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All Masses in this Parish are livestreamed on YouTube

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) 17TH MAY 2026

HOLY MASS	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
	HOLY ROSARY	Tue	6.40pm at St Anthony's	Sat
CONFESSION	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 1:12-14	'All with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer.'
Psalm	Ps 27(26)	I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.
Reading 2	1 Peter 4:13-16	'If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed.'
Acclamation	Cf. John 14:18	I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord.
		I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice.
Gospel	John 17:1-11a	'Father, glorify your Son.'

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently: Cathy Callaghan (funeral Friday 22nd May 9am [this is not as misprint] at St Mark's); Robert McCulloch; Mr McLaughlin; Johnny Morrissey; David Doig.

Anniversaries: Agnes McLaughlin.

Sick & housebound: Arthur Kenny; Joan Watt; Parick McCarry; Jimmy Mahon; 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

It was an exceptionally busy week for our team of volunteers but they rose to the challenge with a smile! They supported 104 visitors as well as responding to requests for support from other agencies. We could not do this without your continued support and for that we are extremely grateful.

We are running low on basics - pasta sauce, rice and pasta. Any donations can be left in the church porches, at Jingers and at Le Sorelle in Burnside. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THANKSGIVING MASS TODAY ST MARK'S

Congratulations to the children of St Mark's who celebrated First Holy Communion yesterday. The Mass of Thanksgiving at St Mark's takes place today at the 10am Mass, with a Children's Mass, Eucharistic procession and tea after Mass.

WEEDING AT ST ANTHONY'S NEXT SATURDAY 23RD MAY

Please come along after 9.30am Mass next Saturday to help weed the paths and make the place look great!

PARISH SURVEY OPENS TODAY: MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

Today we launch our parish survey. This is a perfect opportunity to have your voice heard on parish life and to help make things better.

The survey is seeking the views of all St Anthony and St Mark's parishioners about what the parish does well and what we could improve on. It will also help shape our pastoral priorities for the next few years.

Our previous five pastoral priority areas were: 1) families, children, and young people; 2) communication; 3) New Scots 4) parish fabric; and 5) sacramental preparation of adults, and children outwith the Catholic school system. We feel that we have largely completed the stated aims for both improving the parish fabric and sacramental preparation and have dedicated teams overseeing them. So, we are open to new, emerging priorities for the journey ahead. Please complete the survey online via the QR code beside this notice.

You don't have to answer every question, but we'd love you to answer as many as possible. Please feel free to share as widely as possible. We'll be sharing on social media and via Parent Portal in our schools, as well as holding focus groups with pupils. We'll also be holding parishioner focus groups and survey cafés on Sunday 31st May: info to follow. The survey will close on the evening of Sunday 31st May.



COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY

Today the Church marks Communications Sunday, a day to reflect on how the Gospel is shared through media, digital platforms, broadcasting and communications. From parish social media pages and livestreamed Masses to Catholic television, videos and news coverage, communications plays an important role in helping people stay connected to the life of the Church.

The second collection today will support the work of the Office of Communications & Evangelisation of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland as it continues to share the Gospel through digital media, press, social media, broadcasting and evangelisation initiatives across the country. Please pray for all those working in Catholic communications & for all who encounter Christ through digital media. Today is also an opportunity to pray for our parish Media and Communications Team, who oversee all relevant issues in the parish such as the website, social media, audio/visual, livestreaming, relations with the media and diocesan Fontes magazine.

Please think about engaging with the parish digitally by visiting our channels (Instagram, Facebook, Bluesky and YouTube: links on the front page of the bulletin), and by liking and sharing our social media posts .

NEW SCOTS PENTECOST CELEBRATION NEXT SUNDAY

We are blessed with many New Scots families in the parish, who are bringing so much vitality and deep faith to our celebrations and community life. We have established a lovely tradition of celebrating the many languages and cultures of our parish on the Feast of Pentecost, and this will continue this year on Sunday 24th May at 10am Mass at St Mark's. Mass will feature a variety of music including some flavours from the Global South; the Prayers of the Faithful will be in several languages to reflect the variety of cultures and heritage in our parish; and we'll be inviting everyone to come forward to present their offering rather than passing the baskets round. **Please do consider wearing national dress** (including Scottish).

In the hall afterwards we'll have a 'global afternoon tea' theme, with a variety of international savoury snacks such as samosa and sweet treats from Scotland and beyond. We'll also have entertainment, including a bagpiper: please consider if you might be able to sing/dance or play something from your own culture.

CONSULTATION MEETING ON STRUCTURE OF SCOTTISH DIOCESES

An open meeting, to which you are most welcome to attend, to participate in the Consultation on the Structures of Catholic Dioceses in Scotland will take place on **Monday 25th May** in St Bride's Centre, Motherwell, at 7pm.

The format of this meeting will be a Conversation in the Spirit in which those present will be invited to share their thinking on the following questions:

- Where do we see good examples of mission in our parishes, deanery, diocese and country?
- Where does mission need to develop or even begin? What are the barriers to better mission and what can encourage it?
- Does the present structure of eight dioceses in Scotland support mission? Does our Diocese already have all that it needs? Would it help if we shared resources with another diocese or dioceses? Would it help if our Diocese merged with another diocese?

It is intended that all opinions, including minority positions, will be recorded and the report of the meeting sent to Bishop Toal by 31st May. The Bishop will feed the report into the diocesan submission for the national discussion with the other bishops. It is intended that the national report will be submitted to the Dicastery for Bishops in Rome to make them aware of how Scottish Catholics understand the Church's Mission in our country today and the diocesan structures which will best serve this Mission.

OUTSIDE WORK AT ST MARK'S

We have been asked to provide some further information and plans to the diocese, and we'll keep you posted as things progress.



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.