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Saint Oscar Romero

The Feast of Saint Oscar Romero is observed on 24th March

**Catholic Social Teaching
Thought for the Week
Sunday 19th March 2023**
(Nearest Sunday before the Feast of
Saint Oscar Romero (24th March))

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The statue of St. Michael the Archangel, which is making its pilgrim way around parishes in Scotland, will be with us from 22nd until 29th March. There will be a chance to pray before the statue, asking the intercession of the Holy Archangel, and placing our written petitions which will be remembered in the Masses celebrated while the statue is with us.

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

Many cities are huge, inefficient structures, excessively wasteful of energy and water. Neighbourhoods, even those recently built, are congested, chaotic and lacking in sufficient green space. We were not meant to be inundated by cement, asphalt, glass and metal, and deprived of physical contact with nature. (#44)

Drumchapel Foodbank

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

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.



2nd Collection during Lent is taken up to support our sick and retired priests. This Sunday, the collection is exclusively for SCIAF. Wee boxes available in the porch.



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 MARCH 2023
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF
LENT YEAR - A**
LITURGY OF THE WORD
FIRST READING:
1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13
RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
22(23)
SECOND READING:
Ephesians 5:8-14
GOSPEL:
John 9:1-41

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

Recently Dead: Baby Mathias, Tom Boyd, Tommy Daniels, Bridget Hill, Anne Marie Kane, David Kingston, Richard Mack, Maureen Croal, Jim Keegan, Arthur Ketley, John MacDonald, Susan McGarry, Frank Morton, Chris Shevlane and Ian Stother

Anniversaries: Beatrice Begen, Nuala Buchanan, Graham Jackson, Sylvester Jackson, Terry McGahan, Edward Noble, Betty O'Callaghan and Michael O'Gorman **Six Months' Mind:** Leanne Donnelly

New Deaneries—St Andrew's is now in Dunbartonshire East Deanery, the Dean of which is Fr. John Campbell, Sacred Heart, Cumbernauld. More information soon regarding setting up a Deanery Council.

Good resources here for Sacramental Preparation and Lent 2023 <https://www.youtube.com/@awordinyourear>

The Befriending Service for adults provides social support by way of chatting: by phone, in groups or with one volunteer. It has 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 today's coffee morning.



Coffee Morning do call in to the Upper Hall after 10a.m. Mass, for tea, coffee and some delicious home baking. This month we are raising funds for SCIAF's Ukraine Emergency Appeal. Last month we donated £307.50 to Fr. Mathew Paramoottil's parish school in India. Thank you for your generosity.

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 7th April** in St Patrick's Hall, Dumbarton 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. All new members are most welcome. Email: glasgowarchdiocesewomensgroup@gmail.com

Happy Mother's Day - We remember all our mothers, living and dead, in our prayers and in our Mass today and ask God's blessing on them. "...a society without mothers would be an inhuman society, as mothers always know how to show tenderness, devotion and moral strength, even in the moments of greatest difficulty.... mothers often transmit the deepest sense of religious practice...and that without mothers, faith would lose a good part of its simple, profound warmth. *Pope Francis*

Primary Three's celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) – next Saturday 25th March between 10 a.m. and 11a.m. Fr. Currie will be assisting with Confessions, which will be at the altar area. Family members are encouraged to take the opportunity, too, for Confession, which is always a good thing to do, especially during Lent.



Caritas Award – Congratulations to Lola Kennedy and Hannah Quinn, who have been successful in passing their Caritas Award. The Caritas marker has praised both of them highly for the quality of their responses and their volunteering work. They will join hundreds of young people from across Scotland on 6th June at the Clyde Auditorium to be presented with the Caritas Award. For information about the Award, visit www.caritasaward.org. 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.

Legion of Mary meets on Tuesdays 7p.m. - 8.30p.m. New members always welcome. If you are interested in being part of the Legion's work and would like further information, please contact Fr. Mackle or ourladymotherofmercypraesidium@gmail.com

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

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

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.



Please keep in your prayers Gemma and Millie who look forward to being received into the Church this Easter.

During Lent
The Rosary will be prayed Monday to 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. Church open daily until 5p.m.



Washing of the Feet – Volunteers required to have their feet washed at the Mass of the Lord's Supper 7p.m. Thursday 6th April. Please enter your name on the sign-up sheet in the porch.