

**Catholic Social Teaching  
Thought for the Week  
15th January 2023**

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**Toilet Twinning** - Many thanks to all who took part in the world of twinning last year. In the UK 16,250 toilets were twinned and £21.5k raised on JustGiving. Toilet twinning can transform lives. It's simple, its fun but it's also really, really important. Our church has recently twinned all of its toilets. To find out more and get twinning, visit <https://www.toilettwinning.org/>

**Adoration for Vocations** - On the first Saturday of each month 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.

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

We can be silent witnesses to terrible injustices if we think that we can obtain significant benefits by making the rest of humanity, present and future, pay the extremely high costs of environmental deterioration. (#36)

**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**  
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  
29th January – Assisted Parishes**

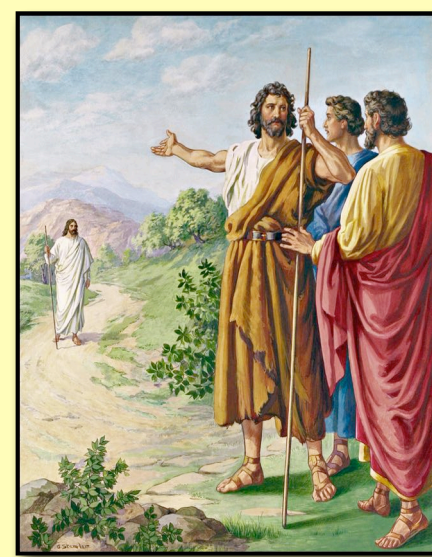


**Parish Bulletin:** Items for inclusion should be sent in by **6 p.m. on the Tuesday** before publication. Copies of the bulletin are available on Facebook, Twitter, the parish website/by email link (to all those on the Parish database) and on the noticeboards in the Church porch and the Church grounds.

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**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



**15th JANUARY 2023**  
**SECOND ORDINARY  
SUNDAY OF THE YEAR-A**  
**LITURGY OF THE WORD**  
**FIRST READING:**  
*Isaiah 49:3,5-6*  
**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**  
*39(40):2,4,7-10*  
**SECOND READING:**  
*1 Corinthians 1:1-3*  
**GOSPEL:**  
*John 1:29-34*

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

**Recently Dead:** Mary Chisnall, Peter Ciarella, Moira Dart, John Davis, Veronica Donnelly, Dina Lanni, Rosina Lanni, Tony McColl, Eileen Murray, Elizabeth Philips, Rita Sheridan, Mrs Susila and Mr Urqhart  
**Anniversaries:** Ciaran Arthurs, Jim Hanlon, Kathleen McLaughlin, Mary and Patrick Mulhern, Martin Reynolds and Paa Smith  
**6 Months' Mind** – Philip Donnelly

**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.

**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.

**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](mailto:standrew@rcag.org.uk) or call 942 4635.

**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 3rd February** in St Patrick's Hall, Dumbarton 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. All new members are most welcome. Email: [glasgowarchdiocesewomensgroup@gmail.com](mailto:glasgowarchdiocesewomensgroup@gmail.com)

**St. Andrew's Lunch Club** - 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

**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 to be returned please by this weekend.** Many thanks

**Mass will be celebrated in the Ukrainian Rite** in St Patrick's, Anderston, this weekend 14th & 15th Jan, at 12 Noon each day. Pastoral care of the many Ukrainians who have sought safety here in Glasgow.

**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.

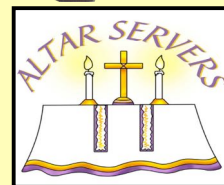


**Remember in your prayers – Gemma, Millie and Eleanor** who are all journeying through RCIA to receive the Sacraments and become Catholic this Easter.

**Key Holders** - We need to establish a list of key holders to Parish Property. Unfortunately, I do not have one. Could those who hold keys to the Church, Halls or Chapel House let Brenda Murray [brendamurray@btinternet.com](mailto:brendamurray@btinternet.com) know by Tuesday 31st January what keys they hold. Many thanks. Fr Mackle

**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 January 2023 <https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-learning/primary-school-registration> Prospective parent school walk round 3.15p.m. this Tuesday, 17th January.

**Young people in P6 – S6** Please join us for NET Ministries Retreat. Sunday 5th February beginning with 10a.m. Mass, followed by group discussions and activities with the NET Team. Lunch will be provided. Please register here: <https://forms.gle/f4Adbemzjnft2NVu8>



**Altar Servers.** On Sun 8th January, four youngsters turned up after the 12 Noon Mass for the advertised Altar Server Training Session. Together with three recent recruits and two seasoned Servers, Fr Trias was astounded that St Andrew's had so many new and keen Servers. All the newcomers (from P5 & P6) said that they had really enjoyed the session and were looking forward to becoming regular Servers, participating in an active role at Mass. There's room for more newcomers (P4 and upwards); so, mums and dads, just get in touch and training can then be arranged. Next training 22nd January at 1p.m.

**Preparing for the Sacraments. Meetings for St Nicholas' parents are:**  
\* **P4 First Holy Communion** - Thursday 26th January  
\* **P7 Confirmation** – Thursday 23rd February  
Both meetings at 6.30p.m. in St Nicholas' Assembly Hall.

**Please note** too these three meetings below which will held in the Church for all parents whose children are celebrating the Sacraments in 2023  
\* **First Confession Parents' Meeting**–Thursday 19th January.  
\* **First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting** – Tuesday 31st January.  
\* **Confirmation Parents' Meeting** - Tuesday 28th February  
These meetings will be at 6.30p.m. in St Andrew's Church.

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