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<b>CONFESSIONS:</b>	<b>Saturdays 4.15 p.m - 4.45 p.m. &amp; Sundays 9.15 a.m - 9.40 a.m.</b>
<b>DAILY MASS:</b>	<b>Mondays to Fridays <i>only</i> at 10 a.m.</b>
<b>SATURDAY ADORATION:</b>	<b>10a.m. until 11a.m. with Confessions throughout</b>
<b>SUNDAY MASSES:</b>	<b>5 p.m. Vigil (Saturday) 10 a.m. and 12 Noon</b>

**25th June 2023**

**12th Sunday of the Year ~ A**

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

**RECENTLY DEAD**

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Jack Brand, Dora Cairns, Christine Clingan, Mary Dalby, Francesca Devaney, Jack Gray, Jack Kearns, Monica McCusker, Shona MacInnes and Martin McConnell

Donald MacLean, Anne Parker, Mark Sanders, Annie Scott and Tom Smith

**A Mission Appeal** will be made at all our Masses this weekend by Sr Pennie of The Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Our second collection will be our donation to help the Sisters in their missionary work. They work with the poorest of the poor to identify and transform underlying causes such as human trafficking, orphans and street children and HIV/Aids awareness, and they run many overseas health and education projects.

*Saints Peter and Paul's feast day is this Thursday and a holyday of obligation. Masses are 10a.m. and 7p.m.*

**Deanery Walk/Cycle for Vocations** to the Diaconate, to the Priesthood and to the Religious Life. Leaving Holy Cross, Croy at 12.45p.m. today Sunday, 25th June to reach Carmelite Monastery, Kirkintilloch at 4p.m. You can do the walk cycle or just meet at Carmel for a chat.

**Congratulations go to the Pope Francis Faith Award P7 champions** who received their award at a special ceremony last Thursday in St Nicholas'. Fab pics on the school's and the social media of both parishes. We are looking forward to the P6 PFFA cohort starting after summer.

**Great Caritas pics** on our social media. Going into your final year of school after summer? Interested in becoming a Caritas candidate? Get in touch. Visit <https://sces.org.uk/caritas-award/>

**St. Andrew's Whist Drive** Wednesday June 28th 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.

**St Nicholas' Leavers' Mass and presentation to say farewell** to the school's P7 pupils will be held on Tuesday 27th June at 6.30p.m. in the school. Parents and family members most welcome. The P7s will be very much missed. We wish them the very best of luck for the future. We wish them, too, and their families and the whole school community a lovely summer!

**Family Quiz Night fundraiser for WYD23 Lisbon** - with a buffet and bar - £5 per adult and £2.50 per child on Saturday 1st July at 6.15p.m. in the Upper Hall. Questions will be fun and suitable for all ages. Tickets on sale after every Mass the weekend before, by contacting [StAndrewshalls@outlook.com](mailto:StAndrewshalls@outlook.com) or by seeing me at any of the Vigil Masses. Thank you all in advance and if you have any questions about World Youth Day, please feel

**Catholic Social Teaching Thought for the Week – Sunday 25th June** (Nearest Sunday before International Day in support of victims of Torture ~ 26th June) Whoever tortures a human being, whoever abuses a human being, whoever outrages a human being abuses God's image, and the church takes as its own that cross, that martyrdom.  
*Saint Oscar Romero, The Violence of Love*

