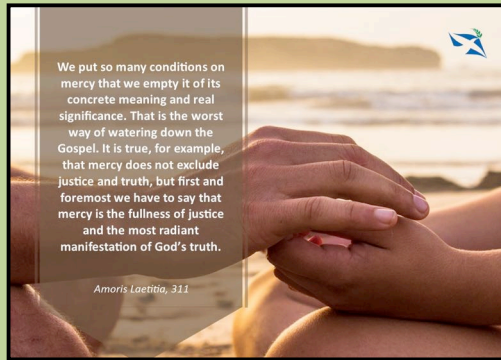


**Catholic Social Teaching
Thought for the Week
Sunday 16th April 2023**

We put so many conditions on mercy that we empty it of its concrete meaning and real significance. That is the worst way of watering down the Gospel. It is true, for example, that mercy does not exclude justice and truth, but first and foremost we have to say that mercy is the fullness of justice and the most radiant manifestation of God's truth. *Amoris Laetitia, 311*



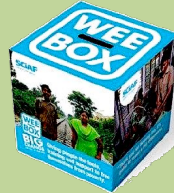
Our soup-run volunteers continue to collect donations 7 evenings each week from Marks & Spencer's Milngavie for delivery to St Gregory's Foodbank for families and Aspire West End to support those trying to get back on their feet. If you are interested in volunteering once or twice a month, please get in touch with Veronica McLaughlin - veronicamcl@sky.com.

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

True wisdom, as the fruit of self-examination, dialogue and generous encounter between persons, is not acquired by a mere accumulation of data which eventually leads to overload and confusion, a sort of mental pollution...(#47)

Assisted Parishes Fund - At all the Masses this weekend there will be a second collection for the Assisted Parishes Fund. This is one of the three collections in the course of the year which goes towards the support of our parishes in other parts of the Archdiocese who would otherwise struggle to meet their commitments.

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

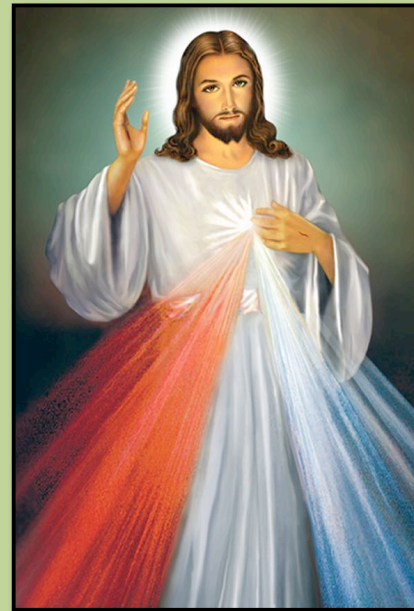


SCIAF Wee Boxes to be handed in, please, by next Sunday 23rd April.

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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



**16th APRIL 2023
SECOND SUNDAY OF
EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)
YEAR - A**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING:
Acts 2:42-47

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
117(118): 2-4, 13-15, 22-24

SECOND READING:
1 Peter 1:3-9

GOSPEL:
John 20: 19-31



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

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.



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

Recently Dead: Neal Carlin, Jimmy Dyer, Anne Hamilton and Mary Murphy
Anniversaries: Cathie and Robert Rowan and Ada Sugrue
One Months' Mind: Chris Shevlane

With all good wishes for the Easter Season.
"The spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you".

Once again, many congratulations to Gemma and Millie, who became full members of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. They will continue to journey over the next few weeks through the RCIA's Mystagoga (entering into the Mystery).

Interested in becoming a Catholic? Please get in touch. The programme of learning and instruction will begin after summer and prepares adults for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Please speak to Fr. Mackle if you would like to know more.

Saturday Adoration Do come and spend some time each week to be still before God at our Saturday Adoration. If shopping at the Cross, or out for a coffee, pop in to St Andrew's for some quiet prayer. Have a heart to heart with God. Saturday 10a.m. until 11a.m. with Confessions throughout. Sunday Confession 9.15a.m. until 9.45a.m.

Lord, Make Me Know Your Ways- Could God be calling you to serve as a priest? Please get in touch to find out more about discerning your vocation. For information and details, please speak to Fr. Mackle or contact the Vocations Director Fr. Ross Campbell - Ross.Campbell.2@glasgow.ac.uk

St Andrew's is now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for the parish every time you shop online. 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 5th May** in St Patrick's Hall, Dumbarton 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. All new members are most welcome. Email: glasgowarchdiocesewomensgroup@gmail.com

Calling all boys and girls who celebrated their First Confession (Sacrament of Reconciliation) during the season of Lent. As we continue to help them grow on their journey of faith and help them appreciate more and more this great sacrament of God's healing love in Reconciliation, there will be an SAS gathering on Sunday 23rd April at 9a.m. in the Hall leading into 10a.m. Mass with Children's Liturgy.

A huge amount of thanks to all those who worked so hard in so many ways preparing our Church for Holy Week and the Easter Liturgies. Many thanks to all who helped with the decorative, liturgical, musical and social preparations. Over the past months it's been a joy to see our numbers steadily increasing.

SERRA Vigil for Vocations: Friday 28th April 7–9p.m. in the University of Glasgow Catholic Chaplaincy, 15 Southpark Terrace, G12 8LG. Mass at 7p.m. followed by a Holy Hour concluding with Compline and Benediction at 9p.m. All most welcome.

Coffee Morning—Sunday, 16th April. Do call in to the Upper Hall, after 10 a.m. Mass today for tea, coffee and some delicious home baking. After a special plea by one of our parishioners, whose teenage cousin has had wonderful support whilst currently going through treatment for Hodgkin's Lymphoma, this month we are raising funds for The Paul O'Gorman Leukaemia Research Centre in Glasgow. One of our parishioners, Dr Karen Keeshan, works there and the centre relies greatly on donations to fund its research, so please come along and help support this very worthwhile research. Karen will be there on the day to answer any questions you may have about the Centre. * Many thanks also to those who helped and came along to the March coffee morning. The sum of £118.50 was raised for SCIAF's Syrian Earthquake Appeal.

Caritas Award – If you will be in your final year of school after summer and are interested in becoming a candidate for the 2023/2024 Caritas award, let us know.



SPRED Family Mass ~ Sunday 30th April at 12 Noon. All most welcome, and please join us afterwards for refreshments in the hall.



1st communion

First Holy Communion SAS ~ today Sunday 16th April & 7th May 9.00a.m. – 9.45am in the Upper Hall.

- ❖ **We look forward to the First Holy Communion celebration**, which will be on 14th May at 12 Noon. Please keep the First Communicants in your prayers.
- ❖ **First Communicants** Mass of Thanksgiving at 10a.m. on Sunday 21st May followed by a celebratory party.

- **Confirmation** will be celebrated on 8th May at 7p.m. followed by a reception in the Hall. Please keep the Confirmands in your prayers.
- **Confirmation ~ SAS & CatClub today**~ Sunday 16th April 3 – 5p.m. in St Andrew's.
- **St Nicholas' has organised a rehearsal** on Thursday 4th May 1.30p.m. in St Andrew's *which is for all candidates from all schools*. It is hoped that parents whose children are at schools other than St Nicholas' will be able to arrange school permissions.

Confirmation

The Church is open until 5p.m. Monday to Friday. 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.**



Good resources here for Sacramental Preparation
<https://www.youtube.com/@awordinyouare>