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TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 15TH SEPTEMBER 2024

HOLY MASS	Tues	7.00 pm at St Anthony's	5.00 pm Vigil at St Mark's
	Wed	9.30 am at St Mark's	Sun 10.00 am at St Mark's
	Thu	9.30 pm at St Anthony's	Sun 11.30 am at St Anthony's
	Fri	9.30 am at St Mark's	Sun 5.00 pm at St Anthony's
	Sat	9.30 am at St Anthony's	
	HOLY ROSARY	Tues	6.30 pm at St Anthony's
Thu		NO ROSARY at St Anthony's	Sat 9.10am at St Anthony's
CONFESSION		Sat 9-9.20am St Anthony's	Sat 4.30-4.50pm St Mark's

SUNDAY READINGS

Reading 1	Isa 50:5-9	I offered my back to those who struck me.
Psalms	Ps 114: 1-6. 8-9 r.9	I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.
Reading 2	Jas 2:14-18	If good works do not go with faith, it is quite dead.
Gospel Acclamation	I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me.	
Gospel	Mark 8:27-35	You are the Christ. The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently, especially: Anne Smith; Maureen Guild; Jamie Allison; Mary Connaghan; Gertie Robertson; Liz Swinton; James Owen; Mary McLaughlin; Patrick Shearin; Matthew Lyden; Patrick McBride; Joe McGaughan; John Kelly

Anniversaries: Susan Ayre; Antonio Pinto; Edward O'Reilly; Gerry McLaughlin

All sick and housebound of the Parish: Erin Lavery; Beatrice Hannah; Pauline Mahon; Mary McColgan; Ella Connolly, Isa Daniels, Finn McGuinness, Hope McKenna, May O'Donnell, Margaret Rice; Sandra Morgan; Neil Morton; Steven Murphy

COMMUNITY CHOIR HAS RESUMED: PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING!

Our parish is blessed in its music ministry, not least because of the Community Choir, which rehearses every Thursday evening from 7-8pm at St Mark's, and which provides singers for the various Masses across the weekend. Having a weekly rehearsal really raises the standard on a Sunday and allows us to introduce new pieces instead of the repertoire becoming stale. Please do consider coming along: it's great fun and it welcomes people at all stages of confidence and expertise.

THIS SUNDAY: VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK AND COLLECTION FOR SEMINARIANS

As this is vocations awareness week, there will be a second collection taken up this weekend to support our diocesan seminarians in their studies. They are Christopher at Oscott College in Birmingham; and Kieran, Matthew and Aidan at the Scots College in Rome. Please also keep them in your prayers as they discern whether the Lord is calling them to diocesan priesthood. Please also take away one of the specially-prepared prayer cards which are available in the church porch.

JUSTICE AND PEACE CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING SERIES

Our parish Justice and Peace Group will soon be hosting a workshop series on Catholic Social Teaching, which has been described as 'the Church's best kept secret'. CST gives us practical Gospel-based principles which can be applied to all aspects of daily life and wider society. The series will begin on Thursday 3rd October at 7.30pm—on the theme of "In His Image and Likeness: Human Dignity as the Foundation of Catholic Social teaching" - and continue on Thu 24th Oct and Thu 21st Nov, all in the side chapel at St Anthony's. Sessions will be led by Anne Marie Clements from J&P Scotland. All most welcome.

PARISH FAMILY FUN DAY TODAY

Everyone is very warmly invited to our Parish Family Fun Day today running on from the 11.30 Mass at St Anthony's. Featuring stalls, burger van, tombola, raffle, facepainting, home baking, arts & crafts and special prize raffle with tickets for hospitality/seats in the director's box at Celtic Park. The 11.30 Mass will be a Children's Mass. The event's main purpose is outreach and celebration rather than fundraising, but we'll be delighted to donate all proceeds to Kilbryde Hospice and Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Scotland. Please support the organising team with your presence and enthusiasm!

RCIA ENQUIRY EVENING THIS THURSDAY

We are beginning the annual journey in the towards Easter by inviting anyone who would like to know more about our faith and possibly to be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil to join us. Perhaps you yourself want to learn more about the Catholic faith and join the Church. Maybe your husband or wife been considering this, and could you encourage them to take the first step? Do you know anyone in our community who would like to know more about us? Please encourage them to get in touch, and in particular to come along if they're free to a completely no-obligation enquiry evening this **Thursday 19th Sept** at 7-8pm in St Mark's parish house, where there will be hospitality and a chance to chat over the process.

DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULTS GROUP NEXT SUNDAY

Please join the diocesan young adults group on Sunday 22nd September in Motherwell Cathedral at 7.30pm. We will spend some time in prayer and then gather afterwards to socialise in the Railway Tavern. It is a really great night spent with a lively group of young people. Fr Stephen will be going along and will be able to give you a lift: just let him know.

BONGOS BINGO FUNRAISER FOR FR STEPHEN'S LOURDES GROUP THIS SATURDAY 21ST

If you're at a loose end next Saturday night, Fr Stephen's Lourdes group (Group 89) are holding a Bongos Bingo in St Peter's church hall in Hamilton from 7pm. Entry is £15 and this includes snacks and the bingo books. It should be a great fun night. Fr Stephen will be driving over, so please let him know if you'd like a lift.

SCHOOL SINGING PROGRAMME MASS OF THANKSGIVING

A Mass of Thanksgiving for the work of the Motherwell School Singing Programme will be celebrated by Bishop Toal in Motherwell Cathedral on Tuesday 17th September at 6.30 pm. At this Mass, a choir of pupils from St Benedict's, St Rose of Lima, St Francis of Assisi, St Bridget's, St Brendan's, Cathedral and St Bernadette's, will be led by the Diocesan Choral Director, James Greechan.

JUSTICE & PEACE SCOTLAND CARITAS PILOT PROJECT

We are very excited to be the first parish in Scotland working with Justice and Peace Scotland on a national pilot involving our young parishioners undertaking their Caritas Award. You'll be hearing from the group over the next few months as they invite you to learn, pray and act in the vital issue of human trafficking and modern slavery. Our first gathering with them will be on **Sunday 22nd Sept.** at 6pm in St Mark's parish house. If you are undertaking Caritas but are not at Trinity, you are warmly invited to join the group. Please keep our young parishioners in your prayers.

IONA PILGRIMAGE MEETING

The parish pilgrimage to Iona will be from Friday 4th-Sunday 6th October, There will be a final meeting for all pilgrims on **Tuesday 17th Sept** from 6-7pm in the side chapel of St Anthony's, to go over the programme and have any questions answered.

FABRIC COMMITTEE MEETING 24TH SEPTEMBER

The committee will meet at 5.45 pm in the side chapel at St Anthony's on Tuesday 24th Sept. Ongoing projects include secondary glazing, carpeting and enhanced disabled access for St Mark's Church, and fire safety procedures for both churches. If you have any other ideas or issues you'd like raised, please let us know or come along on the night.

FOODBANK NEWS

We have welcomed 203 visitors to our Foodbank's over the past two weeks. As always we want to thank everyone who has donated via the Parish, The City Charitable Trust and the many residents who support our work. We must also thank the ASN group at Life-styles for their kind donations. We were delighted to receive a donation from a local company via the South Lanarkshire Council Community Wish List programme. We appreciate everyone's kindness. The focus for the next two weeks is shower gel. If anyone can donate please leave in the usual drop off points. Many thanks for your continued support.

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 the QR code.

