

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

17th November 2024

Thirty Third Ordinary Sunday ~ Year B

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

RECENTLY DEAD

Patrick Coyle, Heather Gordon, Ian McLaughlin and Marnie Reid

ANNIVERSARIES

Charles McGarry

Essential work within the entire St. Andrew's Complex began on **Monday 11th November** and is likely to last between 2-3 weeks. This means the Church, House and Hut will be out of bounds. There will be no Masses/ Services during the week over this time period, barring any Funerals. We will still have the use of the church for weekend Masses. Emails during this period of work will not be opened until the weekend.

Assisted Dying Bills are currently being debated in both the Scottish and UK Parliaments. This issue is clearly a very sensitive one. People are moved by concern for those who are suffering and for their families. Ironically, this month marks the 10th Anniversary of the WHO call to all nations to fully integrate palliative care into their healthcare systems. Such care should be at the forefront of any future NHS reform as, above all, it offers the alternative to legalised assisted suicide. **Justice & Peace**

November Lists are available at the back of the Church at the weekend Masses. During November, we remember all of our loved ones who have passed away.

Assisted Suicide –Please contact your MSPs today to stop assisted suicide becoming legal in Scotland. Access the Write to Them website: <https://writetothem.com> and write to your MSPs (and/or your MP **Before closing date 29th November 2024**). See more on: <https://rcpolitics.org/>

Thank You Message from Fr Mackle It was lovely being back in St Andrew's last Saturday and seeing you all. I cannot thank you all enough for what truly was a wonderful evening, and I am overwhelmed by everyone's generosity and kindness. A very sincere thank you to Fr Michael, Deacon Tommy and to you all With deep appreciation. God bless you all. **Fr Mackle**

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**.

In order to prepare parish readers for the new Lectionary change, information meetings have been arranged across the Archdiocese for prayer and reflection: **Sacred Heart, Cumbernauld** Tuesday 19th November 7p.m: **St. Stephen's, Dalmuir** Wednesday 20th November 7p.m: **St. Joseph's, Tollcross** Thursday 21st November 7p.m.

PIETY STALL ~ NEW MISSALS If you pre-ordered a Missal a couple of weeks ago, it's now available for collection from the Piety Stall, priced at £19.95.

There will be a Second Collection next weekend, 23rd/24th November for Catholic Education.

Thank you so much for supporting Liam Conroy's fundraising efforts for a project in Ghana (June 2025).

Come and join our joyful pop-up choir as we prepare for the Advent Service and sing-along afterwards. Rehearsals will be in the church on **Sunday afternoons from 24 November at 2.30p.m.** If you can vaguely hold a tune you will be made most welcome. We sing.....and we laugh too!

<p>The St Andrew's Parish Christmas Fair will take place this weekend on Saturday 16th November after the Vigil Mass and Sunday 17th November after 10a.m. and 12 Noon Masses with teas and coffees at the Christmas Cafe being served after the morning masses. There will be stalls of all kinds, including cards, gifts, books, toys, decorations, sweets and crafts. <i>Please bring cash!</i> We hope to see you there!</p>	
<p>Messengers Meeting on Monday 25th November. All Messengers are asked to attend our Christmas Reachout Meeting at 7.30 p.m. in the Lower Hall – and all Area Leaders are asked to arrive at 7.00 p.m. to prepare their Reachout Bulletins.</p>	<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>Laudato Si' - On Care for our Common Home – Everything is connected. Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society. (#91)</p>	<p>Catholic Social Teaching Thought for the Week - Sunday 17th November (World Day of the Poor) The Eucharist commits us to the poor. To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognize Christ in the poorest, his brethren. <i>Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1397</i></p>
<p>WORLD TOILET DAY – 19th November Did you know that 3.5 billion people don't have somewhere safe and hygienic to go to the toilet? In Ivory Coast, more than three-quarters of the population lacks a loo. But toilet twinning can transform lives. It's simple, it's fun but it's also really, really important. To find out more and get twinning, visit https://toilettwinning.org</p>	<p>Prisoners Week Prayer, 17-23 November. Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those who are held in prison. Support with your love: prisoners, their families and friends, prison staff, chaplains and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the activities of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another. To act justly. To love mercy. And walk humbly together with Christ. Now and every day, Amen. https://www.prisonersweek.org.uk</p>
<p>Parents/carers of children due to start Primary 1 in August 2025 please note that the registration period has opened from 1st November – 30th November 2024. You should register for your catchment school during this period at the following link https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-learning/primary-school-registration. Please note that placing requests for those who do not live in catchment won't open until January 2025. Please ensure you register for catchment school in first instance.</p>	
<p>Tickets are now available for St Andrew's evening on Saturday 30th November priced at £5.00 per head. They are on sale in the church entrance foyer after all masses. Donations for the raffle would be gratefully received. Thank you again for your support!</p>	<p>St Nicholas' Primary PTA Christmas Fair, Sunday 1st December from 11a.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>Bearsden and Milngavie Historical Society - Next talk on The Forth and Clyde Canal will take place on Monday, 2nd December at 7.30p.m. in the Lower Hall. Visitors - £5.</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>Annual Dinner Dance – St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society (NB. Not St Margaret's Hospice as posted in error in earlier Bulletins) has organised a fundraising dinner dance in the Kerrydale Suite at Celtic Park on Friday, 22nd November at 7.30p.m. For more details see the poster in the porch or call 0141 332 8371.</p>	<p>You can raise FREE donations for the parish every time you shop online. Take a moment to sign up at https://tinyurl.com/StAndrewsBearsden2023</p> <p>The parish is always looking for people to help out in a number of ways e.g. Children's Liturgy, Messengers. If any of this appeals to you, why not chat to someone who is already helping out and ask them what is involved. Your parish is always in need of volunteers.</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. Computer word processing skills are essential. If you are interested/to find out more please contact us at standrewsbearsdenbulletin@gmail.com</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>	