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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

14th January 2024

Second Sunday of the Year ~ B

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

RECENTLY DEAD

ANNIVERSARIES

Donal Boyle, Finlay Fountain, Maureen Holland,
Corrie Irvine, Corinne Leitch, Liam McArdle,
John McKenna, Georgia McKinnon and Sean Ryan

Richard Binns, Mary Theresa Chisnall,
Elizabeth Duncan, Andrew Higgins, Peter Lafferty and
Cathie Rowan

St Nicholas Care Fund. The Care Fund aims to support people and communities facing poverty and hardship. *Please return all Advent Caring Boxes by today, 14th January.* Many thanks.

Happy New Year to all. The first lunch event of 2024 is next Thursday 18th January. So why not come along, bring a friend and enjoy lunch in a warm and friendly environment. Everyone is most welcome.

Children's Choir Dates at 10a.m. Mass St Andrew's Church. If your child is not at St Nicholas' and they would like to join the choir, please contact Annamaria (a.strachan@dunelm.org.uk/0141942 9799) to arrange rehearsal links:

21st January, 10th, 17th & 31st March, 21st April, 12th & 19th May, 9th & 16th June all at 10a.m. Mass.

Piety Stall - There's a large selection of Confirmation cards and gifts on sale in the Piety Stall.

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.

GOODBYE 2023 Watch the latest video from aWordinyourear at:
<https://youtu.be/4gasSEXWTps>

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.

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 ~ Confirmation Preparation Session for all P7 pupils. Please note time, date and venue change. It will now be on Sunday, 21st January, 3.30p.m. until 5.00p.m. in St Joseph's Hall, 3 Buchanan Street, G62 8DZ. It is important that all Confirmation candidates attend. We look forward to the celebration of Confirmation on 25th January at 7p.m. followed by refreshments in the Upper Hall.

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>

Catholic Social Teaching Thought for the Week - Sunday 14th January

The Christian is exhorted to offer his body and all his being to practice only good, mutual love, and justice; he is called to consecrate himself entirely to the service of God for the benefit of others. ***Baptised and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World, Congregation for the Evangelisation of Peoples Pontifical Mission Societies***

Laudato Si' – On Care for our Common Home – If we are truly concerned to develop an ecology capable of remedying the damage we have done, no branch of the sciences and no form of wisdom can be left out, and that includes religion and the language particular to it. (#63)

Alpha Youth in a Catholic Context Discovery Day: Saturday, 17th February 2024. 10:00 – 16:00. 196 Clyde St, G1 4JY. Event is in-person and free. Register <https://tinyurl.com/alphayouthscotland>
Alpha Youth - for the formation and evangelisation of our young and could be used in our parish! Join Michael Roche of Alpha and the Archdiocesan Youth Office for an opportunity to sample Alpha Youth sessions - find out how Alpha works in a Catholic parish or school setting and have your questions answered.

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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 Pl 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.

