

# ST ANTHONY & ST MARK'S

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) 3RD MAY 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 6:1-7	'They chose seven men full of the Holy Spirit..'
Psalm	Ps 33(32)	May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.
Reading 2	1 Peter 2:4-9	'But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.'
Acclamation	John 14:6	I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord.
		No one comes to the Father except through me
Gospel	John 14:1-12	'I am the way, and the truth, and the life.'

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Those who died recently:** Karen Mooney (funeral Fri 8th May 9.30am, St Mark's); Joseph McLachlan; Harry Burns; Alex Gorman.

**Anniversaries:** Mary, Jimmy & Thomas McLaughlin; Graeme Taylor; John & Julia Conway; Joseph Dooley; John Brennan; Arthur Kenny; Cathie Divers.

**Sick & housebound:** Arthur Kenny; 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.

### 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.

### RUTHERGLEN 900 STORIES OF FAITH PROJECT

As part of Rutherglen 900 celebrations, the local churches including ourselves are gathering 'Stories of Faith' to reflect the importance of faith to the story of our Burgh. These will form the basis of an art installation which will be on display from December this year. Can you give an time, place or situation where you were aware of your faith? Perhaps it is connected with our history, e.g. with the founding of our parish, or an important event, in your family or the parish? Please fill in and return the slip which is available at on the tables in both churches.

### MISSION APPEAL THANKS

Many thanks to everyone for your generosity in support of the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception last weekend: the collection totalled £1,925, a fantastic amount!

### WELCOME BACK FR CHRISTOPHER

We're very pleased to have Fr Christopher back with us in the parish after his successful stint at St Bride's in Cambuslang.

### PARISH FAMILY ENGAGEMENT TEAM MEETING UPDATE

The Team met last Sunday, with lots of enthusiasm and gratitude for everything achieved over the past few months.

- Little Miracles is going very well with stable leadership and enjoyable sessions. Numbers are still low, so the leaders will re-double their efforts to advertise. All little ones and carers most welcome on a Thursday 10-11.15am at St Mark's Hall!
- Children's Liturgy at St Mark's has very high numbers of kids and leaders; at St Anthony's it's currently a bit lower, and we really need some adult help! For both churches, we will begin to advertise the Children's Mass via Parent Portal at both primary schools.
- Annual Mass for Babies baptised over the past year: following the success of last year's event, one of the Jubilee legacy events, we'll go ahead once again in June. Fr Stephen will organise along with a team of the babies' parents.
- Parish day at Carfin Grotto: we've requested Friday 26th June as the date for our parish day, since it's the day after the schools break up and we'd love families to attend (as they did the very successful day last summer)
- Family retreat holiday summer 2027. We've had our eye on this idea for a while, and we'll speak to at Castlerigg Manor in the Lake District with a view to going ahead in summer '27.
- Ignite. Everyone was happy with how things went this year, and we're looking forward to celebrating the First Holy Communion and the Thanksgiving Masses over the next few weeks.

Well done to everyone and keep up the good work!

### PARISH TUTORING AND EXAMS

Good luck to all parishioners and friends who are undertaking exams during this time. The final few parish tutoring sessions are happening over the next couple of weeks: many thanks to all the tutors who once again have so generously given up their time week by week to support our young people to achieve their best.

### FOODBANK UPDATE

It has been a busy couple of weeks for our team of volunteers as they have supported **158 visitors**. Thanks to everyone who has donated items, they have all been distributed.

We are running low on some basics - tomatoes, pasta and toilet roll. If anyone can donate any of these items please leave them at the back of either Church, at Jingers or at Le Sorelle in Burnside.

Many thanks for your support, it is much appreciated.

### UPCOMING FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

We're very much looking forward to celebrating **First Holy Communion** 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

### 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://rcpolitics.org/scottish-parliament-election-2026/>.

### UPCOMING PARISH MEETING DATES

**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.

