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CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 4.15p.m - 4.45p.m. & Sundays 9.15a.m - 9.40a.m.

DAILY MASS:

Mondays to Fridays *only* at 10a.m.

SATURDAY ADORATION: 10a.m. until 11a.m. with Confessions throughout

SUNDAY MASSES:

5p.m. Vigil (Saturday) 10a.m. and 12 Noon

10th December 2023

Second Sunday of Advent ~ Year B

Please remember in your prayers those in need, those who are sick and housebound and those in hospital

RECENTLY DEAD

ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Coyle, Colin Kerr, Ian MacDonald, Keith Moody and Henry Rossi | Rosaleen Waddell

SPRED Mass at 12 Noon today, 10th December and afterwards please join us for a chat, cuppas and home baking in the Upper Hall.

O come, let us adore Him! Please note that there will be one Mass only on Christmas Eve morning, and one Mass only on Christmas morning

Christmas & New Year Masses: Saturday 23rd December - 5p.m. Vigil

Christmas Eve Morning - Sunday 24th December - one Mass only at 10.30a.m.

Christmas Eve - 5p.m. and 9p.m. (**8.30p.m. Carol Service**)

Christmas Day - one Mass only at 10.30a.m.

Boxing Day 26th December - No Mass. **New Year's Day weekend** - Masses as normal.

New Year's Day Mass - 10a.m. **Tuesday 2nd January** - No Mass

Advent Confessions throughout Saturday 10a.m. - 11a.m. Holy Hours & also 6p.m. - 7p.m. on Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th December. A good way to prepare ourselves spiritually for Christmas.

Caring Sunday ~ A second collection will be taken up on 16th/17th December for St. Nicholas Care Fund, which ensures practical help where most needed. Please return Advent Caring Boxes by 14th January.

ADVENT APPEAL 3rd until 11th December. Advent Appeal for Christmas all this week. Gifts for Refugees and Homeless. Please fill a large gift bag with the following for either Ladies or Gents: Warm hat, gloves, scarf, pants, shampoo, shower gel, deodorant, toothpaste/brush (ladies gifts to include sanitary products). A hand written card is always nice to include. Any other spare items to be put in separate bag in porch. Many thanks- Veronica McLaughlin and the volunteers.

St. Andrew's Whist Drive Christmas Party will take place on Wednesday 13th December in the Lower Hall, from 2p.m. – 4:15p.m. Tea, coffee and some food will be served. Entry £3. Looking forward to seeing everyone. New members always welcome.

St Andrew's Night Celebration. A huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make our St Andrew's Night celebration such a success. To all the amazing musicians and singers in our folk group, pop up choir, and in the New Day band, a massive thank you for the wonderful variety of music and entertainment. A terrific amount of raffle and 29 Club big cash prizes were won. Congratulations, winners! To our halls committee for all their dedicated and tireless efforts looking after all the preparations, a huge amount of thanks. And to all who attended - many, many thanks. Wonderful to see a full hall. A good night was truly had by all. Watch this space for our next big night!!!

29 Club Winners 2023/24 Our Pre Christmas Draw took place at our Parish Social Event in the Church Hall on 2nd December 2023 - winners are below! £1000: No.160 Anne Connor £100: No.131 Mark Hunter £100: No.38 Tony & Tricia Higgins £100: No.151 Nicola Quinn £100: No.66 Chrisie Caulfield £100: No.166 Catherine Jaberoo. Many thanks to parishioners who assisted with the draw and thanks to you all for your continued support. All proceeds from The 29 Club are used to support our Parish Development Fund and various charitable causes. Membership remains at £6 monthly or £65 annual. Come and Join Us (spaces available now!!) Contact Brian Donnelly on 07484 707750 or Fr Joe Mackle on 942-4635.

Festive Teas and Coffees –next Sunday 17th December. Please join us for mince pies and tea/coffee/mulled wine in the Upper Hall after 10a.m. Mass. This month we will be raising funds for the St Nicholas Care Fund, (which helps so many different kinds of good causes).

