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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

21st January 2024

Third Sunday of the Year ~ B

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

RECENTLY DEAD

Martina De Petris, Pat Fraser, John Johnstone,
Shona Keery, John Kelly, Corinne Leitch,
Georgia McKinnon and Eileen Anne Millar

ANNIVERSARIES

Neil Bennett, Richard Binns, Marie Colpe, Tommy
Daniels, Elizabeth Duncan, Sophia English, Ann Harkin,
Peter Lafferty, Cathie McColgan and Nora Mochan

Sacrament of Confirmation ~ Confirmation Preparation Session for all P7 pupils. Please note time, date and venue change. It will now be this weekend, Sunday, 21st January, 3.30p.m. until 5.00p.m. in St Joseph's Hall, 3 Buchanan Street, G62 8DZ. It is important that all Confirmation candidates attend. We look forward to the celebration of Confirmation on 25th January at 7p.m. followed by refreshments in the Upper Hall.

Young people in P6 – S6 You are invited to join us for our NET Retreat Day next Sunday 28th January, beginning with 10a.m. Mass, followed by group discussions and fun activities with the NET Team. Lunch will be provided. Finishing around 2.30p.m. Please register here: <https://forms.gle/cMZqLmGowYHFz52G7>

Free to volunteer with SPRED? Can you be a friend to someone with a learning disability who needs your help to grow in faith and take part in parish life? Info hour on Zoom this Wednesday 24th January at 7.15p.m. Email Patricia glasgow.spred@btconnect.com for more your personal invitation or to make another arrangement if Zoom doesn't suit you.

The staff of St Nicholas' is offering a walk round the school on Tuesday 30th January at 3.15p.m. for any new P1 pupils starting this August. This is mainly for any parents who have not already been round.

Bereavement Support Group is willing to help anyone seeking assistance. If you have suffered a bereavement (not necessarily recently) and feel you could benefit from talking to someone about it, please call 942 4635 or email standrew@rcag.co.uk

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.

SVDP Interim Report - St Andrew's SVDP conference exists to help to meet the needs of those in both social and material poverty in our neighbourhood in particular and in the Archdiocese in general. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners, in the last 6 months of 2023, St Andrew's SVDP has been able to support St Nicholas' Primary P7 residential outing with c.£400, purchase bed frames and mattresses for a local family, and provide Drumchapel food bank with £500 in food vouchers, Lincoln Flats Community Kitchen with £500, and our twin parish in India with £120. We also donated £1500 to support a student through the Glasgow SVDP scholarship programme and £500 to assist those in need in each of the parishes of St Laurence's, St Gregory's and St Columba's. We have also begun local visits to meet the social and spiritual needs of the housebound and those in care homes. The conference also encourages and supports a group of Mini Vinnies in St Nicholas' Primary school. This group mirrors the activities of the SVDP conference of organising projects to help the poor and homeless in Glasgow. This term the group organised the preparation of Christmas cards and selection boxes for distribution to those attending the Wayside Club Centre at Christmas.

Children's Choir Dates at 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: 21st January, 10th, 17th & 31st March, 21st April, 12th & 19th May, 9th & 16th June all at 10a.m. Mass.

<p>Piety Stall - There's a large selection of Confirmation cards and gifts on sale in the Piety Stall.</p> <p>Piety Stall rota - Could you occasionally help with serving in the Piety Stall? We would be very grateful for some extra volunteers to help us out – if you could sometimes spare 10 minutes after Mass to help, it would be most appreciated. The rota sheet for January, February and March is on the door of the Piety Stall. Meantime, our sincere thanks to everyone who regularly volunteers to assist with running the stall. Any questions please call Anne MacIntosh 07866 009078 or Annamaria Strachan 07749 715514.</p>	<p>Goodbye 2023 Watch the latest video from aWordinyourear which can be viewed at: https://youtu.be/4gasSEXWTps</p> <p>SACRAMENTS IN 2024 ~ Date for First Confession is Saturday 9th March 10a.m. until 11a.m. in St Andrew's. Also, for all parents whose children will be celebrating First Holy Communion in May, there will be a preparation meeting on Thursday 1st February at 6.30p.m. in St Nicholas'. The date for First Holy Communion is Sunday 19th May at 12 Noon Mass.</p>
<p>Alpha Youth in a Catholic Context Discovery Day: Saturday, 17th February 2024. 10:00 – 16:00. 196 Clyde St, G1 4JY. Event is in-person and free. Register https://tinyurl.com/alphayouthscotland</p> <p>Alpha Youth - for the formation and evangelisation of our young and could be used in our parish! Join Michael Roche of Alpha and the Archdiocesan Youth Office for an opportunity to sample Alpha Youth sessions - find out how Alpha works in a Catholic parish or school setting and have your questions answered.</p>	<p>Catholic Social Teaching Thought for the Week - Sunday 21st January The faithful, therefore, must learn the deepest meaning and the value of all creation, as well as its role in the harmonious praise of God. <i>Lumen Gentium, para. 36</i></p> <p>Laudato Si' – On Care for our Common Home – If the simple fact of being human moves people to care for the environment of which they are a part, Christians in their turn “realise that their responsibility within creation, and their duty towards nature and the Creator, are an essential part of their faith” (#64)</p> <p>The crib in the church and the two cribs in our grounds will remain up for 40 days through to Candlemas on 2nd February. Why not keep yours up in your home until then? It's such a terrific visual aid and the 40 days allow us to adore the new-born Christ for longer. Call in for a wee prayer before our cribs.</p>
<p>Annual Crib Donations are vital for the running of St Margaret's as the UK's only Catholic adoption agency. St Margaret's aims to ensure that every child has the right to grow up in a safe, loving and secure family environment.</p>	
<p>Emmaus supports formerly homeless people by providing a home and meaningful work on one of their social enterprises. If your old furniture, sofas, white goods and electricals are in good condition, Emmaus will collect for free. Call 0141 342 4089</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Tea is served in the hut after daily Mass Monday to Thursday. All most welcome.</p>
<p>Before receiving Holy Communion, we are asked to make some act of reverence such as a bow.</p>	
<p>For women affected by separation and divorce-confidential and peer support Friday 2nd February 2024 St Patrick's, Dumbarton 6-8p.m. glasgowarchdiocesewomensgroup@gmail.com</p>	<p>Support For Drumchapel Foodbank. Non-perishable food items are always gratefully received and can be placed in the House porch. Donations can also be taken straight to the Foodbank at Ladyloan PI Unit 9, G15 8LB. We regularly use cash donations to purchase food items for delivery straight to the foodbank. Our rota is always looking for more foodbank volunteer drivers. If you can help, please get in touch. Thanks for continuing to give the foodbank your support.</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>Parish Bulletin: Items for inclusion should be sent to standrewsbearsdenbulletin@gmail.com <u>by 5 p.m. on the Tuesday before publication.</u> The Parish Bulletin is available weekly on our website/by email for all those on our Parish database and on the noticeboards in the Church porch and the Church grounds.</p>
<p>Our soup-run volunteers collect donations every evening from M&S Milngavie for delivery to St Gregory's Foodbank and Aspire West End. If you are interested in volunteering once or twice a month, please get in touch with Veronica McLaughlin - veronicamcl@sky.com.</p>	