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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

20th August 2023

20th 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

Kathleen McNamara and Teasy Murty

Mary Flanagan and Annie Nesbit

Installation work of the Upper Hall's new patio doors will be carried out this Monday 21st August. This will mean that there will be no parking at the rear of the house. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Parish Day Trip to Carfin for the National Pilgrimage
3p.m. Mass and Rosary Procession. Sunday, 3rd September -The Bus is free and will leave Roman Road car park at 1p.m. sharp. There is a cafe at Carfin but you might want to take a packed lunch. Sign up sheet in the porch.

All P3 parents intending to present their child for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent 2024, please collect before Mass an enrolment form from the sacristy. Forms to be returned, please, by Sunday, 29th October 2023

P4 parents are not required to re-enrol. Your form and all the details on it from last year (P3) will automatically roll on to the P4 list.

P7 parents should collect an enrolment form for Confirmation. All forms are to be returned, please, by Sunday, 10th September 2023

There will be a Confirmation Meeting for all Parents and Sponsors on Thursday 28th September at 6.30p.m. in St Nicholas' Assembly Hall.

Dates to Note

Sacrament of Confirmation for P7 pupils will be celebrated in St Andrew's on 25th January 2024 at 7p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) for P3 pupils will be celebrated on Saturday 9th March in St Andrew's from 10a.m. until 11a.m.

First Holy Communion for P4 Pupils will be celebrated on Sunday 19th May at 12 Noon Mass.

Parish Catechesis sessions are being arranged for the pupils of all three sacraments. Please keep your eye on the bulletin for dates.

Laudato Si' - On Care for our Common Home – In different ways, developing countries, where the most important reserves of the biosphere are found, continue to fuel the development of richer countries at the cost of their own present and future. (#52)

Save the Date! As part of the Season of Creation (1st September – 4th October) we are planning a "Creative Crafternoon" on Saturday 9th September from 2p.m. to 5p.m. We will have crafting materials available for all ages or just bring along your own and enjoy the spirit of creativity in good company. More details soon.

If you have a crafting skill of any kind you'd be happy to display/share/teach, we really want to hear from you! Please email: standrew@rcag.co.uk

As well as our parish trying to build up numbers again for Masses after the Covid era, we're hoping too for a return for many to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Weekly Confessions are on Saturday 10a.m. until 11a.m. and 4.15p.m. until 4.45p.m. & on Sunday mornings 9.15a.m. until 9.40a.m. The Confessional has a glass panel fitted in the door which simultaneously allows transparency and privacy. Meditative music is played during Confessions to add to the penitent's privacy.

Catholic Social Teaching Thought for the Week - Sunday 20th August 2023

(Nearest Sunday before International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its' abolition on 23rd August) Did we make our lives so comfortable and withdrawn from reality that we cannot see the social sins that our society is supporting? *Sr. Dorothy Stang SNDdeN*

<p>It is pleasant to spend time adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The Eucharist is such a priceless treasure ~ by praying before it, we are able to make contact with Christ present in the Most Holy Sacrament. Saturdays 10a.m. until 11a.m. Confessions throughout. Confessions also on Saturdays 4.15p.m – 4.45p.m & Sundays 9.15a.m – 9.40a.m</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>Before receiving Holy Communion, we are asked to make some act of reverence such as a bow.</p>		
<p>Bereavement Support Group is willing to help anyone seeking assistance. If you have suffered a bereavement (not necessarily recently) and feel you could benefit from talking to someone about it, please call 942 4635 or email standrew@rcag.org.uk</p>	<p>Catholic Parliamentary Office – Sign up for the latest news and articles at https://rcpolitics.org/ ~ raising Catholic pressing matters in a political forum ~ protecting Catholic values ~ making the voice of the Catholics heard in Scottish and UK</p>		
<p>For women affected by separation and divorce – confidential and peer support Friday 1st September 2023 St Patrick's, Dumbarton 6-8p.m. glasgowarchdiocesewomensgroup@gmail.com</p>	<p>Catholic...? Thinking about it...? Know someone who is...? Please speak to Fr. Mackle if you would like to know more about becoming Catholic and the RCIA process.</p>		
<p>Every one of us is called to spread the gospel - to do what we can to bring others to Christ. Word on Fire can help us develop our thinking as Catholics - to become confident evangelisers. See: https://wordonfire.institute/ There's a wealth of good videos about our faith. You'll see that Bishop Barron addresses a whole host of matters ranging from Catholic theology to myths about the Catholic Church. Worth having a look.</p>	<p>To this year's Assembly of Clergy, the Archbishop has invited Fr Stephen Wang, author and presenter of Sycamore, a series of videos suitable for evangelisation and renewal. You might want to have a wee look at them online - https://www.sycamore.fm/videos/ They're free of charge and have some good ideas about how we in our parish might evangelise.</p>		
<p><i>Drumchapel Foodbank. Thanks for continuing to give the foodbank your support.</i></p>			
<p>Drumchapel Foodbank - If you are able to take your donation straight to the Foodbank at Ladyloan Pl, G15 8LB, that would be good. If not, do leave your donation, please, in the house porch. Many thanks.</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>Our soup-run volunteers collect donations every evening from M&S Milngavie for delivery to St Gregory's Foodbank and Aspire West End. If you are interested in volunteering once or twice a month, please get in touch with Veronica McLaughlin - veronicamcl@sky.com.</p>	<p>Emmaus supports formerly homeless people by providing a home and meaningful work on one of their social enterprises. If your old furniture, sofas, white goods and electricals are in good condition, Emmaus will collect for free. Call 0141 342 4089.</p>		
<p>Parish Bulletin: Items for inclusion should be sent to 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.</p>			
			
			