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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

18th February 2024

First Sunday of Lent ~ Year B

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

RECENTLY DEAD

ANNIVERSARIES

Ellen Byrne, Mary Clunie, Sam Colquhoun, Joe Di Paola, Christopher Duncan, Heidi Fullerton, Joe Greyston, Shonach Keery, Nicky Laureson, Corinne Leitch, John Malone, Margaret MacInnes, Damien McLaughlin, Annie Miller, Liz O'Rourke and Sheila Strachan

Eileen and Tom Carragher, Michael Dooris, Esther Lowe and Chrissie MacPherson

3 Months' Mind: Robert McAteer

St Patrick's Night Fundraiser Concert ~11th March at the Concert Hall. Ticket payments to be made this weekend, please. Cash or cheques made payable to Padre Pio Events.

Messengers Meeting on Monday 26th February.

All Messengers are asked to attend the Easter 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 the Reachout Bulletins.

The Society for the Protection of Unborn

Children (SPUC) Campaign Meeting - 7.30p.m. Tues 27 Feb in St Mary's, Calton, to address the ever-increasing threats to the sanctity of life in Scotland, including the Pills by Post Policy. All are most welcome.

CCTV. As well as the CCTV cameras which we have in the front and rear grounds, inside the church and porch area, we now have had installed additional CCTV cameras in both halls and in the crypt area.

During Lent

Rosary – Monday – Friday 9.30a.m.

Stations of the Cross Fridays at 6p.m.

Saturday Adoration – 10 – 11a.m. with Confessions throughout, Sunday Confessions – 9.15 – 9.40a.m.

Alms Giving 2nd Collection – for sick and retired priests. Many thanks

Short Term Pledge Prayer cards available in the porch.

SCIAF Wee Box – do pick up a pack from the porch, please.

Lent - Adoration for Lent: 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 into St Andrew's for some quiet prayer.

Have a heart to heart with God - Saturdays during Lent from 10a.m. until 11a.m. with Confessions throughout. Sunday Confessions will be from 9.15a.m. until 9.45a.m. Church open daily until 5p.m.

The Second Collection during Lent is taken up to support our sick and retired priests. On the 4th Sunday, the collection will be exclusively for SCIAF.

A good and important part of a plan for Lent is Confession. Medicine of Confession ~ brings great peace and immense joy. Saturdays 10a.m. - 11am & 4.15pm - 4.45pm and Sundays 9.15a.m. - 9.40a.m.

Do pick up a copy of Lentfest 2024 events programme to find out what's on and where. Visit <https://www.agap.org.uk/lentfest/> An imaginative fusion of faith and the arts.

Catholic...? Thinking about it...? Know someone who is...?

Please speak to Fr. Mackle if you would like to know more about becoming Catholic and the RCIA process.

Young Adult Online Lent Group: RCAG Youth are running weekly Zoom sessions, 7-8p.m. each Monday of Lent for 16-35 year olds. Video input, time for discussion and the opportunity to pray. Starts Monday 12th February. Register at: www.tinyurl.com/rcagyouthlent

SACRAMENTS IN 2024 ~ First Confession - Sacrament of Reconciliation – Saturday 9th March, 10.00a.m – 11.00 a.m. Family members are encouraged, too, to take the opportunity to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The date for First Holy Communion is Sunday 19th May at 12 Noon Mass.

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| Calling all Primary Three pupils who will be celebrating First Confession (Sacrament of Reconciliation) during Lent. To help them grow on their journey of faith preparing for this great Sacrament of God's healing love, there will be an SAS gathering on Sunday 3rd March from 2p.m. until 4p.m. in the Upper Hall. It is important that all the pupils attend this preparation. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Catholic Social Teaching Thought for the Week - Sunday 18th February (Nearest Sunday before World Day of Social Justice-20th February) The righteous know the rights of the poor; the wicked have no such understanding. <i>Proverbs 29:7</i> | | The Scottish Laity Network continues its Lent 2024 programme of Zoom sessions this week on Thursday 22nd February, 7.00 - 8.30p.m. with the following – Small Groups Session– A Conversation in the Spirit, following the insights of Bishop McGee The link for the programme information and registration details is: https://drive.google.com/file/d/13J9eXHEpdAH77UJ5fh7-v_EnmB_04Nxv/view?usp=sharing | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Laudato Si’ – On Care for our Common Home – The Creator can say to each one of us: “Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you” (<i>Jer 1:5</i>). We were conceived in the heart of God, and for this reason ‘each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary’.” (#65) | | Eco-Congregation Scotland's Lent 2024 programme has several video reflections available now for download and use on: https://www.ecocongregationscotland.org/lent-a-time-to-change-direction/ LENT 2024 Week 1: REFLECTION: ‘Baptism of Biodiversity’ Gen 9, Mark 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| COFFEE MORNING -TODAY, SUNDAY 18th FEBRUARY Please come along and join us in the Upper Hall, after 10a.m. Mass, for tea, coffee and some delicious home baking. In a change to the previous notice, this month we are raising funds for SCIAF as 2 of our young Parishioners, Roisin and Ellen, who attend Bearsden Academy, are doing the Caritas Award and they will be baking and helping at this coffee morning, which we really appreciate, so please come along and support them. There will also be SCIAF Real Gifts for sale. Real Gifts make a world of difference as you buy a gift card to the value of an item, for example a goat, chicken, seeds or a watering can, and that is then gifted to a family in the countries where SCIAF run community projects. You give the gift card as a present showing you have made a donation to SCIAF as their present. Buy a watering can for £6, chickens for £15, a farming bundle for £12 or schools fees for £10. Every Real Gift purchased goes to support one of SCIAF’s funds which allows your donation to be used where it is needed most, supporting those most in need, in communities around the world. The Real Gifts will also be on sale before the 12 o’clock Mass. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children’s Choir Dates 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:10th, 17th, 31st March, 21st April, 12th & 19th May, 9th & 16th June 10a.m. Mass. | | 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. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Before receiving Holy Communion, we are asked to make some act of reverence such as a bow.</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| For women affected by separation and divorce- confidential and peer support Friday 1st March 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Parish Bulletin: Items for inclusion should be sent to standrewsbearsdenbulletin@gmail.com by 5 p.m. on the Tuesday before publication and should not exceed 100 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. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |