

# ST. ANDREW'S PARISH BEARSDEN

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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

26th November 2023

Solemnity of Christ the King ~ Year A

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

RECENTLY DEAD

ANNIVERSARIES

Keith Corcoran, Bishop Anthony Farquhar,  
Monica Higgins, Robert McAteer and Ian McDonald

Sarah Fallon, Denis Loney, Mary McIntyre,  
Claire McTavish, Pearl Milne and Phil Murphy

**St Andrew's The 29 Club (200 Club) 2023/24 Season-Reminder!** Our popular 29 Club pre Christmas draw will take place at the Parish Social Evening on 2nd December 2023. - Top prize of £1000 and 5 x £100 prizes. My thanks to those who have renewed their subscription however we still have small number yet to renew!! Our fundraising is used to support the Parish Development Fund; various Charitable causes **and ...** you can win one of the many cash prizes on offer during the year. **We appreciate YOUR support!!!** Vacancies are available now for the 2023/24 season with membership at £6 per month by standing order or £65 annual payment. Interested?? then give or pass your name and contact details to Fr Joe or myself.

**Deadline for entry to the pre Christmas Draw is TODAY 26th November 2023.** My thanks and take care.  
Brian Donnelly - Finance & Fabric Team Email – [brian.donnelly49@btinternet.com](mailto:brian.donnelly49@btinternet.com) Text - 07484 707750

**Mary's Meals invites you to its Christmas Market** on Saturday 25th November (10a.m.-7.30p.m.) and Sunday 26 November (12p.m.-7.30p.m.) at the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, to help raise funds for its work providing school meals to children in poverty. Browse our selection of stalls from volunteers and small businesses and join our workshops, including: Sessions with our founder Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/marys-meals-christmas-market-glasgow-tickets-712988837807?aff=oddtcreator>

**Catholic Education Sunday – 26th November -**

We look forward to welcoming pupils and staff from St Nicholas' and Turnbull High at today's 10a.m. Mass. The theme this year is "Pilgrims of Faith" and is a preparatory year for the Jubilee of 2025 which has the theme "Pilgrims of Hope". A **2nd collection** will be taken up to support the vital work of the Scottish Catholic Education Service. For information on becoming a teacher in a Catholic school, please contact [mail@sces.uk.com](mailto:mail@sces.uk.com).

**St Andrew's Whist Drive** will take place on Wednesday 29th November 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.

**ADVENT APPEAL 3rd until 11th December.**

It will soon be time for our Advent Appeal for Christmas Gifts for Refugees and Homeless, so please start saving your toiletries etc. Please fill a large gift bag with the following for either Ladies or Gents. Warm hat, gloves, scarf, pants, shampoo, shower gel, deodorant, toothpaste/brush (ladies gifts to include sanitary products). A hand written card is always nice to include. Any other spare items to be put in separate bag in porch. Many thanks- Veronica McLaughlin and the volunteers.

**Christmas & New Year Masses:**

Saturday 23rd December - 5p.m. Vigil

**Christmas Eve Morning –**

Sunday 24th December - one Mass only at 10.30a.m.

**Christmas Eve - 5p.m. and 9p.m.**

**( 8.30p.m. Carol Service)**

**Christmas Day - one Mass only at 10.30a.m.**

**Boxing Day 26th December - No Mass.**

**New Year's Day weekend - Masses as normal.**

**New Year's Day Mass - 10a.m.**

**Tuesday 2nd January - No Mass**

**SCIAF Real Gifts** - why give more jumpers or ties or IT for Christmas? Give your loved ones an ethical gift that makes a real difference to people who need it the most. Visit: <https://shop.sciaf.org.uk/>

