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CONFESSIONS: Saturdays 4.15p.m - 4.45p.m. & **Sundays** 9.15a.m - 9.40a.m.
SUNDAY MASSES: **5p.m. Vigil** (Saturday) **10a.m.** & **12 Noon**
WEEKDAY MASS: Monday, Tuesday, Fridays *only* 10a.m.
SATURDAY ADORATION: 10a.m. until 11a.m.

****PLEASE SEE NOTICE BELOW LISTING ALL FESTIVE SERVICES****
ROSARY: Monday to Friday 9.30a.m

22nd December 2024 **Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ Year C**

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

RECENTLY DEAD

Mary Catherine Bonnar, Duncan Carmichael, Teddy Davidson, Owen Hagan, Shelia Kennedy, Michael McCuaig, Father Ally McLellan, Ellen Moloney, Rena Pandolphy and Robert Wilson

ANNIVERSARIES

Bernard Connolly, Bernard Ruddy, Rae Russell and Pat Tolland

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2024:

Tuesday 24th December: Christmas Eve
Vigil - 5p.m,
Carol Service - 8:30 p.m.
(Early) Midnight Mass - 9 p.m.
Christmas Day: One Mass at 10.30a.m.
Boxing Day 26th December: No Mass.
New Year's Day Mass: 10a.m. (NB NOT 10:30a.m.)
Thursday 2nd January: No Mass

LEGION OF MARY:

Every year members of the Legion of Mary take out Christmas Cribs to display in public places, to remind those they meet about the real meaning of Christmas. This year the crib locally will be at Maryhill Shopping Centre from 12p.m. until 2p.m. on Saturday 21st December. Prayers are asked for the success of this annual Christmas project.

The Archbishop will celebrate the 12 Noon Mass in the Cathedral on Sunday 29th December, the Feast of the Holy Family, to mark the local opening of the Jubilee year. A new Jubilee Cross has been commissioned which will be blessed during the Mass and will hang on the back wall of the sanctuary for the duration of the Holy Year.

FROM FR MALONEY

There is an email scam going on by someone using this email address, parishoffice0673@gmail.com and purporting to be from me. Delete and block that address. Please note, any legitimate emails from me will only come from standrew@rcag.org.uk

PROPOSALS TO AMEND THE LEGISLATION ON RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS: https://consult.gov.scot/education-reform/religious-observance-education-legislation-schools/consultation/subpage.2016-07-07.1474135251// This consultation seeks views on proposed changes to the current legislation on religious observance (RO) and religious and moral education (RME) in schools. **NB Closing date is 26th January 2024.** More information will follow in the New Year.

Second Collections during January. There are a number of these collections next month - Ecclesiastical Students, Justice & Peace, S.P.U.C., Assisted Parishes. As always, many thanks.
Plate Collections. Starting in January, we hope to print what you hand into the plate for the church.

JUSTICE&PEACE-SCOTLAND-NEWSLETTER-DEC 24-FEB 25 to view and download the latest newsletter with updates on recent activities and information about upcoming events of interest and campaign actions you can support, please use the following link: https://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk/

Laudato Si' - On Care for our Common Home - Whether believers or not, we are agreed today that the earth is essentially a shared inheritance, whose fruits are meant to benefit everyone. For believers, this becomes a question of fidelity to the Creator, since God created the world for everyone. (#93)

Catholic Social Teaching Thought for the Week – Sunday 22nd December 2024

We must not seek the child Jesus in the pretty figures of our Christmas cribs. We must seek him among the undernourished children who have gone to bed at night with nothing to eat. ***Saint Óscar Romero***

Before receiving Holy Communion, we are asked to make some act of reverence such as a bow.	**The 2025 edition** of the Western Catholic Calendar is available in the Piety Stall priced £3.70
The Knights of Saint Columba (KSC) are organising the **KSC National Youth and Young People's Competition 2024-2025.** All youth and young people **(4 -18 Years)** are specially invited and encouraged to participate actively in these competitions, the first of which is**: 1. Christmas Photography (Deadline: Tuesday, 7th January 2025)** 2. Nativity Scene Painting (Deadline: Monday, 3rd February 2025) 3. Easter Scene Painting (Deadline: Monday, 28th April 2025) 4. Easter Photography (Deadline: Wednesday, 7th May 2025) 5. Prayer Composition (Deadline: Tuesday, 20th May 2025) 6. Essay Writing (Deadline: Tuesday, 20th May 2025) The respective competition rules and further details are found in the **link:** https://tinyurl.com/KSCYouthYoungCompetition2425 **For more info contact:** youth-province1@ksc.org	
The parish is always looking for people to help out in a number of ways e.g. Children's Liturgy, Messengers. If any of this appeals to you, why not chat to someone who is already helping out and ask them what is involved. Your parish is always in need of volunteers.	**VOLUNTEER** - needed to join a team for locking up the Church during the week at 5p.m. ideally on a Monday. Please text Moira on 07751 851927 or email Geoff at jackgeoff3@hotmail.co.uk if you think you can help. Many thanks, Geoff Harrison
Children's Liturgy ~ We are looking for more volunteers to help with running the Children's Liturgy. This will involve being on a rota to take the children during the Liturgy of the Word at 10a.m. Sunday Mass. If you are interested in joining our team, please speak to one of the members or Fr Michael.	**Appeal for More Messengers -** We are now short of Messengers for most of our Reachout delivery areas, so if you would like to volunteer as a Messenger, it would be most appreciated. Please contact jamesmclaughlin242@gmail.com or speak to Fr Michael.
ST ANDREW'S BEARSDEN BULLETIN TEAM From January 2025, an additional volunteer would be very much appreciated to join our small team which operates on a rota to enable holiday cover etc. Computer word processing skills are essential. If you are interested/to find out more, please contact us at standrewsbearsdenbulletin@gmail.com	
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.	**Regarding young children who haven't made their First Communion** being given a blessing at Communion time. Parents who wish their child to receive a blessing must come forward, please, in the Communion line to the priest. Many thanks.
Thank you to our amazing supporters on #easyfundraising. Your online shopping makes a real difference to us! Because of you, St Andrew's RC Church Bearsden recently received a payment of £140. This money will be used to buy food for Drumchapel Foodbank. If you're not supporting us, you can in just a few clicks. Sign up to **#easyfundraising** to raise free donations for us when you shop with your favourite retailers for Christmas presents and all your online shopping. Sign up at https://tinyurl.com/StAndrewsBearsden2023	**Support for Drumchapel Foodbank**. Non-perishable food items are always gratefully received and **can be placed in the box in the Church porch during our usual opening times.** Donations can also be taken straight to the Foodbank at Ladyloan Pl Unit 9, G158LB. 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.
Choir dates: 25th December. Any children not in St Nicholas' who would like to join the choir please contact Annamaria Strachan on 0141 942 9799/07749 715414 or email a.strachan@dunelm.org.uk.	
Bee a Knitter ~St Joseph's Church, Milngavie, Buchanan Street entrance. Sundays. 1-3p.m. Learn to knit. Absolute beginner's class. All ages welcome. All materials supplied. Limited places as one instructor per three learners. Donation to Marie Curie. Tea and coffee served. Call or text Veronica for more info: 07884 468212.	**Parish Bulletin:** Items for inclusion should be sent to standrewsbearsdenbulletin@gmail.com ***by 5p.m. on the Tuesday before publication and should not exceed 80 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.