

ST ANDREW'S PARISH BEARSDEN

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CONFESSIONS: Saturdays 4.15p.m - 4.45p.m. & Sundays 9.15a.m - 9.40a.m.

SUNDAY MASSES: 5p.m. Vigil (Saturday) 10a.m. & 12 Noon

SERVICE OF THE WORD & HOLY

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday, Thursday, Fridays *only* 10a.m.

COMMUNION: Tuesday & Wednesday

SATURDAY ADORATION: 10a.m. until 11a.m.

ROSARY: Monday to Friday 9.30a.m

1st December 2024

First Sunday in Advent ~ Year C

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

RECENTLY DEAD: Teresa (Tess) Mary Alexander, Michelle Donnelly, Daniel Griffiths (Many thanks for all your prayers, may he now Rest in Peace), Barry Methley and Eileen Moloney

ANNIVERSARIES: Roy Chapman

Many thanks to everyone who organised the Christmas Fayre. Christmas items are still for sale at the stall.

Thank you for the collection of £670.00 last weekend for Catholic Education.

Please note that Mass on Thursday, 5th December will be at 12 Noon not 10a.m.
This is for the Funeral of Michelle Donnelly.

Advent Appeal for Christmas Gifts - your help needed to make it happen! Please leave in the porch 7th-17th December: **Glasgow's Homeless men or women:** Either a gift bag with **all** items **OR** in box provided, **any** of these items - socks/underwear, Scarf/gloves, Toiletries - toothbrush/paste, shampoo, shower gel, shaving foam/ razor, deodorant. Selection box, book or Christmas card.

Refugee supports people forced to flee their home within the asylum system. In box provided please donate for all ages and sexes: New pants and socks, water bottles, backpacks, nappies and toilet rolls.

Dear Parish Family, As I prepare to move on to serve in Our Lady of Lourdes, Cardonald, I want you to know that my time here has been a true blessing, and it has been a privilege to walk alongside you in faith, celebrate life's joys, and support one another through its challenges. I am officially at St Andrew's until the end of December but, as I have had no time off this year and with Fr Michael's agreement, I will take my annual leave from the 2nd of December. I wish Fr Michael joy in his time here with you all. May the Lord continue to bless and guide you, and always keep hold of Our Blessed Mother's hand. Please keep me in your prayers as I do the same for you. With all my love and prayers, **Deacon Tommy.**

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2024

Thursday 19th December:

Confessions 6 -7p.m.

Tuesday 24th December:

Christmas Eve Vigil - 5p.m.

Carol Service - 8:30 p.m.

(Early) Midnight Mass - 9 p.m.

Christmas Day: One Mass at 10.30a.m.

Boxing Day 26th December: No Mass.

New Year's Day Mass: 10a.m.

Thursday 2nd January: No Mass

POP UP CHOIR REHEARSAL Come and join our joyful pop-up choir as we prepare for the Advent Service and sing-along afterwards. Rehearsals began in the church on Sunday afternoons from 24th November at 2.30. If you can vaguely hold a tune you will be made most welcome. We sing.....and we laugh too! **Next week's rehearsal will be in the Lower Hall at 1p.m.**

SAVE THE DATE: Family Advent Service on the evening of Friday 20th December followed by refreshments in the Upper Hall. Everybody welcome - bring friends and get into the true Christmas spirit.

LAST COFFEE MORNING OF THE YEAR-Sunday 18th December. Please join us for mince pies, tea/coffee/mulled wine in the Upper Hall on Sunday 15th December after 10am Mass. This month we will be raising funds for the St Nicholas Care Fund. Last month we raised £494.18 for The White Lily Fund. Thanks to all our wonderful bakers/helpers/parishioners for your continued support and generosity.

We wish you all the compliments of the season, **Veronica and David Maguire**

Laudato Si' - On Care for our Common Home - Every act of cruelty towards any creature is "contrary to human dignity". (#92)

