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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) 6TH 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
	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	Ezekiel 33:7-9	'If you do not speak to warn the wicked, his blood I will require at your hand.'
Psalms	Ps 95(94)	O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'
Reading 2	Romans 13:8-10	'Love is the fulfilling of the law.'
Acclamation	Corinthians 5:19	God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
Gospel	Matthew 18:15-20	'If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.'

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently: Jean Marley - Reception of the body, 6th of Sept, 6pm at St Marks, and Requiem Mass at 10:30am on Monday 7th.

Month's Mind: Theresa Cononico

Anniversaries: Gerry McLaughlin;

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; Michael Drummond.

FOODBANK NEWS

Our wonderful team of volunteers has supported 255 visitors to our Foodbank over the past three weeks. We have been fortunate to be able to help each one of them thanks to generous support from the Parish and the community. With the change in the weather we are looking to offer some Cuppa Soups, so if anyone could pick up a box and drop them into the collection points in both Churches, or at Jingers or Le Sorelle in Burnside, that would be much appreciated. Massive thanks to everyone for their support and to our team, for all you do to make our Foodbank the success it is.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN TODAY

The National Pilgrimage at the National Shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes, Carfin, will take place today, Sunday 6 September 2026. Holy Mass will be celebrated at the Shrine at 3.00pm. Everyone is most welcome.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: SEMINARIANS

Next Sunday we'll take up the annual collection for those studying for priesthood in the Diocese of Motherwell. Joining the two current seminarians in Rome this year will be three new men who completed their propaedeutic period in Salamanca this summer. Please continue to pray for our seminarians as they discern God's will for them.

FR CHRISTOPHER FIRST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION TODAY

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

Today, **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.

ST ANTHONY'S PRIMARY SUMMER FAYRE TODAY

St Anthony's holds its summer fayre today, **Sunday 6th Sept**, from 12.30pm., and all parishioners are warmly invited along. It will feature games, a bouncy castle, stalls, treats, music and more. They will also be selling raffle tickets in the porch before and after 11.30am Mass today. Please head along and support our wee school!

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.

LIFETEEN TASTER SESSION TODAY

A reminder that the taster session for LifeTeen, our parish group for S2-5, is on today, **Sunday 6th Sept from 6-7.15pm** in the side chapel at St Anthony's. 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 so we can explain LifeTeen to them.

MARTHA AND MARY'S AFTERNOON LUNCH CLUB THIS MONDAY

Martha and Mary's lunch club is on this coming **Monday, 7th**, in St Anthony's, 12.30-3pm. A lovely lunch will be provided along with games and entertainment. Thanks to the organising team for this wonderful initiative.

HAIRMYRES HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

Fr Christopher Furmage 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.

A SPECIAL VISITOR FROM ROME

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**.

This will be a special opportunity for the people of the Diocese to welcome Archbishop Fisichella to Motherwell and to gather with him in prayer. Clergy, religious and lay faithful from across the Diocese are warmly invited to attend.

DOORS OPEN DAY THANKS

Many thanks to everyone who came along to welcome visitors and parishioners alike to yesterday's Doors Open Day. Events such as this are priceless in our quest to communicate with our surrounding community and to be an outward-looking, missionary parish.

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.

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 6pm; St Anthony's: Thursday 4th March 6pm

First Holy Communion: St Anthony's: Saturday 8th May 11am; St Mark's: Saturday 15th May 11am

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

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.

