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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) 2ND MARCH 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
ASH WEDNESDAY: 9.30am at St Anthony's and 7pm 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 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	Sirach 27:4-7	Do not praise a man before you hear him reason.
Psalms	Ps 103Ps	It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord
Reading 2	1 Corinthians 15	He gives us the victory through Jesus Christ.
Acclamation	Phil 2:15d	Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life
Gospel	Luke 6:39-45	Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently, especially: Margaret Gillen (funeral Thursday 6th March 9.30am, St Anthony's); Catherine McCreadie;
Anniversaries: Bill Collins; Catherine Anderson; Edward MacDonald
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 Message from Bishop Toal:

As we keep Ash Wednesday this week as a Day of Fasting and Abstinence, we resolve to mark the 40 Days of Lent well through the traditional disciplines of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. May the Lord strengthen our will to follow in his footsteps and to leave aside all sin and selfishness and to grow in faith, hope, and love. In this Jubilee Year we are Pilgrims of Hope, following the Lord's Way of the Cross through Lent in order to experience again the Joy of the Resurrection at Easter.

May the Lord be with you all and bless your Lenten Journey. +Joseph

(Fr Stephen adds): This year we also have the privilege of accompanying 6 parishioners who have following our RCIA process since September and who are presenting themselves for Baptism at the Easter Vigil: please pray for them.

On **Ash Wednesday**, Mass and distribution of Ashes will be celebrated at **9.30am at St Anthony's and 7pm at St Mark's**.

Extra Masses in both primary schools and Trinity High will advised next weekend.

FIRST RECONCILIATION THIS THURSDAY 6PM AT ST ANTHONY'S

Lent begins in the parish with a special celebration at St Anthony's: First Reconciliation for the pupils of primary 3 on Thursday evening. Once again we are stressing that this is a parish celebration: please consider coming along to support the children and their families; as a Holy Year/Jubilee initiative there will also be visiting priests for you to celebrate the sacrament yourself should you wish.

WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE LAUNCHES

On Ash Wednesday, SCIAF launches the Wee Box, Big Change appeal. This year's Lent Appeal focuses on the country of Colombia. In Colombia, violence lurks around every corner, displacing families, forcing children into crime, and leaving communities dominated by armed gangs. In Choco, the poorest region, people face poverty, conflict and isolation, and feel forgotten by the world. This Lent, in this Jubilee year, let's give in hope and use your WEE BOX to make a BIG CHANGE. To find out more, please visit sciaf.org.uk/weebox or call 0141 354 5555. **The WEE BOX packs are available in both churches this weekend.**

FR STEPHEN HAS A NEW JOB!

Fr Stephen has been appointed chaplain to Trinity High School, where he'll be assisted by Deacon Christopher. He was previously assistant chaplain to the school, helping Comboni Missionary Fr Paul Annis, who has been tasked by his superiors with completing a 9-month missionary orientation course in Rome before taking up a new appointment. Many sincere thanks are due to Fr Paul for his unstinting generosity of time and spirit to the school, his gentleness and wisdom. We wish him every blessing for the future.

LITTLE MIRACLES PARISH BABIES' & TODDLERS' GROUP STARTING THIS THURSDAY 6TH MARCH

Our new parish Babies and Toddlers Group begins this **Thursday 6th March** from 9.30am—11am 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. There will be toys and activities available for the children, and some simple hospitality for the adults. We'll finish with some singing around the parachute. An optional donation of £1.50 per family to cover costs would be gratefully received. The core team will meet again today, Sunday 2nd March at 12:45pm at St. Mark's Hall: please feel free to join them, we could definitely use a few more helpers. Many thanks for your support and prayers for the success of this exciting new initiative.

RCIA TEACHING SESSIONS CONCLUDE THIS WEEK

Many thanks to Deacon Christopher for leading last week's session on Confirmation. The sessions conclude this Thursday evening. Once again, the session is open to the whole parish and to non-parishioners to help increase your faith and knowledge. The theme of the final session, this **Thursday 6th March 7pm—8.15pm** at St Anthony's side chapel, is:

More than a symbol? What do Catholics believe we receive in Holy Communion?

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE THIS FRIDAY 7TH MARCH

This year, the service, will take place at Cambuslang Parish Church this **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.

CARITAS AWARD JUSTICE AND PEACE PROJECT SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN AND THANKS

The parish Caritas Award J&P project has come to its conclusion.

A huge thanks and congratulations is due to the Caritas Award group of S6 pupils who have given so generously of their time, effort and passion to make the project a success. We do hope they have found the project enriching. Sincere thanks to Anne Marie Clements from Justice and Peace Scotland for her leadership, and the parish J&P team for making this exciting initiative a reality.

LENT DAY BY DAY BOOKLETS AND FONTES AVAILABALE IN PORCH

Day by Day— priced £1.50—contains the readings for each day of Lent, especially helpful for readers and daily Mass-goers.

Fontes magazine is free of charge, and contains news items and features from across the diocese in a colourful format.

PARSH FABRIC COMMITTEE MEETING

The committee will meet in the side chapel at St Anthony's parish this **Tuesday 4th February at 5.45pm**. Feel free to join us as we continue to consider and plan the priorities for ensuring our parish properties are warm, welcoming and comfortable.

WELLSPRING DIOCESAN RENEWAL FORUM: PLEASE COME ALONG

The first Wellspring Parish Renewal Event is coming up soon, on **Monday, 10th March at 7pm** in **St Bernadette's Parish Hall, Motherwell**. Parish groups, led by their clergy (including Fr Stephen and Deacon Christopher), will gather for a time of prayer, reflection, and discussion. Three parishes will share their renewal journey so far, and there will be time for reflection and discussion.

FOODBANK NEWS

Thanks to the continued generosity of our Parishioners, The City Charitable Trust and the many local donors our volunteers were able to support all 92 visitors who came the Foodbanks this week.

We are running low on Nappies- sizes 4 & 5, baby wipes, rice and some cuppa soups. With Easter in mind we are asking if you could donate some Cadbury Easter Eggs for the children who will visit us with their families. Any other treats would also be most welcome. This will enable us to build up our treat stock for the holidays. Donations can be left in the usual places- back of both Churches, at Le Sorelle Home & Gift Boutique and at Jingers in Burnside. Many thanks for your support, it is greatly appreciated.

IGNITE CLUB FOR FIRST COMMUNICANTS CONTINUES THIS WEEK

The Ignite Club for First Communicants continues St Mark's today, Sunday 2nd 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.

