

**Catholic Social Teaching  
Thought for the Week  
18th December 2022**

Rejoice and be glad that so great and good a Lord, ... willed to appear despised, needy, and poor in this world, so that men who were in dire poverty and suffering great need of heavenly food might be made rich in him.

*Saint Clare of Assisi*



**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.

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

Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. We have no such right. (#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.

**Forthcoming Special Collections ~**

*8th January – Justice & Peace 15th January – NET Ministry*



**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.**

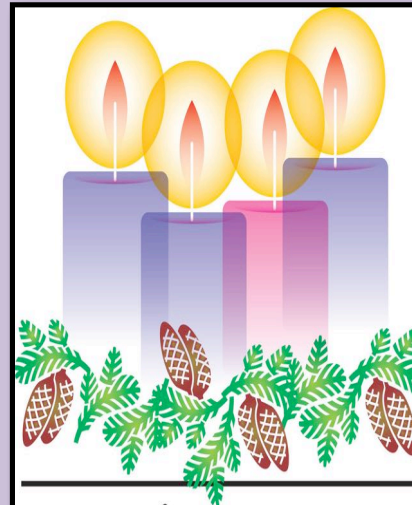
**Sundays 9.15 a.m - 9.40 a.m.**

**DAILY MASS:**

**Mondays to Fridays only at 10 a.m.**

**SUNDAY MASSES:**

**5 p.m. Vigil (Sat) 10 a.m. and 12 Noon**



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**18th DECEMBER 2022**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT YEAR - A**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING:**

*Isaiah 7:10-14*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

*23(24):1-6*

**SECOND READING:**

*Romans 1:1-7*

**GOSPEL:**

*Matthew 1:18-24*

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

**Recently Dead:** Brian Donaldson, Dr. David Harrison, Gerald Mackie, Mary McIntyre, John Mills and Rosaleen Waddell

**Anniversaries:** Anne McKenna Cooney, Anne Gilbey, Arthur Mone, Mary Moss, Mary Silcock, Rae Russell, Betty Thompson and Greta Ward

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

➤ After Mass - buffet and bar/tea & coffee to which all are most welcome.

**Our greatest wish this Christmas** is that no one should be homeless, hungry or lonely. Please help by doing all you can in your own way to make it come true. *St Andrew's & St Joseph's Justice & peace*



**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 available in the porch to be returned please by 15th January. Many thanks

**Happy Christmas School Holiday!** All at St Andrew's wish all children, young people and teachers a safe and happy Christmas school holiday.

**Advent Confessions** in St Andrew's 6p.m. – 7p.m. on Monday 19th December, (as well as the usual Saturday and Sunday times) and in St Joseph's at 2p.m. on Tuesday 20th December

**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](mailto:glasgowarchdiocesewomensgroup@gmail.com)

**St. Andrew's Lunch Club - Thurs 5th January 2023** 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

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

**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.

**Online Prayer event for young Catholic Adults aged 20-40** - rosary and reflection via Zoom on Tues 27th Dec at 8:00-8:30p.m. Great opportunity to meet and socialise with other young adults. For more info and tickets email: [2040network@gmail.com](mailto:2040network@gmail.com)

**Festive Teas and Coffees - Today 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).

**St. Andrew's Whist Christmas Party** now rescheduled to take place on WEDNESDAY 21st 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.

**Masses for Christmas**  
**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

**Altar Servers' Awards.** During Archbishop Nolan's recent visit, five Servers (Abigail Borland, Hannah & Emma Quinn, Imogen Noonan and Rosie Smith) exchanged their familiar red cord for a gold cord, acknowledgement of having served faithfully for five years at St Andrew's. Well done and congratulations to all concerned. There is a real need for more Altar Servers and anyone interested should approach Fr. Mackle, or Chris Sanders (942 7519)

**\*Primary Three Parents-** First Confession Parents' Meeting – Thursday 19th January 2023 at 6.30p.m. in St Andrew's Church.  
**\*Primary Four Parents-** First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting – Tuesday 31st January 2023 at 6.30p.m. in St Andrew's Church.  
**\*Primary Seven Parents-** Confirmation Parents' Meeting - Tuesday 28th February 2023 at 6.30p.m. in St Andrew's church.

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

**The Church is looking to set up** a network of counsellors for married couples in difficulty. If you are qualified as a counsellor and would be interested in completing some further training to work in this area, particularly here in Glasgow, please contact 07706 063936.

**Gifts for the homeless** ~ we are SO grateful for the incredibly generous donations of gifts for the homeless communities that St Andrew's parish serves. The gifts will be taken this week by our volunteers to the centres that we visit and will be very gratefully received before Christmas. Many, many thanks Veronica McLaughlin & volunteers