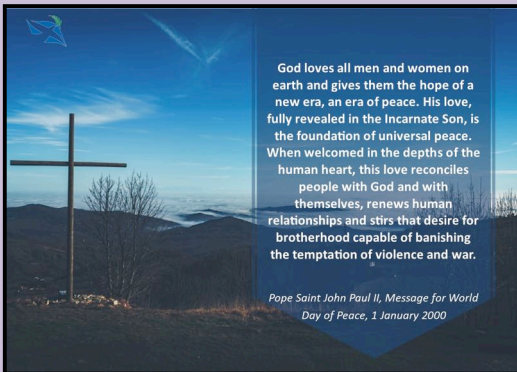


**Catholic Social Teaching
Thought for the Week
26th February 2023**

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

Greater investment needs to be made in research aimed at understanding more fully the functioning of ecosystems and adequately analysing the different variables associated with any significant modification of the environment. (#42)

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.

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.

Drumchapel Foodbank

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



St Gregory's Foodbank use empty jars, egg boxes and sandwich bags to divide up and portion items like **WASHING POWDER, WASHING UP LIQUID, FLOUR, RICE, PASTA** etc. as well as using plastic bags to pack items. **A LENT CHALLENGE** ~ Donation boxes will be available 4th/5th March and we ask that you bring along these items (clean please) and drop them off before or after Mass.

**Forthcoming Special
Collections**

**26th Feb, 5th, 12th, 26th
March, & 2nd April –
Sick & Retired Priests
19th March – SCIAF**

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



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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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



26th FEBRUARY 2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR - A

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING:

Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

50(51):3-6,12-14,17

SECOND READING:

Romans 5:12-19

GOSPEL:

Matthew 4:1-11

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

Recently Dead: Maureen Croall, Kathleen Devine, Liam Dillon, Pat Garrett, Terry Feeley, Sylvia Guidi, Stuart Logan, Norah Mochan, Kenneth O'Connor and Greer Charlotte Rushforth

Anniversaries: Bobbie Bradley, Chris Cole, Manus Fallon, Christina MacPherson, Charlie and Annie Simaitis and Kathleen Tully

Calling all young people S1 – S6 FORMED meets monthly – Next meeting Friday 3rd March, 17:30-19:30. Run by AoG Youth ~ an opportunity to meet in the Archdiocesan offices to meet, chat and pray together. To find out more and to register your young person, go to <https://www.rcagyouth.co.uk/events.html>



Good resources here for Sacramental Preparation and Lent 2023
<https://www.youtube.com/@awordinyourear>

Preparing for Confirmation
There will be a meeting for all parents whose children are being Confirmed – this Tuesday 28th February at 6.30p.m. in St Andrew's.

To all P3, P4 & P7 parents ~ Dates for your diaries
SAS (St Andrew's Squad) **P3** ~ Sundays 5th, 12th March & 23rd April.
All 9.00a.m. – 9.45am in the Upper Hall.
P4 ~ Sundays 16th 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.

Aged 16-35? RCAG Youth invites you to join them for a weekly (Tuesdays) Zoom group, starting 7th March (19:00-20:30). Reflect on Christ's Passion and Death by looking at the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary ~ engaging video inputs, discussion, and prayer. Register your spot!
<https://tinyurl.com/RCAGLent2023>

The Befriending Service for adults provides social support by way of chatting: by phone, in groups or with one volunteer. We have social events and a new service for school children. Anyone who needs the service or wants to volunteer can chat with Brian or Alyson in the Hall at the Coffee Morning on Sunday 19th March

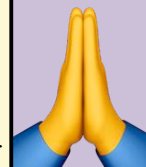
If your PVG was issued in 2018 or earlier, please get in touch with our Parish Safeguarding Coordinator, Clare Thompson, at standrew-psc@rcag.org.uk. If you need help checking your date, Clare will be happy to assist. The Archdiocese seeks updates on volunteer PVG Scheme membership every five years.

Piety Stall still looking for a few more volunteers especially for the 10a.m. Mass – if you could spare 10 minutes after this Mass to help, please call Anne MacIntosh 931-5861 or Annamaria Strachan 942-9799.

Adoration for Lent – 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. Each Saturday during Lent 10 – 11a.m. Confessions throughout.



Messengers Meeting Monday 6th March Lower Hall - all Messengers are asked to attend this meeting at 7.30 p.m. and Area Leaders at 7.00 p.m. to prepare their Easter Reachouts. Thank You.



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.

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

I am making a special appeal for volunteers, please. After the 8th April Easter Vigil and after 8th May Confirmation Mass, we would like to have receptions in the Hall. To do this on both occasions, we need volunteers to help with hall set up and clear up, and making teas and serving sandwiches. If we could have a group for each evening it would good. Please get in touch if you can volunteer. **Fr. Mackle**

Lent has begun
Rosary – Monday – Friday 9.30a.m.
Stations of the Cross Fridays at 6p.m.
Saturday Adoration – 10 – 11a.m. Confessions throughout
Sunday Confessions – 9.15 – 9.45a.m.
SCIAF Wee Box – pick up a pack from the porch
Alms Giving 2nd Collection – for sick and retired priests
Short Term Pledge - Pledge Prayer cards available in the porch.
Church open daily until 5p.m.

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!



Legion of Mary welcome any volunteers Active and Auxiliary, who would like to join them in their work within the Parish. Active Membership involves attending a meeting each week for one-and-a-half hours where the Rosary is prayed and then business discussed, ensuing from the meeting, work is allocated and carried out in the days following the meeting, usually a further one-and-a-half hours work. The role of Auxiliary Members is to pray the Rosary and say the prayers of the Legion for the work of the Legion within the Parish and worldwide. If you are interested in being part of our work and would like further information, please contact Fr. Mackle or ourladymotherofmercypraesidium@gmail.com

