Catholic Social Teaching Thought for the Week 11th December 2022

It is no use saying that we are born two thousand years too late to give room to Christ. Nor will those who live at the end of the world have been born too late. Christ is always with us, always asking for room in our hearts.

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

Servant of God Dorothy Day

"Each year sees the disappearance of thousands of plant and animal species which we will never know, which our children will never see, because they have been lost for ever. The great majority become extinct for reasons related to human activity "(#33)

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.



Drumchapel Foodbank -Holiday Closure

Last delivery before Christmas is Wed 21st December.

Re-opens 28th/29th Dec for 2 days. Re-opens Wed 4th Jan. More than 30 bags were delivered in week ending Friday 2nd Dec.

Many thanks for all donations this year.

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 Collection ~ 11th December: Caring Sunday



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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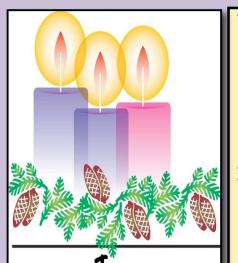
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CONFESSIONS: Saturdays 4.15 p.m - 4.45 p.m.

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



11th DECEMBER 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR - A

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 35:1-6,10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

145(146):6-10

SECOND READING:

James 5:7-10

GOSPEL:

Matthew 11:2-11

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

Recently Dead: Bobby Caw, Philip Donnelly, Ian Hamilton, Helen Henderson, Mary McIntyre and Alan Russell

Anniversaries: Francis Xavier Deighan, Isabelle Fallon, Maureen McGhee and Fr. John McKelvie

To express our thanks for Monsignor Ryan's 8 years' faithful service, there will be a celebratory Mass and presentation at the 5p.m. Vigil next Saturday 17th December.

- ➤ After Mass buffet and bar/tea & coffee to which all are most welcome
- > If you would like to contribute to a gift for Monsignor, there's the opportunity via collection boxes in the porch.

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!

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

St. Andrew's Lunch Club - Thurs 15th **December** 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

SCIAF Real Gifts - why give more jumpers or ties or IT for Christmas? Give your loved ones an ethical gift that makes a difference.

Visit https://shop.sciaf.org.uk/

Archbishop Nolan will celebrate a "Month's Mind" Mass for Archbishop Conti in St Andrew's Cathedral on Thursday 22nd December at 1p.m.

> Caring Sunday ~ A second collection will be taken up this weekend for the St. Nicholas Care Fund, which ensures practical help where most needed. Please return Advent Caring Boxes by 15th January.



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

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.

Festive Teas and Coffees - Sunday 18th **December.** Please join us for mince pies and tea/coffee/mulled wine in the Upper Hall after 10a.m. Mass.

* This month we will be raising funds for the St Nicholas Care Fund, (which helps so many different kinds of good causes).

Advent Confessions in St Andrew's **Advent Reflection Evening at** Thursday 15th December. December, (as well as the usual Saturday For anyone who requires and Sunday times) and in St Joseph's at transport, please enter your details on the sheet in the porch.

Masses for Christmas

6p.m. – 7p.m. on Monday 19th

2p.m. on Tuesday 20th December

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

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

Screening in the hall of the Laudato Si film "The Letter" ~ this evening Sat 10 Dec at 6p.m. ~Teas/coffees will be served. Spare a couple of hours to understand more fully Pope Francis' message for everyone on our planet.

advent reflection

St Joseph's - at 7p.m.

Pilgrimage to Knock 18th April 2023.

- * £699.00 per person sharing.
- * Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board.
- * All entertainment and excursions included.
- * Contact Patricia on 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages @gmail.com.

St. Andrew's Whist Drive Christmas Party will take place on WEDNESDAY 14th December in the Lower Hall, from 2p.m. – 4:15p.m. Tea and coffee and party food will be served. Entry £2. Looking forward to seeing everyone. New members always welcome.