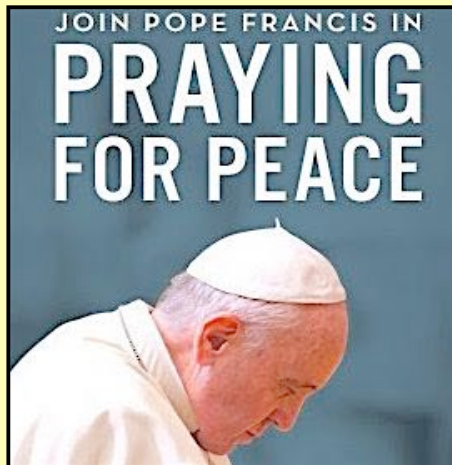


**Catholic Social Teaching
Thought for the Week**

**1st January 2023
(World Day of Prayer for Peace)**

Work for peace. We are living in a time of many wars and the call for peace must be shouted. Peace sometimes gives the impression of being quiet, but it is never quiet, peace is always proactive and dynamic.

Pope Francis



Adoration for Vocations

On the first Saturday of each month, starting Saturday 7th January, prayers will be offered for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, consecrated life and the permanent diaconate during the usual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 10.00a.m. till 11.00a.m. Please consider coming to spend time in adoration and prayer.

Masses for New Year

**New Year's Eve - 5p.m.
New Year's Day -10a.m. & 12 Noon**

**Laudato Si' - On Care for
our Common Home – Home**

In assessing the environmental impact of any project, concern is usually shown for its effects on soil, water and air, yet few careful studies are made of its impact on biodiversity, as if the loss of species or animals and plant groups were of little importance. (#35)

Drumchapel Foodbank

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

**Drumchapel Foodbank
-Holiday Closure**

Re-opens Wed 4th January 2023.

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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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



**1st JANUARY 2023
SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD -A
LITURGY OF THE WORD**

FIRST READING:

Numbers 6:22-27

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

66(67):2-3,5,6,8

SECOND READING:

Galatians 4:4-7

GOSPEL:

Luke 2:16-21

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

Recently Dead: Veronica Donnelly, Peggy and Willie Dougan, Helen Henderson, Rosina Lanni, Hector MacDonald, Michael McGarrity, Alex McMillan, Patrick Murphy, Leela Soma and Ken Urwin

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



“Joy to the world” Wishing you joy throughout the Christmas Season 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.

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.

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



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

* **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.

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.

St Nicholas' Primary - Children whose 5th birthday is between March 2023 and the last day of February 2024 should be registered online between 4th to 20th Jan '23

www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-learning/primary-school-registration. Prospective parent school walk round 3.15p.m. Tues 17th January

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

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.

Sign up for the latest news and articles at repolitics.org. ~ raising Catholic pressing matters in a political forum ~ protecting Catholic values ~ making the voice of the Catholics heard in Scottish and UK Parliaments.

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

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

St. Andrew's Lunch Club - starts back **Thurs 5th January 2023** 12.30 p.m. in the Upper Hall. 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month. All welcome. 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

A number of parishioners are involved in the ministry of taking communion to the sick in our parish. As we have an increasing number of parishioners who have become housebound, especially since the pandemic lockdown, if you are an Extraordinary Minister and would like to help with taking Holy Communion to one or two parishioners not able to get to Mass, please contact Deacon Tommy thomplight@aol.com Many thanks.

NET Ministry ~ a group of ten enthusiastic young Americans will be visiting us to lead a retreat for our young people on Sunday 5th February beginning with 10a.m. Mass until 2p.m. Before that, they will make a NET Appeal on weekend 14th / 15th Jan.

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.

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.