We take this opportunity to thank all our wonderful bakers, helpers and parishioners for your continued support and generosity and to wish you all the compliments of the season, *Veronica and David Maguire*

The 2024 edition of the Western Catholic calendar is now in stock in the Piety Stall, priced £3.50.	
<p>St Nicholas' Family Festive Fair will be held in the Upper Hall next Sunday 17th December at 1p.m. Everyone is welcome - come along to enjoy a Christmas movie, hot chocolate and make some fun festive crafts to take home including baubles, reindeer dust and much more. Entry is £1 for adults and 50p per child which includes a tea/coffee & sweet treat. Craft tables start from as little as a £1. Bring the whole family and get into the festive spirit!</p>	<p>'One Candle at a time' is a short video...about the victory of Light over Darkness...and a somewhat interactive Advent Calendar - in Church and at Home. View on YouTube https://www.youtube.com/@awordinyourear</p> <p>TURNBULL TIMES is a regular newsletter which provides information to members of the community about activities that pupils and staff are involved in. To read the latest full DECEMBER 2023 edition, use following link: http://www.turnbull.e-dunbarton.sch.uk/news/newsletters/</p>
<p>SCIAF Real Gifts - why give more jumpers or ties or IT for Christmas? Give your loved ones an ethical gift that makes a real difference to people who need it the most. Visit: https://shop.sciaf.org.uk/</p>	
<p>"SILENT LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS" An Advent video to enjoy from aWordinyourear available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NLW5wly1g8A</p>	
<p>'Take a beat...' and remember the REASON FOR THE SEASON St Andrew's and St Joseph's Parishes are hosting an evening of Advent Reflection and Carol Singing to prepare for the season ahead. This will be held on Friday 22nd December from 6.30p.m. in St Andrew's Church, followed by festive refreshments in the Hall. The Youth Ministries team are looking for volunteers to assist with reading reflections and prayers. We are looking for young and old(er) volunteers from both parishes, including any Pope Francis Faith Award and Caritas Candidates, Primary and Secondary pupils, readers/non-readers, anyone who can help us spread some Christmas cheer. If you can help, please email standrewsbearsdenyouth@gmail.com</p>	<p>Human Rights Day is observed on 10th December each year. It serves as a day to reflect on the progress made in promoting human rights and to highlight the challenges that persist. The day also honours the individuals and organisations working tirelessly to protect and advocate for human rights. https://www.un.org/en/observances/human-rights-day Find ways to promote human rights, raise awareness, and support organisations dedicated to advancing social justice on https://www.awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/human-rights-day-2023/</p>
<p>Catholic Social Teaching Thought for the Week-Sunday 10th December 2023 (International Human Rights Day) Therefore, each person is called to contribute with courage and determination, to the respect of the fundamental rights of every person, especially of those who are 'invisible': of the many who are hungry and thirsty, who are naked, sick, strangers or prisoners, who live at the margins of society or who are discarded from it. <i>Pope Francis, Message to participants at the international conference "Human Rights in the Contemporary World: Achievements, Omissions, Negations", Rome, 10 December 2018</i></p>	
<p>Laudato Si' – On Care for our Common Home – Despite the international agreements which prohibit chemical, bacteriological and biological warfare, the fact is that laboratory research continues to develop new offensive weapons capable of altering the balance of nature (#57)</p>	<p>Children's Choir Dates at 10a.m. Mass St Andrew's Church. If your child is not at St Nicholas' and they would like to join the choir, please contact Annamaria (a.strachan@dunelm.org.uk/0141942 9799) to arrange rehearsal links: today, 10th December - 10a.m. Mass and 25th December- 10:30a.m. Mass</p>
<p>Before receiving Holy Communion, we are asked to make some act of reverence such as a bow.</p>	
<p>The Church is open until 5p.m. Monday to Saturday. Call in and enjoy the peace and quiet, and take time to sit in the stillness in the silence of God. Tea is served in the hut after daily Mass Monday to Thursday. All most welcome.</p>	<p>For women affected by separation and divorce-confidential and peer support Friday 5th January 2024 St Patrick's, Dumbarton 6-8p.m. glasgowarchdiocesewomensgroup@gmail.com</p> <p>You can raise FREE donations for the parish every time you shop online. Take a moment to sign up at https://tinyurl.com/StAndrewsBearsden2023</p>
<p>Support For Drumchapel Foodbank. Non-perishable food items are always gratefully received and can be placed in the House porch. Donations can also be taken straight to the Foodbank at Ladyloan Pl Unit 9, G15 8LB. We regularly use cash donations to purchase food items for delivery straight to the foodbank. Our rota is always looking for more foodbank volunteer drivers. If you can help, please get in touch. Thanks for continuing to give the foodbank your support.</p>	
<p>Parish Bulletin: Items for inclusion should be sent to standrewsbearsdenbulletin@gmail.com by 5 p.m. on the Tuesday before publication. The Parish Bulletin is available weekly on our website/by email for all those on our Parish database and on the noticeboards in the Church porch and the Church grounds.</p>	