

# ST. ANDREW'S PARISH BEARSDEN

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SC018140

## 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

19th November 2023

33rd Sunday of the Year ~ Year A

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

## RECENTLY DEAD

## ANNIVERSARIES

Myra Barton, Andrew Cusick, Monica Higgins, Eric MacDonald, Jean Malloy,  
Robert McAteer, Moyà McNeill, Kathleen O'Connor and Jim Pate

Charles McGarry

The St Andrew's Parish Christmas Fair will take place this Saturday 18th November after the Vigil Mass and Sunday 19th November after 10a.m. and 12 Noon Masses. There will be a selection of stalls run by various groups in the parish at the event.

As always, all of the profit made by the Piety Stall goes to Church funds. Tea, coffee and home baking will be served after the Sunday morning Masses with all proceeds going to The White Lily Fund.

**40th Anniversary of Messengers. Monday 20th November. 7p.m.** Mass followed by a celebratory Cheese & Wine. If you are/have been a Messenger, do please come along. We would love to see you at the celebration. Our Messengers reach out to around 1,300 households.

**St Joseph's Scottish Social - Friday 24th November, 7.30 - 11p.m:** An evening of music and dance in aid of the SCIAF Israeli- Palestinian Emergency Appeal - Buffet - BYOB, with bar for ice and a selection of soft drinks. Tickets £10, with under 16s, in the company of parent or guardian, free - e-mail [des.mcgee@btinternet.com](mailto:des.mcgee@btinternet.com)

**St Andrew's The 29 Club (200 Club) 2023/24 Season-Reminder!** Our popular 29 Club pre Christmas draw will take place at the Parish Social Evening on 2nd December 2023. - Top prize of £1000 and 5 x £100 prizes. My thanks to those who have renewed their subscription however we still have small number yet to renew!! Our fundraising is used to support the Parish Development Fund; various Charitable causes **and ...** you can win one of the many cash prizes on offer during the year. **We appreciate YOUR support!!!** Vacancies are available now for the 2023/24 season with membership at £6 per month by standing order or £65 annual payment. Interested?? then give or pass your name and contact details to Fr Joe or myself. **Deadline for entry to the pre Christmas Draw is 26th November 2023.** My thanks and take care.

Brian Donnelly - Finance & Fabric Team Email – [brian.donnelly49@btinternet.com](mailto:brian.donnelly49@btinternet.com) Text - 07484 707750

**Mary's Meals invites you to its Christmas Market** on Saturday 25th November (10a.m.-7.30p.m.) and Sunday 26 November (12p.m.-7.30p.m.) at the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, to help raise funds for its work providing school meals to children in poverty. Browse our selection of stalls from volunteers and small businesses and join our workshops, including: Sessions with our founder Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/marys-meals-christmas-market-glasgow-tickets-712988837807?aff=oddtcreator>

**Catholic Education Sunday – 26th November -** We look forward to welcoming pupils and staff from St Nicholas' and Turnbull High. The theme this year is "Pilgrims of Faith" and is a preparatory year for the Jubilee of 2025 which has the theme "Pilgrims of Hope". A 2nd collection will be taken up to support the vital work of the Scottish Catholic Education Service. For information on becoming a teacher in a Catholic school, please contact [mail@sces.uk.com](mailto:mail@sces.uk.com).

**ADVENT APPEAL 3rd until 11th December.** It will soon be time for our Advent Appeal for Christmas Gifts for Refugees and Homeless, so please start saving your toiletries etc. 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.

**‘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 Frances 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](mailto:standrewsbearsdenyouth@gmail.com)

**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

**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](mailto:a.strachan@dunelm.org.uk)/0141942 9799) to arrange rehearsal links: 4th December -East Dunbartonshire Schools Concert (P6 & 7 only) 10th December - 10a.m. Mass and 25th December- 10:30a.m. Mass **We look forward** to welcoming back St Aloysius’ Schola to the 10a.m. Mass today, 19th November.

**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.

**Catholic Social Teaching Thought for the Week - Sunday 19th November 2023**

(World Day of the Poor) It is necessary to confront together the populist discourses of intolerance, xenophobia, and aporophobia, which is hatred of the poor. Like everything that leads us to indifference, meritocracy and individualism, these narratives only serve to divide our peoples, and to undermine and nullify our poetic capacity, the capacity to dream together. *Pope Francis, Message on the occasion of the 4th World Meeting of Popular Movements*

**Laudato Si’** – In the meantime, economic powers continue to justify the current global system where priority tends to be given to speculation and the pursuit of financial gain, which fail to take the context into account, let alone the effects on human dignity and the natural environment. (#56)

**WORLD TOILET DAY – 19th November** How often do we count our blessings like having a toilet, an everyday essential that millions of people still don’t have? 1.7 billion people don’t have somewhere safe and hygienic to go to the toilet. In Ivory Coast, more than three-quarters of the population lacks a loo. But toilet twinning can transform lives. It’s simple, its fun but it’s also really, really important. Our church has recently twinned its 4 toilets with 1 each in Afghanistan, Cote d’Ivoire, Honduras and DRC. To find out more and get twinning, visit: <https://toilettwinning.org/>

**Lentfest 2024 - Call for Participants:** AGAP is seeking actors for forthcoming theatre productions. Open Auditions will be held on 4th December 5p.m.-8p.m. in the Eyre Hall, 196 Clyde Street, G1 4JY. Please download the info pack with audition pieces and complete a short form. AGAP is keen to hear from musicians, poets and anyone wishing to take part in Lentfest as a performer or helper, and from any person or organisation wishing to propose an event for inclusion in the festival programme. Please visit: <https://linktr.ee/agapglasgow> or call 0141 552 5527

**Red Wednesday 22nd November** - Aid to the Church in Need is a Pontifical Foundation of the Catholic Church, supporting the Catholic faithful and other Christians where they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need. Find out what is happening on Wednesday by checking <https://acnuk.org/event/rw-scotland-event-2023/> and show your support by praying the Rosary for persecuted Catholics on Wednesday and following one of the events highlighted.

**Before receiving Holy Communion**, we are asked to make some act of reverence such as a bow.

**Our parish’s visiting team** started their visits last week - knocking doors and saying hello to folk. Do remember the team in your prayers.

**You can raise FREE donations** for the parish every time you shop online. Take a moment to sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/StAndrewsBearsden2023>

**For women affected by separation and divorce**-confidential and peer support Friday 1st December 2023 St Patrick’s, Dumbarton 6-8p.m. [glasgowarchdiocesewomensgroup@gmail.com](mailto:glasgowarchdiocesewomensgroup@gmail.com)

**Parish Bulletin:** Items for inclusion should be sent to [standrewsbearsdenbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:standrewsbearsdenbulletin@gmail.com) by 6 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.