

**Catholic Social Teaching
Thought for the Week
22nd January 2023**

(Closest Sunday ahead of Holocaust Memorial Day, UK ~ 27th January)
“If the Church stays silent in the face of what is happening, what difference would it make if no church were ever opened again?”

Blessed Franz Jägerstätter O. Martyr



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.

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.

Laudato Si' - On Care for our Common Home

In the protection of biodiversity, specialists insist on the need for particular attention to be shown to areas richer both in the number of species and in endemic, rare or less protected species. Certain places need greater protection because of their immense importance for the global ecosystem, or because they represent important water reserves and thus safeguard other forms of life. (#37)

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.

Drumchapel Foodbank

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

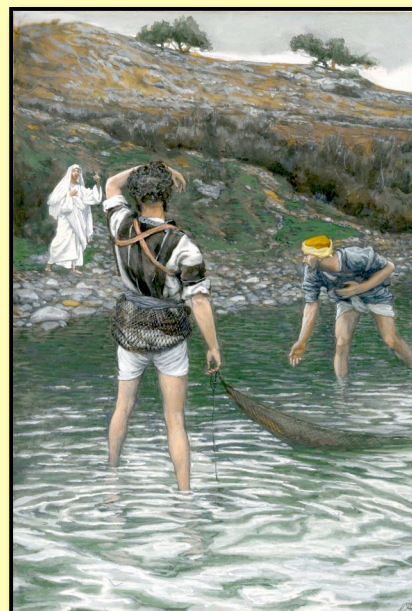


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CONFESSIONS: Saturdays 4.15 p.m - 4.45 p.m.
Sundays 9.15 a.m - 9.40 a.m.
DAILY MASS: Mondays to Fridays only at 10 a.m.
SUNDAY MASSES: 5 p.m. Vigil (Sat) 10 a.m. and 12 Noon



22nd JANUARY 2023
**THIRD ORDINARY
SUNDAY OF THE YEAR-A**
LITURGY OF THE WORD
FIRST READING:
Isaiah 8:23-9:3
RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
26(27):1,4,13-14
SECOND READING:
1 Corinthians 1: 10-13,17
GOSPEL:
Matthew 4:12-23



Forthcoming Special Collection
29th January-Assisted Parishes



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.

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

Recently Dead: Eileen Brady, Susan Cassidy, Mary Chisnall, Peter Ciarella, John Davis, Anne Higgins, Cathie McColgan, Mary Mollan and Douglas Orr

Anniversaries: Neil Bennett, Richard Binns, Kay Dolan, Sophia English, David Hay, Olwen Jones, Peter Lafferty, Marie Robertson and Gerard Tennant

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.

The Archbishop's Council of Priests will be re-established soon with elections taking place in February and the newly formed Council meeting early March. On the agenda will be the proposal to reduce the number of deaneries from nine to five, plus feedback from the sub-committee which has been looking at parish restructuring.

If you have a disability that affects your attendance at church or participation in any of the liturgies, and would benefit from some assistance or adaptations being made, please let us know. Email: standrew@rcag.org.uk or call 942 4635.

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>

For women affected by separation and divorce – next meeting of this confidential and peer support group is **Friday 3rd February** in St Patrick's Hall, Dumbarton 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. All new members are most welcome. Email: glasgowarchdiocesewomensgroup@gmail.com

St. Andrew's Lunch Club - 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month. All welcome. 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

St. Andrew's Whist Drive will resume on January 25th in the Lower Hall from 2p.m.–4:15p.m. To welcome everyone back after New Year and to celebrate Burn's Day, tea, coffee and party food will be served. Entry £2. Looking forward to seeing everyone. New members always welcome.

Altar Servers. There's room for more newcomers (P4 and upwards); so, mums and dads, just get in touch and training can then be arranged. Next training today 22nd January at 1p.m.



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

Charity New Ways works with the local community to support essential infrastructure and education projects around Turkana. Their lovely calendars didn't arrive in time for our Christmas sale but feel free to take one from the porch this weekend and offer a prayer for those in need.

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.



Key Holders - We need to establish a list of key holders to Parish Property. Unfortunately, I do not have one. Could those who hold keys to the Church, Halls or Chapel House let Brenda Murray brendamurray@btinternet.com know by Tuesday 31st January what keys they hold. Many thanks. Fr. Mackle

To all P3, P4 & P7 parents ~ Dates for your diaries
SAS (St Andrew's Squad) P3 ~ Sundays 5th, 12th March & 23rd April.
P4~Sundays 30th 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

Young people in P6 – S6 Please join us for NET Ministries Retreat. Sunday 5th February beginning with 10a.m. Mass, followed by group discussions and activities with the NET Team. Lunch will be provided. Please register here: <https://forms.gle/f4Adbemzjnft2NVu8>



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.

Piety Stall ~ Could you occasionally help with serving in the Piety Stall ? We are particularly short of volunteers for the 10a.m. Sunday morning Mass – if you could sometimes spare 10 minutes after this Mass to help, we'd be most grateful. 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 931-5861 or Annamaria Strachan 942-9799.

Preparing for the Sacraments. Meetings for St Nicholas' parents are:
* **P4 First Holy Communion** - Thursday 26th January
* **P7 Confirmation** – Thursday 23rd February
Both meetings at 6.30p.m. in St Nicholas' Assembly Hall.

Please note too these two meetings below which will held in the Church for all parents whose children are celebrating the Sacraments in 2023.
* **First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting** – Tuesday 31st January.
* **Confirmation Parents' Meeting** - Tuesday 28th February
These meetings will be at 6.30p.m. in St Andrew's Church.

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