

# ST ANTHONY & ST MARK'S

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## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (C) 16TH MARCH 2025

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

<b>HOLY MASS</b>	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	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	<b>HOLY HOUR</b> Friday 4-5 pm
<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>	Tue 6.30 pm at St Anthony's	<b>HOLY ROSARY</b> Sat 9.00 am at St Anthony's
<b>CONFESSION</b>	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	Genesis 15:5-12	God enters into a covenant with Abram, the man of faith.
Psalms	Ps 27(26):1	The Lord is my light and my salvation.
Reading 2	Philippians 3:17	Christ will configure us to his glorious body.
Acclamation		From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'.
Gospel	Luke 9:28b-36	As Jesus was praying, the appearance of his face was altered.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Those who died recently, especially:** Hugh Hendry; Shaun Martin McClafferty; Veronica Toner; Mary Dysart (Divers); John Sweeney  
**Anniversaries:** John & Eilan Keenan; Sheena McCurdy; Frank McCurdy  
**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; Sandra Burke.

### LENT 2025

**Lenten Mass** will be celebrated at St Anthony's Primary every Thursday during Lent on a Thursday morning at 8.30am; and every Friday morning at 8.30am at St Mark's Primary. These Masses are open to all parishioners. There are also two Masses in Trinity High.  
**Stations of the Cross** will be celebrated on a Tuesday evening at 6.30pm at St Anthony's. As always, we're looking for parish groups to lead the Stations each week: can you please let Fr Stephen/Christopher know if your group can help?  
**A Holy Hour** will be held on Fridays from 4-5 pm at St Mark's, with silence, reflections, Sacrament of Reconciliation and Benediction.

### ST MARK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL CULTURE AND DIVERSITY WEEK THIS WEEK

Would you like to come into our school to share knowledge of your culture? Maybe you have lived out with Scotland before and you could show our pupils some photographs and talk to them about the weather, traditions, and cultures? If you are keen to participate in any of these events, please email Mrs Livingston on [gw16livingstonlucyan@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw16livingstonlucyan@glow.sch.uk) or phone the school on 0141 634 4238.

### SPACE EASTER EGG AND TINA SHOW DEADLINES

Many thanks to all who have contributed to the Easter egg appeal. Eggs will be uplifted on the weekend of 22nd—23rd March. The cut-off date for tickets for the Tina Turner show is the weekend of 28th and 29th March.

### WELLSPRING PARISH RENEWAL UPDATE

5 of us represented the parish at the diocesan Wellspring Parish Renewal Forum in Motherwell, and we were heartened that many of the initiatives begun by other parishes who—like us—are undertaking parish renewal via the diocesan Wellspring process are under way in our parish, e.g. Alpha; Foodbank; Ignite Club; LifeTeen; Caritas Award J&P project.

Several renewal projects suggested by our Holy Year Jubilee Team and Parish Family Team have also made progress in the past week or two: the debut of the Little Miracles group; the Taize service; the new SALT RE materials arriving in both primary schools; the provision of Confession for adults at First Reconciliation; Adoration via the Friday Holy Hour.

Keep up the good work everyone! Our wee parish is going places!

### SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS FUND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

We will be taking up a second collection to support the sick and retired priests of our diocese this weekend: please be generous in supporting the clergy who have served us so well in years and decades past.

### LITTLE MIRACLES PARISH BABIES' & TODDLERS' GROUP CONTINUES THIS THURSDAY 20TH MARCH

Our new parish Babies and Toddlers Group continues on Thursday from 9.30am—11 am at St Mark's parish hall. All babies and toddlers—parishioners or non parishioners—are most welcome, along with their parents, grandparents or whoever is looking after them. An optional donation of £1.50 per family to cover costs would be gratefully received. Many thanks to all parishioners for the support and prayers for the success of this exciting new initiative.

### DIOCESAN YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMIT SATURDAY 12TH APRIL



All parishioners who are currently working with teenagers or young adults, or who are interested in how we can nurture our young people's faith, are warmly invited to the first diocesan Youth Ministry Summit on the 12th of April. This is a free event, fully sponsored by the Diocese of Motherwell.

The theme is 'Next Generation Discipleship - Embrace, Empower, Evangelise', focusing on how to accompany young people and ignite faith in the hearts of the next generation in the time and culture that we find ourselves in. There will be talks and training to help equip parish leaders with tools, confidence and inspiration to evangelise young people effectively in their parishes. Lunch will be provided and there will be time to discuss joys and apprehensions that come with ministering to our young people. You can register using the QR code to the left of this notice, or by emailing [mishal@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:mishal@rcdom.org.uk)

### TAIZE EVENING THANKS

Many thanks to all who organised the very successful and beautiful Taizé service, which was well attended by over 100 people: to the Community Choir, parish Justice and Peace Group, and Cuppa Club. We're already looking forward to next year!

### FIRST RECONCILIATION AT ST MARK'S

Our parishioners who are in primary 3 at St Mark's Primary will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Thursday 20th March at 6pm in the church. As always, this is a parish as well as school event, and all parishioners are welcome to attend and to pray for the children. The children are also looking for prayer partners: please sign up on the board at the back of the church.

### FOODBANK NEWS

Our fabulous volunteers have supported 197 families over the past two weeks. Massive thanks to them for all they do to prepare and deliver food to the large numbers of people we have visiting.

Thanks as always to our Parishioners, The City Charitable Trust, many local residents and The ASN group from Lifestyles for their support. We could not function without this.

We are running low on baby wipes, rice, and nappies- sizes 5 & 6. We would also appreciate some Cadbury crème eggs so that we have treats for the children who will visit over the school holidays.

Donations can be left at the back of both Churches, at Jingers and at Le Sorelle Home & Gift Boutique.

Many thanks.

### SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL DEANERY MASS THANKS

Congratulations to our parish SSVP group for hosting the Deanery Mass and meeting last Tuesday evening at the 7pm Mass. The Community Choir were in fine voice, and led a rendition of Dear St Vincent, which was much appreciated by SSVP members. Hospitality was provided by the ladies who run the Sunday café. Well done to all.

### IGNITE CLUB FOR FIRST COMMUNICANTS CONTINUES THIS WEEK

The Ignite Club for First Communicants continues at St Mark's' today, Sunday 16th March, from 10.50-11.45am.

**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.

