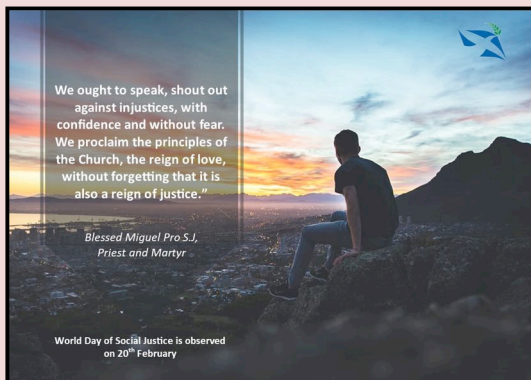


**Catholic Social Teaching  
Thought for the Week  
19th February 2023**

**(Nearest Sunday before World Day of Social Justice (20th February))**

We ought to speak, shout out against injustices, with confidence and without fear. We proclaim the principles of the Church, the reign of love, without forgetting that it is also a reign of justice.

*Blessed Miguel Pro S.J*



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

Many of the world's coral reefs are already barren or in a state of constant decline. It is aggravated by the rise in temperature of the oceans. (#41)

**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.

**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.

**Drumchapel Foodbank**

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

**St Gregory's Foodbank** use empty jars, egg boxes and sandwich bags to divide up and portion items like **WASHING POWDER, WASHING UP LIQUID, FLOUR, RICE, PASTA** etc. as well as using plastic bags to pack items. **A LENT CHALLENGE** ~ Donation boxes will be available 4th/5th March and we ask that you bring along these items (clean please) and drop them off before or after Mass.

**Forthcoming Special  
Collections**

**26th Feb, 5th, 12th, 26th  
March, & 2nd April –  
Sick & Retired Priests  
19th March – SCIAF**

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



**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**



**19th FEBRUARY 2023**

**SEVENTH ORDINARY  
SUNDAY OF THE YEAR-A**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING:**

*Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

*102(103):1-4,8,10,12-13*

**SECOND READING:**

*1 Corinthians 3:16-23*

**GOSPEL:**

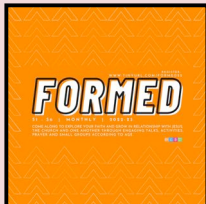
*Matthew 5: 38-48*

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

**Recently Dead:** Michael Kenworthy Browne, Frank Byrne, Pat Clancy, Anne Docherty, Hector Fernandez, Stuart Gray, Sylvia Guidi, Isobel Jamieson, Betty Kokholm, Sister Margaret Mary, Maisie McKenna, Theresa McLaren, Norah Mochan, Janette Norman, Kenneth O'Connor, John Oswald, Michael Tracey and Evelyn Wright

**Anniversaries:** Bobbie Bradley, Eileen and Tom Carragher, May Filbin, Anne Lawson, Walter McCarron and Irene Rankin

**Calling all young people S1 – S6 FORMED** meets monthly – Next meeting Friday 3rd March, 17:30-19:30. Run by AoG Youth ~ an opportunity to meet in the Archdiocesan offices to meet, chat and pray together. To find out more and to register your young person, go to <https://www.rcagyouth.co.uk/events.html>



**Preparing for Confirmation - Meeting for St Nicholas' parents** - Thursday 23rd February at 6.30p.m. in St Nicholas' Assembly Hall. **Please note** too that there will also be a meeting for all parents whose children are being Confirmed – Tuesday 28th February at 6.30p.m. in St Andrew's Church.

**To all P3, P4 & P7 parents ~ Dates for your diaries**  
SAS (St Andrew's Squad) **P3** ~ Sundays 5th, 12th March & 23rd April. All 9.00a.m. – 9.45am in the Upper Hall.  
**P4** ~ Sundays 16th April & 7th May All 9.00a.m. – 9.45am in the Upper Hall.  
**P7** ~ SAS & St Joseph's CatClub Sunday 16th April 3p.m. – 5p.m. in St Andrew's.

**Aged 16-35?** RCAG Youth invites you to join them for a weekly (Tuesdays) Zoom group, starting 7th March (19:00-20:30). Reflect on Christ's Passion and Death by looking at the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary ~ engaging video inputs, discussion, and prayer. Register your spot! <https://tinyurl.com/RCAGLent2023>

**Coffee Morning** ~ Please do come in today after 10 a.m. Mass, for tea, coffee and some delicious home baking. This month we are raising funds for Fr. Mathew Parumoottil's parish school in India. He runs the school to improve the children's employment prospects and, in India, every penny counts for them.

**If your PVG was issued in 2018 or earlier**, please get in touch with our Parish Safeguarding Coordinator, Clare Thompson, at [standrew-psc@rcag.org.uk](mailto:standrew-psc@rcag.org.uk). If you need help checking your date, Clare will be happy to assist. The Archdiocese seeks updates on volunteer PVG Scheme membership every five years.

**Piety Stall still looking for a few more** volunteers especially for the 10a.m. Mass – if you could spare 10 minutes after this Mass to help, please call Anne MacIntosh 931-5861 or Annamaria Strachan 942-9799.

**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!

**The Befriending Service for adults** provides social support by way of chatting: by phone, in groups or with one volunteer. We have social events and a new service for school children. Anyone who needs the service or wants to volunteer can chat with Brian or Alyson in the Hall at the Coffee Morning on Sunday 19th March

**Day of Prayer for those who have suffered abuse** ~ Friday 24th February. Throughout the day the Rosary will be recited every hour on the hour through to 5p.m. with Stations of the Cross at 6p.m. The annual Safeguarding Statement is on our social media.



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

**For women affected by separation and divorce** – next meeting of this confidential and peer support group is **Friday 3rd March** 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)



**Messengers Meeting Monday 6th March Lower Hall** - all Messengers are asked to attend this meeting at 7.30 p.m. and Area Leaders at 7.00 p.m. to prepare their Easter Reachouts. Thank You.

**During Lent**  
**Rosary** – Monday – Friday 9.30a.m.  
**Stations of the Cross** Fridays at 6p.m.  
**Saturday Adoration** – 10 – 11a.m.  
Confessions throughout  
**Sunday Confessions** – 9.15 – 9.45a.m.  
**SCIAF Wee Box** – pick up a pack from the porch  
**Alms Giving 2nd Collection** – for sick and retired priests  
**Short Term Pledge** Pledge Prayer cards available in the porch.

**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 in to St Andrew's for some quiet prayer. Have a heart to heart with God. Each Saturday during Lent 10 – 11a.m. Confessions throughout.



**Sign up for the latest news and articles** at [repolitics.org](http://repolitics.org). ~ raising Catholic pressing matters in a political forum ~ protecting Catholic values ~ making the voice of the Catholics heard in Scottish and UK Parliaments.

**St. Andrew's Whist Drive** this Wednesday, 22nd February in the Lower Hall 2–4:15p.m. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served. Entry £3. Looking forward to seeing everyone. New members always welcome.



**Ash Wednesday**—22nd February - Distribution of Ashes at Mass at 10.00a.m. and 7.00p.m. Ashes can be collected from the Sacristy for any housebound parishioners. **A day of fast and abstinence.** **Mass in St Nicholas'** at 1.30p.m. for staff and pupils.