<p>Appeal for More Messengers - We are now short of Messengers for most of our Reachout delivery areas, so if you would like to volunteer as a Messenger, it would be most appreciated. Please contact jamesmclaughlin242@gmail.com or speak to Father Michael.</p>	<p>St Nicholas' Primary PTA Christmas Fair, today Sunday 1st December from 11 a.m. - 1p.m. in St Joseph's Church Hall. Please join us for children's crafts, family photo booth, raffle, home baking, café and more! Entry is free and all funds will go to the St Nicholas' PTA fund to support the school and children.</p>
<p>SCIAF Real Gifts - if your children want a puppy for Christmas, surprise them with a GOAT from SCIAF! 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</p>	<p>Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations to the Priesthood will be held on Saturday 7th December, 10 - 11 a.m. with Exposition, Rosary and Benediction. Why not come and "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send more labourers into the harvest"?</p>
<p>Catholic Social Teaching Thought for the Week - Sunday 1st December (World AIDS Day) We must look carefully for the unjust structures that make HIV and AIDS possible. We need to combat the racist, sexist, homophobic, "classist", self-righteous, colonialist and economic unjust system. A lot of energy is lost by faith traditions when they fail to address these issues. <i>Fr. Robert Kaggwa M. Afr.,</i></p>	<p>Kelvin Choir's annual Christmas concert in St Andrew's Church this afternoon, Sunday 1st December @ 3pm. Tickets at the door at £6, £3 for children. (No credit cards.) Programme includes many well-known carols and some not so familiar. Guest appearance of a Flute Ensemble. Audience participation of some numbers, as usual. Afterwards, post-concert refreshments in the Upper Hall. But, don't be late; the Church is usually packed for this seasonal event. Further details on handbill on Church noticeboard.</p>
<p>Lunch Club The next meeting of the lunch club is this Thursday, 5th December 2024 12.30-2.30p.m. in the Upper Hall. As always everyone is very welcome. Come along bring a friend, a neighbour, a family member and enjoy lunch "in a warm friendly environment". "Thank You" to Café Crème for their kind donations.</p>	
<p>Bearsden and Milngavie Historical Society - Next talk on The Forth and Clyde Canal will take place tomorrow, Monday, 2nd December at 7.30p.m. in the Lower Hall. Visitors - £5.</p>	<p>Bearsden Academy is having a Christmas Concert on Wednesday, 18th December at 2.30p.m. They are offering four spaces. If interested, see Fr. Michael.</p>
<p>Choir dates 8th, 15th and 25th December. Any children not in St Nicholas' who would like to join the choir please contact Annamaria Strachan on 0141 942 9799/07749 715414 or email a.strachan@dunelm.org.uk.</p>	
<p>Thanks to everyone who supported this year's Christmas Fair. The following was raised: The White Lily Fund - £494.18 (entry money, raffle and sale of jigsaws) SPRED - £700.00 Sales of books for Drumchapel Foodbank - £115.00 Gift stall for Drumchapel Foodbank - £240.00 Men Matter Scotland - £203.00 Piety Stall - £446.31 (profits for 2024 will be transferred to parish funds at the end of the year).</p>	
<p>Thank you to our amazing supporters on #easyfundraising. Your online shopping makes a real difference to us! Because of you, St Andrew's RC Church Bearsden received a payment of £140 this week. This money will be used to buy food for Drumchapel Foodbank. If you're not supporting us, you can in just a few clicks. Sign up to #easyfundraising to raise free donations for us when you shop with your favourite retailers for Black Friday deals, Christmas presents and all your online shopping. Sign up at https://tinyurl.com/StAndrewsBearsden2023</p>	<p>Our volunteers collect donations every evening from M&S Milngavie and deliver to St Gregory's, Wyndford Foodbank and Aspire West End which helps people get back on their feet. If you are interested in volunteering or even providing occasional holiday cover, please get in touch with Veronica McLaughlin by email at: veronicamcl@sky.com</p> <p>ST ANDREW'S BEARSDEN BULLETIN TEAM From January 2025, an additional volunteer would be very much appreciated to join our small team which operates on a rota to enable holiday cover etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer word processing skills are essential. • If you are interested/to find out more please contact us at standrewsbearsdenbulletin@gmail.com
<p>Difficulty Reading Local News The Bearsden & Milngavie Talking Newspaper Association – BEAM- provides recordings each week, to the blind and visually impaired in the local community, of the Milngavie & Bearsden Herald, extracts from the Community News plus stories from eg the Scottish Book Trust, adding a bit of light-hearted interest. Free boom boxes are supplied -the Post Office provides a free postal service - therefore no cost to listeners. For more information contact Graham Silcock – 07770 524983.</p>	
<p>Parish Bulletin: Items for inclusion should be sent to standrewsbearsdenbulletin@gmail.com by 5p.m. on the Tuesday before publication and should not exceed 80 words. The Parish Bulletin is available weekly on our website/by email for all those on our Parish database and on the noticeboard in the Church porch.</p>	