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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) 30TH AUGUST 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	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

Every weekday/Saturday morning Mass is preceded by 30 mins of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

SUNDAY READINGS

Reading 1	Jeremiah 20:7-9	'The word of the Lord has become for me a reproach.'
Psalms	Ps 63(62)	For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.
Reading 2	Romans 12:1-2	'Present your bodies as a living sacrifice.'
Acclamation	Ephesians 1:17-18	May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which he has called us
Gospel	Matthew 16:21-27	'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself.'

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently: Thomas Murray; Jean Marley.

Anniversaries: Margaret Higgins

All sick and housebound of the Parish: Josephine Padden; Arthur Kenny; Joan Watt; Parick McCarry; Jimmy Mahon; Maureen Maguire; Michael Leslie; 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.

FR STEPHEN TRAVELLING TO UGANDA SOON

Fr Stephen is delighted that Bishop Toal has agreed for him to spend seven weeks in Uganda as a guest of Hoima Diocese, where several Scottish seminarians undertook parish placement this year. He'll be away from 21st September until 11th November after which he'll return to his current duties in the parish, schools and diocesan youth ministry. Fr Christopher will be in charge during his absence.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE FINAL MEETING

The parish pilgrimage to Rome will travel on Monday 14th September, returning Friday 18th Sept. We will be remembering the parish and your intentions in our prayers at the holy sites, and you are welcome to drop off petitions which we will leave at the tomb of St Peter in the Vatican. The final group meeting will take place this **Tuesday 1st Sept at 7.30pm** in the parish hall at St Anthony's, with some nice tea, coffee and sweet treats available.

FR CHRISTOPHER FIRST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION THIS WEEK

Fr Christopher celebrates the first anniversary of his priestly ordination this Thursday, 3rd September. We wish him warmest congratulations on this important occasion. The parish will celebrate the event twice this coming week:

- On Thursday morning itself, St Anthony's Primary School will celebrate Mass in the church with Fr Christopher at 9.30am. As always, all parishioners will be very welcome to join the school and parish in this First Thursday celebration.
- This coming Sunday 6th September, the 11.30am Mass at St Anthony's will be a celebratory one for Fr Christopher, with a Children's Mass and a special tea afterwards in the parish hall. All are welcome to join in.

DOORS OPEN DAY AT ST MARK'S THIS SATURDAY

We have teamed up with Open Doors Day 2026 to host a Doors Open Day at St Mark's this **Saturday 5th September from 10.30am—3.30pm**. There will be guided tours at 11am, 1pm and 3pm.

Our parishioners will be the hosts rather than the guests, can we therefore ask any available parishioners to consider coming along to welcome people, make teas etc? If you sign up to a 30-min or 1-hour slot, in that time you would be expected to: greet anyone who arrives and hand them a leaflet explaining the church and parish; offer them a cup of tea, and answer any questions they may have. A sign-up sheet is available to facilitate a rota for the day: you sign up for one or more 30-min slots.

ST MARK'S CUPPA CLUB RETURNS THIS WEDNESDAY

St Mark's Cuppa Club will be starting again on **Wednesday 2nd September** in St Mark's hall after the 9.30 morning mass. We look forward to seeing our regular group and also extend a warm invitation to anyone else who would like to join us.

CALLING ALL POTENTIAL CATHOLICS! ENQUIRY EVENING THIS THURSDAY

Have you ever thought about becoming a Catholic or wanted to know more about the Catholic faith? Consider this your personal invitation! We'll be holding a completely no-obligation enquiry evening this **Thursday 3rd September from 7-8pm** in St Mark's church house. Our team will outline the process involved, you'll hear from some of the people who undertook the process last year, and you'll have a chance to ask any questions you may have, all in an informal setting with nice cakes! You can also bring a friend for support. See you then. The parish RCIA team.

PARISH JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

The parish Justice & Peace group will meet this **Monday 31st August** at 16:45 in St Mark's sacristy. We will be planning the Trinity Caritas programme and looking at the Season of Creation. All welcome.

LIFETEEN TASTER SESSION NEXT SUNDAY

As you'll know, for the past two years we have been running a very successful and enjoyable group for teenagers using the LifeTeen programme from the USA. We'll be beginning again next Sunday, and would like to invite anyone who is in S2-S5 to consider coming along to a taster session, where you'll meet our team and teenagers, and experience one of our sessions which involve icebreakers, games, discussions and prayer. We'd also like your parents to come along that night so we can explain LifeTeen to them. The tasters session will be next Sunday 6th Sept from 6-7.15pm in the side chapel at St Anthony's.

ST MARK'S PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

The first meeting of the Parent Council will take place on Thursday 17th September at 6.15pm in the school. We invite any parent of a child in the school to attend the meeting, to hear about the plans for the year ahead and to help shape them.

MEDJUGORJE PRAYER GROUP

Invitation from Our Lady - Thursday 3 September On Thursday evening, a small group meet in St Anthony's, in answer to Our Lady's invitation to at Medjugorje: to join prayer groups. All welcome, meet 6:50pm, teas & coffees afterwards.

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2026-27

Confirmation: St Mark's: Monday 8th February, 7pm; St Anthony's: Tuesday 23rd February, 7pm
First Reconciliation: St Mark's Wednesday 10th March 6 pm; St Anthony's Thursday 4th March 6 pm
First Holy Communion: St Anthony's Saturday 8th May 11 am; St Mark's Saturday 15th May 11 am

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS

Fabric Committee: Tuesday 8th Sept, 5.30pm, St Anthony's side chapel
Pastoral Planning Team: Wednesday 9th Sept, St Mark's parish house

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