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Parish of the Diocese of Motherwell

Scottish Charity No. SC011041

All Masses in this Parish are livestreamed on YouTube

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) 20TH SEPTEMBER 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
(PLS NOTE)	Fri 9.30am at St Anthony's	Sun 5.00 pm at St Anthony's
	Sat 9.30am at St Anthony's	
HOLY ROSARY	Tue 6.30pm at St Anthony's (NOTE EARLIER TIME)	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	Isaiah 55:6-9	'My thoughts are not your thoughts.
Psalms	Ps 145(144)	The Lord is close to all who call him
Reading 2	Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a	'For to me to live is Christ.
Acclamation	Act 16: 14b	Open our hearts, O Lord, that we may pay attention to the words of your Son.
Gospel	Matthew 20:1-16	Do you begrudge my generosity?

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently: Mary Pattison — **Requiem Mass on Friday 25th, St Anthony's Church @ 9:30am;** Bruno Maslanka, James Doherty; Enda Bonner; Joseph Flannigan; Senga Jackson.

Anniversaries: Kathleen Doherty; Teresa Coyle;

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

HAIRMYRES HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

Fr Christopher Fumage will take over from Fr Colum Martin as Chaplain at University Hospital Hairmyres, East Kilbride, from 1st October. Many thanks to Fr Colum for his hard work over the past few years.

A reminder that if you are in hospital, you can request a visit from the Catholic chaplaincy team via the hospital staff. In case of emergency, all local priests take a turn on a rota, so there is always a priest available 24/7: the request for a priest should be made to the ward staff who will contact the switchboard who will in turn phone the on-call priest.

SEASON OF CREATION AND FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

The Season of Creation has begun throughout the Catholic Church and will run throughout the month of September, partly coinciding with Fairtrade Fortnight. Look out for special prayers of the faithful at Mass, and Rosary Service on Sunday 3rd October to mark the Feast day of St Francis of Assisi and the month of the Holy Rosary. The J&P group are running a raffle for a Fair Trade Hamper over the next few weeks. Tickets will be £1. Look out for these at weekend Masses.

SECOND COLLECTION THANKS

Thanking you in a special way for your contributions towards last weekend's second collection, which raised £545 for our seminarians studying in Rome. Please continue to prayer for them and all others who are discerning their vocation at this time.

SAFE JOURNEY FR STEPHEN

As you all already know, Fr Stephen Our parish priest will be travelling to Uganda for 7-weeks pastoral experience from Monday 21st September. We thank him most sincerely for all he does for our parish, and we wish him safe journey, a fruitful experience, and pray for his work with the community there. He will be very much missed and we look forward to welcoming him back. Please keep him in your prayers during this time away. **Swahili**— Mungu akulinde katika safari yako. (May God guard you on your journey).

WELCOME TO BISHOP JOHN TATA

This weekend at the Vigil Mass we are welcoming Fr Stephen's friend Bishop John Tata, who is in Europe for the induction course for new bishops in Rome. Bishop John was consecrated as Auxiliary Bishop of Bamenda in the English-speaking part of Cameroon, West Africa, in March. In the past he supplied in several parishes in our diocese, including Fr Stephen's old parish of St Bernadette's in Motherwell, and they were once joint chaplains on a parish pilgrimage to Lourdes. Welcome Bishop John!

INVITE TO RUTHERGLEN 900 CELEBRATION - 11th DECEMBER

As part of the Rutherglen 900 celebration, St Columbkille's Parish is hosting a Christmas Party with Lunch and live entertainment. It will take place on **Friday 11th December from 2pm to 7:30pm in St Columbkille's Parish Hall**. This is a ticketed event costing £20 per person. Parishioners from St Marks and St Anthony's and other local parishes are warmly invited to attend. If you would like to go, please give your name to either Fr Stephen or Fr Christopher as soon as possible. Thanks!

WEDNESDAY CUPPA CLUB RETURNS THIS WEEK

Cuppa Club resume this week on 23rd September: many thanks to the dedicated group which runs it.

A SPECIAL VISITOR FROM ROME THIS WEEK

The Diocese of Motherwell is delighted to welcome Archbishop Rino Fisichella, Pro-Prefect of the Vatican's Dicastery for Evangelisation, who will celebrate Holy Mass in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell, on **Thursday 24 September at 7.00pm**. Clergy, religious and lay faithful from across the Diocese are warmly invited to attend.

EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT JAMIE - April 2027

Our next theatre trip is EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT JAMIE! This will take place on **Thursday 29th of April 2027, @ 7:30, Kings Theatre**. Tickets are sold for £56.50 based on at least 20 of us going! Rows B and C.

Those interested can add their name and contact number to the list on the notice-board. Thanks and God bless!

RUTHERGLEN 900 STORIES OF FAITH

As you know, we have tried to be very involved in the Rutherglen 900 celebrations by e.g. hosting the Striding the Streets procession, the Doors Open Day, and Rutherglen 900 Bags of Kindness via the Foodbank.

We've been invited to take part in a project called Rutherglen 900 Stories of Faith, where local people share a memory which relates to faith and Rutherglen. It might be e.g. your First Communion day; or a person like Fr Allison; or a parish trip or pilgrimage; or the opening of one of our churches. These will be collected and turned into an art installation ahead of a Joint Carol Service for all the local churches on 10th December.

The 900 Stories of Faith sheets are available at the back of the church/in the porch, please fill them in and return to the box over the next couple of weeks: the deadline is the October school holidays, Friday 9th October. Many thanks.

PARISH TUTORING SERVICE NOW ACCEPTING REGISTRATION

We're delighted to announce that our free parish tutoring will this year be offering Maths and Biology, to Nat 5 and Higher level. You can choose which one you'd like to receive support in by using this Google doc: , or by contacting Charlotte at stanthonystmark@gmail.com. You can find more detail about the registration via this link: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSlkWdsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAa_bL1czRUQjJKMkRWOEhHSIhYWEVWSIFEVzBaMTJaRy4u

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

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME THANKS

Thanks to all who participated in this years pilgrimage to Rome and especially to Audrey for organising the pilgrimage and Fr Stephen who acted as chaplain and tour guide. Highlights included the papal audience on Wednesday, and a guided tour of the Catacombs of St Calixtus.

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.