**‘Take a beat...’ and remember the REASON FOR THE SEASON** St Andrew’s and St Joseph’s Parishes are hosting an evening of **Advent Reflection and Carol Singing** to prepare for the season ahead. This will be held on Friday 22nd December from 6.30p.m. in St Andrew’s Church, followed by festive refreshments in the Hall. The Youth Ministries team are looking for volunteers to assist with reading reflections and prayers. We are looking for young and old(er) volunteers from both parishes, including any Pope Frances Faith Award and Caritas Candidates, Primary and Secondary pupils, readers/non-readers, anyone who can help us spread some Christmas cheer. If you can help, please email [standrewsbearsdenyouth@gmail.com](mailto:standrewsbearsdenyouth@gmail.com)

**Young People's Christmas Photography Competition 2023** run by the Knights of St Columba. Interested?  
**Theme: Jesus on the Cross** Photographs with appropriate bible verse about Jesus on the Cross that best represents the scene in your Photo. Open to P4, P5, P6 & P7 (8 to 11 years of age) and S4, S5 & S6, (14 to 18 years of age). For more details, email [youth-province1@ksc.org.uk](mailto:youth-province1@ksc.org.uk). Visit: <https://ksc.org.uk/youth-young-people/> **Deadline 7th December**

**Happy 40th Anniversary.** Messengers past and present gathered for Mass last Monday night followed by a celebratory ruby anniversary cheese & wine. Here’s to another 40 years of messengers reaching out. Christmas Reachout will be delivered to around 1300 homes in the parish during the coming weeks. If Reachout is not delivered to your home, and you would like to receive a copy, please email [standrew@rcag.org.uk](mailto:standrew@rcag.org.uk).

**Catholic Social Teaching Thought for the Week - Sunday 26th November 2023 (Christ the King)** Your identification with Christ and his will involves a commitment to build with him that kingdom of love, justice and universal peace.  
**Pope Francis, Gaudete et Exsultate, para. 25**

**Laudato Si’** – Many people will deny doing anything wrong because distractions constantly dull our consciousness of just how limited and finite our world really is. As a result, “whatever is fragile, like the environment, is defenceless before the interests of a deified market, which become the only rule”. (#56)

**Thanks to everyone who supported this year’s Christmas Fair.** Special thanks to Veronica Maguire and the fabulous team who helped with serving the teas and coffees after the Sunday Masses, the bakers, those who served in the stall and helped set up and put away all of the tables and chairs. The following was raised: The White Lily Fund - £690.00 (entry money, raffle and sale of jigsaws) SPRED - £750.00 (gifted to SPRED Glasgow to support their work in parishes which struggle financially) Sales of books for Drumchapel Foodbank - £106.00 Gift stall for Drumchapel Foodbank - £82.55 Piety Stall - £546.27 (profits for 2023 will be transferred to parish funds at the end of the year). Annamaria Strachan and Anne MacIntosh

**Lentfest 2024-Call for Participants:** AGAP is seeking actors for forthcoming theatre productions. Auditions will be held on 4th December 5p.m.-8p.m. in the Eyre Hall, 196 Clyde Street, G1 4JY. Please download pack with audition pieces and complete a short form. AGAP is keen to hear from musicians, poets anyone wishing to take part in Lentfest as a performer or helper, and from any person or organisation wishing to propose an event for inclusion in the festival programme. Please visit: <https://linktr.ee/agapglasgow> or call 0141 552 5527

**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](mailto:a.strachan@dunelm.org.uk)/0141942 9799) to arrange rehearsal links: 4th December -East Dunbartonshire Schools Concert (P6 & 7 only) 10th December - 10a.m. and 25th December- 10:30a.m. Mass

**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.

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

**For women affected by separation and divorce**-confidential and peer support Friday 1st December 2023 St Patrick’s, Dumbarton 6-8p.m.  
[glasgowarchdiocesewomensgroup@gmail.com](mailto:glasgowarchdiocesewomensgroup@gmail.com)

**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](mailto:veronicamcl@sky.com).

**You can raise FREE donations** for the parish every time you shop online. Take a moment to 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 House porch. Donations can also be taken straight to the Foodbank at Ladyloan Pl 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.

**Parish Bulletin:** Items for inclusion should be sent to [standrewsbearsdenbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:standrewsbearsdenbulletin@gmail.com) **by 5 p.m. on the Tuesday before publication.** 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.