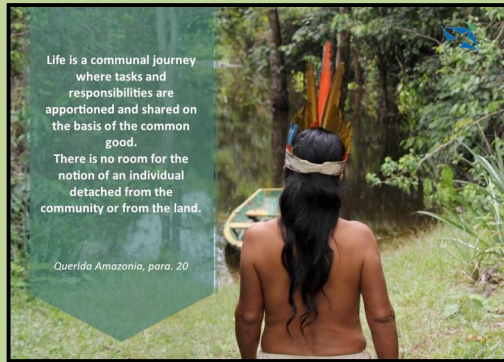


**Catholic Social Teaching
Thought for the Week
Sunday 23rd April 2023**

Life is a communal journey where tasks and responsibilities are apportioned and shared on the basis of the common good. There is no room for the notion of an individual detached from the community or from the land.
Querida Amazonia, para. 20



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

Real relationships with others, with all the challenges they entail, now tend to be replaced by a type of internet communication which enables us to choose or eliminate relationships at whim, thus giving rise to a new type of contrived emotion which has more to do with devices and displays than with other people and with nature. (#47)

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.

EARTH DAY 22 April

Our Earth is under threat. There is no Planet B. For more information on Earth Day 2023, and how to get involved, please visit: <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2023/> and <https://www.bintwinning.org/earth-day-2023/>

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



SCIAF Wee Boxes to be handed in please today, Sunday 23rd April.



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

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.

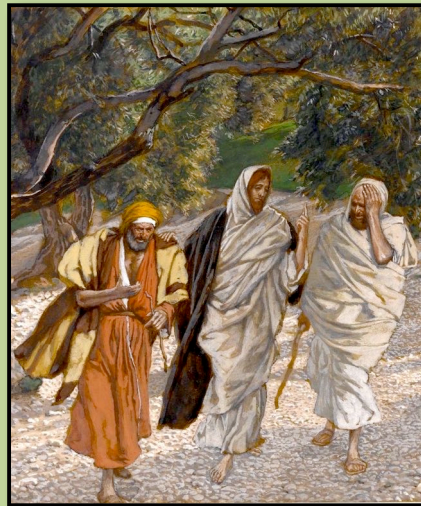


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CONFESSIONS: Saturdays 4.15 p.m - 4.45 p.m.
Sundays 9.15 a.m - 9.40 a.m.
DAILY MASS: Mondays to Fridays only at 10 a.m.
SUNDAY MASSES: 5 p.m. Vigil (Sat) 10 a.m. and 12 Noon



23rd APRIL 2023
**THIRD SUNDAY OF
EASTER YEAR ~ A
LITURGY OF THE WORD**

FIRST READING:
Acts 2: 14,22-33

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
15(16):1-2,5,7-11

SECOND READING:
1 Peter 1: 17-21

GOSPEL:
Luke 24:13-35

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

Recently Dead: Maria Capaldi, Tom Connoly, Christine Donaldson, Jimmy Dyer, Anne Hamilton, Jude Moreland, Jim Knox, John Park and Anne Stewart

Anniversaries: John Boyle, Owen Patrick Fallen, Kathleen Hocking, Thomas McKinnon, Patrick Murray and Gerard James Murray

Six Months' Mind: Stephen McCusker

With all good wishes for the Easter Season.
"The spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you".

Interested in becoming a Catholic?
Please get in touch. The programme of learning and instruction will begin after summer and prepares adults for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Please speak to Fr. Mackle if you would like to know more.

Primary 3 SAS gathering today at 9a.m. in the Hall leading into 10a.m. Mass with Children's Liturgy to help all boys and girls who celebrated their First Confession grow on their journey of faith and help them appreciate more and more this great sacrament of God's healing love in Reconciliation.

Can you help? Volunteer driver needed, please, to bring a parishioner from Kessington area to Mass once a month. If you can help, please contact Charles on 07463770191



Saturday Adoration 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. Saturday 10a.m. until 11a.m. with Confessions throughout. Sunday Confession 9.15a.m. until 9.45a.m.

A bus for Carfin Grotto will leave on the **13th of each Month from Milngavie Station 6p.m.** Cost £8. Anyone wishing to attend please put your name on the list in the porch or pass it to Fr. Mackle or email ourladymercyofmercypraesidium@gmail.com
*Anyone wishing transport to Milngavie Station please state that when you put your name on the list and someone will be in touch to arrange transport.

First Holy Communion SAS ~ Sunday 7th May
9.00a.m. – 9.45a.m. in the Upper Hall.
❖ **We look forward to the First Holy Communion celebration**, which will be on 14th May at 12 Noon. Please keep the First Communicants in your prayers.
❖ **Mass of Thanksgiving** will be at 10a.m. on Sunday 21st May followed by a party.

SERRA Vigil for Vocations: this Friday 28th April 7–9p.m. in the University of Glasgow Catholic Chaplaincy, 15 Southpark Terrace, G12 8LG. Mass at 7p.m. followed by a Holy Hour concluding with Compline and Benediction at 9p.m. All most welcome.

St. Andrew's Whist Drive ~
Wednesday 26th April in the Lower Hall, from 2p.m. – 4:15p.m. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served. Entry £3. Looking forward to seeing everyone. New members always welcome.

- **Confirmation** 8th May at 7p.m. followed by a reception in the Hall. Please keep the Confirmands in your prayers.
- **P7s' day's retreat** is this Tuesday 25th April beginning with 10a.m. Mass. Organised by the AoG youth team and the youth ministry team of St Joseph's and St Andrew's for all pupils. Remember and bring a packed lunch. It will be a great day.
- **Confirmation rehearsal** ~ Thursday 4th May 1.30p.m. in St Andrew's *for all candidates from all schools.*

Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday – World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Lord, Make Me Know Your Ways - Could God be calling you to serve as a priest? Please get in touch to find out more about discerning your vocation. Speak to Fr. Mackle or contact the Vocations Director Fr. Ross Campbell - Ross.Campbell.2@glasgow.ac.uk

“Looking to the Future” After a year going round the Archdiocese visiting parishes and spending time listening and learning, this Saturday, 22nd April, Archbishop Nolan will launch a consultation process entitled ‘Looking to the Future’ when he will meet with new Deanery Councils.
*These Councils will be a way of shaping practical proposals for the future regarding the use of both personnel and property. In his recent pastoral letter, Archbishop Nolan said “The Archdiocese must be outward looking. Any decisions about how to use our resources, including people (whether clergy or lay) and property (whether money or buildings) must be determined by how they can best serve the mission Christ has given the Church”.
*Please do keep the Archdiocese in your prayers at this stage in its life and mission. **New £1m fund** to support parishes with initiatives to evangelise ~ it's thinking caps on for us to look at any additional ways in which we can evangelise / reach out / invite and encourage.



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 5th May** in St Patrick's Hall, Dumbarton 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. All new members are most welcome. Email: glasgowarchdiocesewomensgroup@gmail.com

The Church is open until 5p.m. Monday to Friday. 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.



SPRED Family Mass ~ Sunday 30th April at 12 Noon. All most welcome, and please join us afterwards for refreshments in the hall.



For support, motivation and lots of fun, join our fitness classes every Wednesday in St Andrew's Upper Hall at 10a.m. Call Rosemary on 639 7477 for details.