**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.

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

<p><b>Laudato Si' - On Care for our Common Home</b> - Yet “while it is true that an unequal distribution of the population and of available resources creates obstacles to development and a sustainable use of the environment, it must be recognized that demographic growth is fully compatible with an integral and shared development”... (#50)</p>	<p><b>SVDP Report</b> Thanks to the generosity of many parishioners, in the year 2022/2023 St Andrew’s SVDP was able to support some families in St Nicholas’ Primary with £370, St Gregory’s SVDP with £500, Drumchapel food bank with £100, Lincoln Flats Community Project with £750, and our twin parish in India with £120.</p>
<p><b>A wee team of parishioners</b> had a lovely visit last week to St Nicholas’ with the children of Primary 5 to introduce them to the Pope Francis Faith Award (PFFA) which they will have the opportunity to enrol in next session. Lots of great questions were asked and we hope many of the children choose to take this Faith Journey through their final two years of St Nicholas’ Primary School. The Youth Ministries Team, school teachers and clergy will support each young person throughout their Pope Francis Faith Award and are happy to answer any questions that may come up when deciding to take this journey. So, mums and dads, after summer, do look out for the invitation to enrol, if you would like your child to become a PFFA candidate.</p>	<p><b>Interested in being part of a Parish Visiting Team?</b> In response to the Archbishop’s call to put evangelisation at the very heart of the archdiocese’s journey of ‘Looking to the Future’, we would like to form a team to visit homes in the parish. This would be as well as all the good visiting which is already carried out by Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, the Bereavement Support Group, SVDP, Legion of Mary and Messengers. Volunteers would be given training and would visit in pairs. They would be required to complete a Safeguarding form and attend the Safeguarding Induction course. Please get in touch, if you are interested.</p>
<p><b>Thank you from the family of Elise O’Hagan RIP</b> We would like to say an enormous thank you to everyone who supported the coffee morning last Sunday for Alzheimer’s Research UK. A staggering £740 was raised for this very worthwhile cause, close to the hearts of many. Not only did we have a fantastic turnout at the coffee morning but there were also donations being handed in from those attending 12 Noon Mass! We are extremely grateful for your generosity. We will be making the donation to the charity of behalf of everyone in our parish who has been affected by dementia. A very special thanks must also go to Veronica and her amazing team of bakers and helpers! What a power of work they all do, and we just couldn’t have done it without their support. Thank you so much! As numbers of families affected by dementia continue to rise, never has research been more crucial. Thank you.</p>	<p><b>Sunday 2nd July is National Thank You Day</b>, with emphasis on those caring for family with dementia <a href="https://www.musicfordementia.org.uk/thank-you-day">https://www.musicfordementia.org.uk/thank-you-day</a> Music for Dementia aims to create a record for the most people singing the one song on one day – the song being “Thank you for being a friend”, a recording being released by singer Tony Christie, who has recently been diagnosed with dementia. Three local groups, Mind that Song, Daybreak and SingSong are getting together and would be very happy for anyone, who can sing, or not, to join them singing the song at the coffee after the joint 10.30am New Kilpatrick/Cross Church service being held at New Kilpatrick. Coffee 11.30a.m. approx. Words will be provided, so all you will need are a pair of lungs and some enthusiasm.</p>
<p><b>The Report from our Deanery Council</b> - copies available in the porch and online. St Joseph’s and St Andrew’s are now the one pastoral area. Meetings will take place soon to explore us working more closely together. Regular updates following Deanery Council and Pastoral Area meetings will be made to the parish.</p>	<p><b>The paperback edition of People I Met on the Way by Father Joseph Dillon</b> is now available to purchase on Amazon.co.uk at a cost of £12.00 (or for European friends and relatives its 15 Euros). There will be a feature on Fr Joe and his visit to St Andrew’s and Gavin’s Mill in the July issue of Flourish and also in the Bearsden and Milngavie Community Magazine. A limited stock of first edition signed copies are available at Gavin’s Mill in Milngavie.</p>
<p><b>You can raise FREE donations</b> for the parish every time you shop online. Take a moment to sign up at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/standrews-easyfundraising">https://tinyurl.com/standrews-easyfundraising</a> Easyfunding pinged £68 to us recently.</p>	<p><b><i>PARISH BULLETIN:</i></b> <b><i>Items for inclusion should be sent in by 6 p.m. on the Tuesday before publication.</i></b></p>
<p><b>Drumchapel Foodbank.</b> Your donations are dropped off at the foodbank by our parish volunteers. Thanks for continuing to give the foodbank your support.</p>	<p><b>Our soup-run</b> volunteers continue to collect donations 7 evenings each week from Marks &amp; 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 - <a href="mailto:veronicamcl@sky.com">veronicamcl@sky.com</a></p>