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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) 9TH FEBRUARY 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 & 7pm St Anthony's (Confirmation)	Sun 10.00 am at St Mark's
	Thu 9.30 am at St Anthony's	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 6:1-2a, 3-8	Here I am! Send me.
Psalms	Ps 138(137):1-2a.	In the presence of the angels I praise you, O Lord.
Reading 2	1 Cor 15:1-11	So we preach and so you believed.
Acclamation	Matthew 4:19	Follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of men.
Gospel	Luke 5:1-11	They left everything and followed him.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently, especially: Catherine Flynn; Andrew McPeake; Eamon McBrearty; James Orr; Margo Brogan; Marilyn Kayes; Jeanette Cairney Smith; Brendan Boyle; Jim McGinn.

Anniversaries: Francisca Andre Júlio, James McCurdy

Sick & household: 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; Sandra Burke.

CHURCH WORKERS SOCIAL FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

One of the parish Holy Year initiatives is a Church Workers' Social, which will be held in the Burnside Hotel on the evening of Friday 21st February. **Please collect your personal invitation** from the tables in prominent locations in the church or porch & reply asap.

IGNITE CLUB FOR FIRST COMMUNICANTS TODAY AT ST MARK'S

Session 3 takes place today, Sunday 9th February from 10.50-11.45pm. at St Mark's. Thanks to the children who have attended so far, and to their parents for their support and encouragement, as well as the leadership and hospitality team.

Ignite will take a break next weekend for the school holiday weekend, before resuming with session 3 at St Anthony's on Sunday 23rd February.

DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT EVENING TONIGHT (SUNDAY) 7.30PM MOTHERWELL CATHEDRAL

The monthly diocesan gathering of young adults takes place this evening at the Cathedral in Motherwell. The event begins with a talk followed by prayer time with excellent music led by Kris Thomas from the diocesan music group. The young people and leadership team are then invited to spend some social time catching up in the Railway Tavern. It's a really relaxed and enjoyable evening, and a good way to meet others who are trying to live out their faith. The age range is approx. S6 pupils to mid-twenties.

MARY'S MEALS VISITING THIS WEEKEND

You'll no doubt be aware of the work of this famous Scottish charity which began in a shed in Argyll and grew to feed over a million children daily. This weekend, Fr Stephen's old friend Tony Begley will be visiting the parish to represent Mary's Meals, giving an update on their work providing school meals to children living in poverty around the world. A bucket collection will be taken up as you leave Mass if you would like to support this important cause. Mary's Meals would also appreciate your prayers for their work.

ST ANTHONY'S CONFIRMATION THIS WEDNESDAY

Pupils in Primary 7 at St Anthony's Primary will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Mass in St Anthony's Church this Wednesday evening at 7pm. They have been working hard and preparing well for the Sacrament, and received an enjoyable visit from Bishop Toal to their classroom a couple of weeks ago. With the numbers being small, we would invite and encourage parishioners to attend the Mass, to support and pray for the children: it's a simple and beautiful Mass lasting no more than an hour. Through the Ignite club etc this year we've been trying to underline that sacramental preparation is the joint work of the school, home and parish, so by attending you can play your part as a parish.

RCIA TEACHING SESSIONS OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS: CONTINUES THIS WEEK

All sessions are open to the whole parish and to non-parishioners to help increase your faith and knowledge. The current planned dates and topics are as follows (all sessions **7pm—8.15pm** at St Anthony's side chapel):

Thursday 13th February: Mary, the first and model disciple

Thursday 20th February: Is Baptism necessary for salvation? Is there hope for non-Christians?

Thursday 6th March: More than a symbol? What do Catholics believe we receive in Holy Communion?

SAVE THE DATE: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE FRIDAY 7TH MARCH

The World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical initiative which brings churches and parishioners together in prayer and friendship. As committed members of Rutherglen Churches Together, our parish is very happy to participate in and promote this excellent and longstanding initiative. This year, the service, will take place at Cambuslang Parish Church on Friday 7th March at 2pm. The service this year has been planned by women in the Cook Islands. All parishioners are warmly invited and encouraged to attend. Many thanks are due to Margaret who is our new parish representative on the organising group.

SAVE THE DATE: TAIZÉ EVENING OF PRAYER AND SONG 12TH MARCH

The Community Choir and Justice and Peace Group are organising a parish Taizé worship evening for peace on Wednesday 12th March at 7pm at St Mark's. If you enjoyed Carols by Candlelight you'll love this, as it has a very similar atmosphere with the candlelit Taizé cross, reflective readings, reflection and above all the beautiful and world-famous Taizé chants. Our theme will be Pilgrims of Hope, following the theme of the Jubilee Year. We will also be inviting the local churches of various denominations to join us. All parishioners and non-parishioners are warmly invited.

WORLD DAY FOR MARRIAGE TODAY Sunday 9th February 2025

The Scottish Bishops Marriage, Family and Life Commission invite all parishes to celebrate World Marriage Day this Sunday 9 February. Held on the Sunday closest to St. Valentine's Day, World Marriage Day is a beautiful opportunity to reflect on the blessing of married love. On World Day for Marriage we pray for married couples that God may daily give them the strength and energy to support one another and their families. We especially pray that those who are experiencing difficulties in their relationship may seek help, either from diocesan marriage counsellors Marriage Counselling | Marriage and Family Life or from organisations such as Retrouvaille www.retrouvaille.org.uk

FOODBANK NEWS

Our teams of volunteers welcomed 96 visitors to our two Foodbanks this week. Everyone was supported thanks to the ongoing kindness of our parishioners, The City Charitable Trust and the many local residents who assist us on a weekly basis.

We must say a huge thank you to the staff and pupils at Loch Primary school. Ms Simpson and her team gave us a very generous donation of food items this week.

Thanks also to the ASN group at Lifestyles for their donations and to the staff for their most generous donation. We are so grateful to everyone for their continued support.

This week we are looking for baby wipes, nappies, size 4-6, rice, pasta, shower gel and jam.

Donations can be left at the back of both Churches as well as at Jingers and at Le Sorelle in Burnside.

Thank you all very much.

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/Christopher & to receive Holy Communion weekly from a Minister of Holy Communion, please be in touch using the contact details in the box at the front of the bulletin.

DAY BY DAY BOOKLETS FOR FEBRUARY

These are now available in the porch of both churches priced £1.50 : they are especially useful for readers getting used to the new translation of the readings!

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.

