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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C) 12TH JANUARY 2025

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 30 mins before weekday/Saturday Masses

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 9.30 am at St Anthony's (funeral)	Sun 11.30 am at St Anthony's	
	Fri 9.30 am at St Mark's	Sun 2.00pm St Anthony's (Syro-Malabar Qurbana)	
	Sat 9.30 am at St Anthony's	Sun 5.00 pm at St Anthony's	
HOLY ROSARY	Tue 6.30 pm 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

SUNDAY READINGS

Reading 1	Isaiah 40:1	Prepare the way of the Lord.
Psalms	Ps 72	Bless the Lord, O my soul! My God, how great you are!
Reading 2	Titus 2:11	He saved us by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.
Acclamation	Luke 3:16	He who is mightier than I is coming, said John. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
Gospel	Luke 3:15	When Jesus had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently, especially: Janet Gallagher; Ernie Scally

Anniversaries: Tony Reilly; Edward Lawrie; Jean Little; Jim McLaughlan; In McDougall

Sick & housebound : Steve Kolbay; Tim Kolbay; Rose McCorley; Patrick Gallagher; Catherine Scott; 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.

SALT PROCESS UPDATE

On Friday our primary schools had a visit from some important visitors from Australia, Ireland and Spain. One was Anne-Marie Irwin, who is the founder of the SALT process for religious education, which she has introduced successfully in several diocese in Australia. Our two primary schools are—alongside St Timothy's in Coatbridge—the first schools in the UK to pilot this new method of teaching RE, and we will be rolling out the process over the next few months. Anne-Marie and team demonstrated the process and resources with 6 classes and both staff and pupils really enjoyed her input. Please pray for the success of this new initiative.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

If you know of anyone who isn't able to attend Mass and who would like a visit from Fr Stephen and to receive Holy Communion weekly from a Minister of Holy Communion, please be in touch using the contact details in the box at the top of this page.

CARITAS AWARD JUSTICE & PEACE SCOTLAND CAMPAIGN

As you know the Caritas Award pupils who are in S6 have been working on a project to raise awareness of Catholic Social Teaching and its application to the issue of human trafficking and modern slavery. The final part of their project is a social media campaign, so look out for their posts and updates on our parish social media platforms.

WELCOME DEACON CHRISTOPHER!

Our new parish deacon Christopher Igwe took up residence at St Mark's on Friday, and the whole parish is delighted that he is spending his diaconal months with us. Deacon Christopher will be with us ministering in both churches throughout the first half of the year, before God-willing being ordained as a priest at some point in the latter half of 2025.

JUSTICE AND PEACE SUNDAY SECOND COLLECTION THANKS

Last week's collection totalled £752: many thanks to all who contributed.

JUBILEE HOLY YEAR PASTORAL PLANNING TEAM

The Holy Year is under way, and we are invited to think about how our parish can mark this event of grace, which as Pope Francis says, should act as a springboard for pastoral growth. You are invited to a launch where Fr Stephen will present some of the principles of the Jubilee and some of the proposed initiatives at national and diocesan, level and we will form a group to plan the year ahead: this will be held this **Monday 13th January** at 7-8pm in St Mark's parish house. All welcome.

SSVP AND FOODBANK THANKS

Our parish St Vincent de Paul group and parish Foodbank both received very generous, often anonymous, donations over the Christmas period and would like to thank these donors most sincerely.

ST MARK'S ALTAR SERVER ROBES THANKS

Many thanks to those who organised and contributed to fundraising efforts which paid for new robes for the altar servers at St Mark's, which were much needed. The servers are enjoying looking the part!

TUTORING HAS RECOMMENCED

Our free parish tutoring service has resumed after the Christmas break. We offer Maths, Biology and History: please email the parish for info re availability and how to apply. Many thanks to the volunteer tutors for their generosity of time and spirit.

PARISH HOLY YEAR SALAMANCA PILGRIMAGE: WHY NOT JOIN US?

20 parishioners & friends as well as Fr Stephen are now booked to travel to the Royal Scots College in Salamanca, Spain, from **20th—27th September**, and you can still come along if you get in touch soon. The Scots College is a fabulous setting in a stunning city, and we'll also be going on day trips to Avila, Segovia and Valladolid. . The cost is likely to be around £950 half board (depending on flight price at the time of booking). Please get in touch asap if you wish to find out more or to book: speak to Fr Stephen, or Marjorie McAuley (07771939696), or Anne Marie Cairns at ALBA Tours (info@albatours.co.uk, or 01698 262941). Non-parishioners also most welcome.

IGNITE CLUB FOR FIRST COMMUNICANTS BEGINNING TODAY!

As announced in the autumn, this year our parish will be joining many others across the diocese in launching the Ignite Club, a parish-based club for children preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. The first session will take place today **Sunday, 12th January from 10.50-11.45am** in St Mark's Church, and the same session will run the following **Sunday, 19th January**, in the side chapel of **St Anthony's** from **12.20-1.15pm**. The other dates (same times) are as follows:
Session 2: Sunday 26th January at St Mark's; and Sunday 2nd February at St Anthony's
Session 3: Sunday 9th February at St Mark's; and Sunday 23rd February at St Anthony's
Session 4: Sunday 2nd March at St Mark's; and Sunday 9th March at St Anthony's
Session 5: Sunday 16th March at St Mark's; and Sunday 23rd March at St Anthony's
Session 6: Parish Easter Family Day Sunday 20th April 12.30-2pm at St Anthony's

Parish volunteers will help the children prepare for the sacrament, using the church itself as a teaching resource and having lots of fun along the way. The volunteer group will meet today, Sunday 5th January, after the 11.30am Mass at St Anthony's.

DAY OF REFLECTION ON THE FINAL DOCUMENT ON THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Bishop Brian McGee of Argyll and the Isles has kindly agreed to come to Motherwell on **Tuesday 21st January** to share his experience of participating in the Synod on Synodality in Rome in October 2023 and October 2024. He will take part in two gatherings here:

- Afternoon Session for Clergy from 2- 4pm in St Bride's Centre, Motherwell.
- Evening Session for everyone from **7-9pm**. The location is still to be confirmed. Our parish is invited to send two delegates from their parish, and others are free to attend: please let Fr Stephen know if you'd like to go along.

CRIB COLLECTION FOR ST MARGARET CHILDREN AND FAMILY CARE

All moneys from the cribs will be sent to St Margaret Children and Family Care.

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.

