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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

24th December 2023

Fourth 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

Gerry Boyd, Jim Campbell, David Capaldi, David Connor, Beth Coyle, Orla Dalziel, James Hannah, Kathleen Haveron, Michael Lynas, Antonio Martin, John McKenna, Henry Rossi, Michael Stevenson and Patricia Ward

ANNIVERSARIES

Bobby Caw, Bernard Connolly, Gerald Cornish, Anne Gilbey, Arthur Haveron, Tom and Cathie Jennow, George McGhie, Jack and Maisie McGhie, Maureen McGhee, Patrick Murray, Ada McAllister Murray, Anne O'Connor, Robert Porter, Teresa Tarbet and Pat Tolland

One Month's Mind: Brendan McGrath

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

Happy Christmas School Holiday! All at St Andrew's wish all children, young people and teachers a safe and happy Christmas school holiday.

Sunday 7th January 2024 – Feast of the Epiphany, all families who have had a Baptism in the past year are invited to attend the 10:00a.m. Mass. The Coffee Morning will follow to coincide. The Parish will make a donation to the relevant charity so that it is free for those who attend.

The crib in the church and the two cribs in our grounds will remain up for 40 days through to Candlemas on 2nd February. Why not keep yours up in your home until then? It allows us to adore the new-born Christ for longer. If you're out for a stroll, call in for a wee prayer before our outdoor cribs.

Invite someone you know back to Mass this Christmas Season. All of us know someone who has stopped going to Mass. Invite someone you know, who no longer attends, to think about coming along this Christmas Season.

Annual Crib Donations are vital for the running of St Margaret's as the UK's only Catholic adoption agency. St Margaret's aims to ensure that every child has the right to grow up in a safe, loving and secure family environment.

'**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>

"SILENT LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS" An **Advent video** to enjoy from a Wordinyourear available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NLW5wly1g8A>

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.

Sacrament of Confirmation rehearsal for all P7 pupils (& sponsors) will be at 11a.m. on Monday 22nd January in St Andrew's. We look forward to the celebration of Confirmation on 25th January at 7p.m. followed by refreshments in the Upper Hall.

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/>

St Nicholas Care Fund. The Care Fund aims to support people and communities facing poverty and hardship. Please return all Advent Caring Boxes by 14th January. Many thanks.

Congratulations to Mary Lou and Fred McDermott on their Golden Wedding anniversary. Many congrats from everyone in St Andrew's and we wish you both many more years together.

Catholic Social Teaching Thought for the Week-Sunday 24th December 2023 Together we can make a difference bringing peace, joy, caring, love to our world that is losing sight of our guiding star—the goodness of the real God. *Sr. Dorothy Stang SNDdeN*

Laudato Si' – On Care for our Common Home – On many concrete questions, the Church has no reason to offer a definitive opinion; she knows that honest debate must be encouraged among experts, while respecting divergent views. But we need only take a frank look at the facts to see that our common home is falling into serious disrepair. (#61)

Next Thursday 28th December is the Feast of the Holy Innocents. On this day we are reminded, as well, that all lives are precious, and it is our responsibility to protect every life from the moment of conception to natural death.

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

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.**

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.

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 5th January 2024 St Patrick's, Dumbarton 6-8p.m. glasgowarchdiocesewomensgroup@gmail.com

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

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 - veronicamel@sky.com.

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.

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.