

**Catholic Social Teaching
Thought for the Week
25th December 2022**

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Our greatest wish this Christmas is that no one should be homeless, hungry or lonely. Please help by doing all you can in your own way to make it come true. *St Andrew's & St Joseph's Justice & peace groups*

Masses for Christmas
Christmas Eve 5p.m. & 9p.m.
🎵 (8.30p.m. Carol Service) 🎵
Christmas Day 10a.m.
(🎵Children's Choir 🎵) & 12 Noon
Masses for New Year
New Year's Eve - 5p.m.
New Year's Day - 10a.m. & 12 Noon

Our soup-run volunteers continue to collect donations from M&S, Byres Rd & Milngavie for delivery to Drumchapel/ St Gregory's Foodbanks, Wayside Club & Aspire.

Laudato Si' - On Care for our Common Home - Home
It may well disturb us to learn of the extinction of mammals or birds, since they are more visible. But the good functioning of ecosystems also requires fungi, algae, worms, insects, reptiles and an innumerable variety of microorganisms. (#34)

**Drumchapel Foodbank
-Holiday Closure**
Re-opens 28th/29th Dec for 2 days.
Re-opens Wed 4th Jan.

Drumchapel Foodbank
Regularly your donations are dropped off at the foodbank by our parish volunteers. Thanks for continuing to give the foodbank your support.

Forthcoming Special Collections ~
8th January – Justice & Peace 15th January – NET Ministry



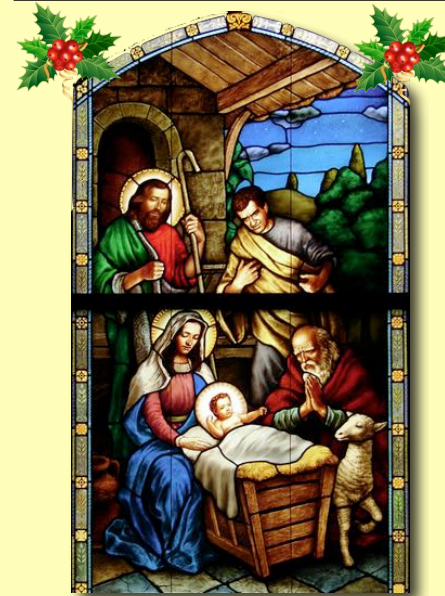
Parish Bulletin: Items for inclusion should be sent in by **6 p.m. on the Tuesday** before publication. Copies of the bulletin are available on Facebook, Twitter, the parish website/by email link (to all those on the Parish database) and on the noticeboards in the Church porch and the Church grounds.

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CONFESSIONS: Saturdays 4.15 p.m - 4.45 p.m.
Sundays 9.15 a.m - 9.40 a.m.
DAILY MASS: Mondays to Fridays only at 10 a.m.
SUNDAY MASSES: 5 p.m. Vigil (Sat) 10 a.m. and 12 Noon



25th DECEMBER 2022
**SOLEMNITY OF THE
NATIVITY OF THE LORD-A
LITURGY OF THE WORD**
FIRST READING:
Isaiah 52:7-10
RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
97(98):1-6
SECOND READING:
Hebrews 1:1-6
GOSPEL:
John 1:1-18

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

Recently Dead: Brian Donaldson, Veronica Donnelly, Helen Henderson, Mary McIntyre, John Irons, Michael Lyons, Geraldo Puliri, Iain Stewart and Rosaleen Waddell

Anniversaries: Tilda Clarke, Bernard Connolly, Anne Gilbey, Jim McCourt, Ada C McAllister Murray, Patrick Murray, Agnes Reilly, Cathie Rowan, Rachel Russell, Paul Sheridan and Pat Tolland



Happy Christmas "Joy to the world"
Wishing you joy at Christmas and always.



If you have a disability that affects your attendance at church or participation in any of the liturgies, and would benefit from some assistance or adaptations being made, please let us know. Email: standrew@rcag.org.uk or call 942 4635.

We look forward to NET Ministry returning ~ ten young Americans who do great youth ministry work in schools and parishes. More details soon.

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.

St Nicholas Care Fund. The projects funded are in the main to help children and young people, special needs' groups and senior citizens. St Nicholas take home collection boxes available in the porch to be returned please by 15th January. Many thanks

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

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.

Remember in your prayers – Gemma, Millie and Eleanor who are all journeying through RCIA to receive the Sacraments and become Catholic this Easter.

A Coal Miners Video inspired by Bert Leitch, a poet from Maryhill. 'Slavery, Mining and other Poems' <https://www.youtube.com/@awordinyourear>. Bert died recently. May he rest in peace. Coal Miners understood the prayer "Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord...Lord, hear our prayer!"

***Primary Three Parents-** First Confession Parents' Meeting – Thursday 19th January 2023 at 6.30p.m. in St Andrew's Church.
***Primary Four Parents-** First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting – Tuesday 31st January 2023 at 6.30p.m. in St Andrew's Church.
***Primary Seven Parents-** Confirmation Parents' Meeting - Tuesday 28th February 2023 at 6.30p.m. in St Andrew's church.

St Andrew's is now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for the parish every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! Please take a moment to sign up and support us at <https://tinyurl.com/standrews-easyfundraising> Thank you so much!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – each Saturday from 10.00 a.m.~11.00 a.m. with Confessions throughout. Please consider coming to spend time in adoration and prayer.

New Altar Servers needed to join our team at St Andrew's. If you have received your First Holy Communion and are interested in becoming a Server, get mum or dad to let us know. There will be two training sessions on Sundays January (8th & 22nd) at 1p.m. in the church for this very special role.

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

For women affected by separation and divorce – next meeting of this confidential and peer support group is **Friday 6th January** in St Patrick's Hall, Dumbarton 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. All new members are most welcome. Email: glasgowarchdiocesewomensgroup@gmail.com

Looking for an opportunity to meet and socialise with other young adults? For info email: 2040network@gmail.com

We look forward to all families, who have had a celebration of Baptism within the past year, gathering together for the 10am Mass Sunday, 8th January.

St. Andrew's Lunch Club - Thurs 5th January 2023 12.30 p.m. in the Upper Hall. All welcome. Do come along, relax and enjoy lunch and a good chat with friendly company. Great the numbers attending are growing, but it means we are looking for additional helpers. If you are able to help please contact Jim Cameron – 0141 942 4439 or 07985 129119

Christmas Message from Archbishop Nolan ~ "May I wish you peace and joy this Christmas Season. A peace and joy that comes not from the world in which we live but from God. Every Christmas we are reminded that God is actively present in our life. Each Christmas we are urged to recognise the love that God has for us. And it is knowing, in the depth of our heart, that we are valued and loved by God that gives us peace. Someone cares for us, and that someone is not just anyone, it is God. In this imperfect world we can't avoid difficulties and problems. At Christmas we don't cover these over with tinsel and fairy lights and pretend that all is well. But we do recognise that we do not face these challenges on our own, because God cares. We are valued and we are loved. We are not alone because God is with us. With my blessing for Christmas and New Year".

The Church is looking to set up a network of counsellors for married couples in difficulty. If you are qualified as a counsellor and would be interested in completing some further training to work in this area, particularly here in Glasgow, please contact 07706 063936.

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.