the Ignite graduates who received their workbook, certificate and gift at that Mass to mark the end of the process. We're very much looking forward to celebrating your **First Holy Communion** with you on the following dates:

**St Anthony's** Saturday 9th May 11 am

**St Mark's** Saturday 16th May 11 am

We're also looking forward to the **Thanksgiving Masses**, Eucharistic processions and celebratory teas:

**St Anthony's** Sunday 10th May 11.30 am

**St Mark's** Sunday 17th May 10 am

### SCIAF BOX RETURN

Many thanks to those who have returned their SCIAF box. If you haven't done so, could you please return the box to either sacristy or via the collection plate.

### CLASSROOMS FOR MALAWI AFTERNOON TEA THIS WEEK: FINAL CALL

Classrooms for Malawi will hold an Afternoon Tea in St Columbkille's Parish Hall on Wednesday 22nd April 2026, 1.30-4.30pm; including Prosecco on arrival, Afternoon Tea (Bakes by Erin), Entertainment, Raffles, Bingo and Dancing! Please come and join the fun in aid of a new roof for Mang'oma Nursery in Malawi! Tickets from Andrea Batchelor or [hello@classroomsformalawi.org](mailto:hello@classroomsformalawi.org)

### BISHOPS' CONFERENCE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT ELECTION RESOURCE

With the Scottish Parliament election coming up soon on Thursday 7th May, the Bishops' Conference has once again prepared a comprehensive election resource which aims to guide Catholics in Scotland to engage thoughtfully and prayerfully in the democratic process, reflecting on their responsibilities as citizens and disciples of Jesus Christ. It highlights key principles of Catholic Social Teaching, addresses critical moral issues, and provides suggested questions for candidates. It is available at <https://rcppolitics.org/scottish-parliament-election-2026/>.

### UPCOMING PARISH MEETING DATES

**Family Engagement Team:** Sunday 26th April 12.30pm St Anthony's

**LifeTeen:** Sunday 26th April 6pm St Anthony's

**Parish Pastoral Planning Team:** Thursday 7th May 7pm St Mark's

**Media & Communications Team:** Tuesday 12th May 5.45pm 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.

