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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

17th December 2023

Third 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

David Connor, Beth Coyle,
James Hannah, Ian MacDonald,
Anne Miller, Katrina Mulheran,
Sheena Penson and Henry Rossi

ANNIVERSARIES

Bernard Connolly, Francis Xavier Deighan, Veronica Donnelly, Isabelle Fallon,
Helen Friar, Anne Gilbey, David Hay, Alice McWilliams, Arthur Mone,
Mary Moss, Michael Moss, Annie O'Donnell, Bernard Ruddy, Rae Russell,
Catherine Stevenson, Teresa Tarbet, Greta Ward and Rita Williams.

One Month's Mind: Robert McAteer

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 this weekend, 16th/17th December for St. Nicholas Care Fund, which ensures practical help where most needed. Please return Advent Caring Boxes by 14th January.

Festive Teas and Coffees –today, 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*

St Nicholas' Family Festive Fair will also be held in the Upper Hall today, 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!

The next Lunch Club is Thursday 21st December. 12.30-2.30p.m. and is our Christmas event. So why not come along ~ bring a friend, all most welcome, and 'kick off' the Christmas season in style and maybe enjoy a "few "carols in a warm friendly environment?"

'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>'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>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>The 2024 edition of the Western Catholic calendar is now in stock in the Piety Stall, priced £3.50.</p>
<p>SACRAMENTS IN 2024 ~ For all parents whose children will be celebrating First Confession during Lent, there will be a preparation meeting for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday 18th January at 6.30p.m. in St Nicholas'. Date for First Confession is Saturday 9th March 10a.m. until 11a.m. in St Andrew's. Also, for all parents whose children will be celebrating First Holy Communion in May, there will be a preparation meeting on Thursday 1st February at 6.30p.m. in St Nicholas'. The date for First Holy Communion is Sunday 19th May at 12 Noon Mass.</p>	
<p>Altar Servers' Awards. Today 10a.m. Mass. Two Servers, Isla and Ellen, will be enrolled into the Archconfraternity of St. Stephen and receive the bronze medal on red cord, having demonstrated, by serving Mass regularly for over two years, their commitment to this Parish Ministry. Acknowledgement of long-standing service will be made to James and Seán, both having served faithfully for over five years, by exchanging their red cords for yellow cords. Well done and congratulations to all concerned. St. Andrew's is fortunate to have 23 good and very committed Servers. Like to start serving? Mum or dad, get in touch.</p>	<p>Unity Lunch ~ Date for your diary: Unity Lunch, organised by the Association of Bearsden Churches, will take place on Saturday 20th January 2024 in Baljaffray Parish Church at 12 Noon. The Speaker is Michelle Candlish, the National Scottish Development Manager, from 'Linking Lives UK', a charity organisation working towards putting an end to loneliness. Tickets cost £8 are available from Margaret Sanders on 942 7519.</p>
<p>Catholic Social Teaching Thought for the Week-Sunday 17th December 2023 (Nearest Sunday to International Migrants Day, 18th December). The émigré Holy Family of Nazareth, fleeing into Egypt, is the archetype of every refugee family. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, living in exile in Egypt to escape the fury of an evil king, are, for all times and all places, the models and protectors of every migrant, alien and refugee of whatever kind who, whether compelled by fear of persecution or by want, is forced to leave his native land, his beloved parents and relatives, his close friends, and to seek a foreign soil. <i>Pope Pius XII, Exsul Familia Nazarethana</i></p>	<p>Laudato Si' – On Care for our Common Home – In some countries, there are positive examples of environmental improvement: rivers, polluted for decades, have been cleaned up; advances have been made in the production of non-polluting energy and in the improvement of public transportation. These achievements do not solve global problems, but they do show that men and women are still capable of intervening positively. For all our limitations, gestures of generosity, solidarity and care cannot but well up within us, since we were made for love. (#58)</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>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: 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>International Migrants Day is celebrated on 18th December each year. You can show solidarity with and share the stories of people who have made the UK their home on https://imix.org.uk/celebrating-international-migrants-day-2023-imix-iom-uk/</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>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>	