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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

7th January 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord ~ Year B

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

RECENTLY DEAD

ANNIVERSARIES

Gerry Boyd, Mary Cappelle, David Connor, Philip Mackay, Alan McKell, Val MacDonald, John McKenna, Len Murray, Fr Michael Savage, Michael Stevenson and Robert Stewart

Elizabeth Donohoe, Jean and John Finnerty, Jim Hanlon, Andrew Higgins, Jean and Charlie Hirst, Patricia McNeill and Cathie Rowan

Every blessing and peace, everyone, for the Christmas Season and for 2024.

Sunday 7th January 2024 – Feast of the Epiphany. All families who have had a Baptism in the past year are invited to attend today's 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.

There will also be a Second Collection for Justice and Peace Scotland at all Masses this weekend.

A huge thank you to all those who generously give of their time serving in the piety stall, and to the parishioners who support the stall with their purchase. The fantastic amount of £1,600 profit was raised during 2023, which is a great boost to parish funds. *Fr Mackle*

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.

“CHOICES FOR 2024”... Watch the latest video from aWordinyourear which can be viewed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@awordinyourear>

Piety Stall rota - Could you occasionally help with serving in the Piety Stall? We would be very grateful for some extra volunteers to help us out – if you could sometimes spare 10 minutes after Mass to help, it would be most appreciated. The rota sheet for January, February and March is on the door of the Piety Stall.

Meantime, our sincere thanks to everyone who regularly volunteers to assist with running the stall.

Any questions please call Anne MacIntosh 07866 009078 or Annamaria Strachan 07749 715514.

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's such a terrific visual aid and the 40 days allow us to adore the new-born Christ for longer. Call in for a wee prayer before our cribs.

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.

Adult bike appeal. Get a new bike for Christmas? Got an old one you no longer need? Catholic Worker can collect, if necessary, and pass it on to someone who needs to get around as cheaply as possible.

Email glw@catholicworker.org.uk

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

Young Adult St. Mungo City Pilgrimage Walk: Join RCAG Youth and other young adults on Saturday 13th January 2024 to celebrate the City's Patron Saint whilst walking off some of those pigs n blankets! 18–35 year olds welcome. 1000–1500. Pilgrimage Walk – Mass – Pub. www.tinyurl.com/stmungowalk

Young people in P6 – S6 You are invited to join us for our NET Retreat Day. Sunday 28th January beginning with 10a.m. Mass, followed by group discussions and fun activities with the NET Team. Lunch will be provided. Finishing around 2.30p.m. Please register here:

<https://forms.gle/cMZqLmGowYHFz52G7>

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**.

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.

MESSAGE from J&P Scotland Catholic Social Teaching Engagement Officer– 2nd January 2024 "Let Catholic Social Teaching shape your new year's resolutions! What will you do in 2024 to carry out the social mission of the Church and carry on the mission of Jesus? Get in touch with Justice and Peace Scotland if you would like to know more about our work and how you can be involved."

Catholic Social Teaching Thought for the Week - Sunday 7th January, Feast of the Epiphany
 "Like the Magi, let us fall down and entrust ourselves to God in the wonder of worship. Let us worship God, not ourselves; let us worship God and not the false idols that seduce by the allure of prestige and power..."
 – **Pope Francis**

Laudato Si' – On Care for our Common Home – Given the complexity of the ecological crisis and its multiple causes, we need to realize that the solutions will not emerge from just one way of interpreting and transforming reality. Respect must also be shown for the various cultural riches of different peoples, their art and poetry, their interior life and spirituality. (#63)

Another Thought for the Week - International Day of Awareness of Human Trafficking - 11th January. Human trafficking will never be truly defeated without eliminating the consumerism that feeds it and prosecuting those actors in receiving countries, including our own, that benefit because of the exploitation of vulnerable human beings.
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, On Human Trafficking, 2007

Lectionary. A new translation of the Lectionary is expected to be introduced by Advent 2024. The Archbishop has asked Fr Andrew McKenzie to be parishes' liaison with the National Liturgy Commission overseeing its introduction.

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.

Before receiving Holy Communion, we are asked to make some act of reverence such as a bow.
Always good having a doctor or nurse whom we can call at our Masses.
 Been needed a few times recently, and grateful for your services.

For women affected by separation and divorce- confidential and peer support Friday 2nd February 2024 St Patrick's, Dumbarton 6-8p.m.
 glasgowarchdiocesewomensgroup@gmail.com

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

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.

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 PI 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.