

**Catholic Social Teaching  
Thought for the Week  
Sunday 26th March 2023**

Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received – only what you have given: a full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage. *Saint Francis of Assisi*

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

In some places, rural and urban alike, the privatisation of certain spaces has restricted people’s access to places of particular beauty. In others, “ecological” neighbourhoods have been created which are closed to outsiders in order to ensure an artificial tranquillity. Frequently, we find beautiful and carefully manicured green spaces in so-called “safer” areas of cities, but not in the more hidden areas where the disposable of society live. (#45)

**The statue of St. Michael the Archangel**, which is making its pilgrim way around parishes, will be with us until 29th March.

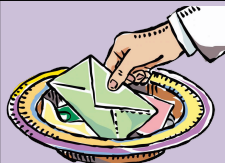
You are invited to pray before the statue, ask the intercession of the Holy Archangel, and place a petition which will be remembered in the Masses celebrated while the statue is with us.

**Drumchapel Foodbank**

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

**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.

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



**2nd Collection during Lent** is taken up to support our sick and retired priests.



**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



**26th MARCH 2023**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**YEAR - A**  
**LITURGY OF THE WORD**  
**FIRST READING:**  
*Ezekiel 37:12-14*  
**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**  
*129(130)*  
**SECOND READING:**  
*Romans 8:8-11*  
**GOSPEL:**  
*John 11:1-45*

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

**Recently Dead:** Baby Mathias, Louie Bowden, Gerard Cairns, Maureen Croal, Ian Gordon, Kenneth Hodge, Jim Keegan and Chris Shevlane

**Anniversaries:** Kathleen Ballingall and Desmond Conaghan

**Good news! - The Archbishop has announced** that he is establishing an Evangelisation Fund of £1,000,000 which will be available to support new evangelisation initiatives. If anyone has any suggestions and ideas for initiatives and projects for reaching out to others, please let us know.

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

**Confirmation** will be celebrated on 8th May at 7p.m. followed by a reception in the Hall.

**First Holy Communion** will be on 14th May at 12 Noon.

**Save the date:** For all the First Communicants and their families, there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving at 10a.m. on Sunday 21st May followed by a celebratory party

**Crosses and statues are covered for the next fortnight.** This ancient liturgical custom of using veils, of hiding Christ from the world, of hiding Him from our sight (and the saints) is to help us in our preparation for ~ and really to assist us in becoming focused solely on the mysteries of His passion - the sufferings Christ endured for our redemption.



**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.

**Confirmation - P7 ~ SAS & St Joseph's CatClub** Sunday 16th April 3p.m. – 5p.m. in St Andrew's.

**To all P3 & P4 parents** SAS (St Andrew's Squad) **P3** ~ Sunday 23rd April. 9.00a.m. – 9.45am in the Upper Hall.

**P4** ~ Sundays 16th April & 7th May 9.00a.m. – 9.45am in the Upper Hall.

**St Nicholas' is organising a rehearsal for Confirmation** which is for all candidates. It will be on Thursday 4th May at 1.30p.m. in St Andrew's. It is hoped that parents whose children are at schools other than St Nicholas' will be able to arrange school permissions.

**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 7th April** in St Patrick's Hall, Dumbarton 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. All new members are most welcome. Email: [glasgowarchdiocesewomensgroup@gmail.com](mailto:glasgowarchdiocesewomensgroup@gmail.com)

**St. Andrew's Whist Drive**– Wednesday 29th March 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.



**Caritas Award** – If you will be in your final year of school after summer and are interested in becoming a candidate for the 2023/2024 Caritas award, let us know.

**Holy Week Confessions** – 3rd April in St Joseph's 2p.m. and in St Andrew's on 4th April 6p.m. until 7p.m.  
**Holy Thursday**- Morning Prayer 10a.m. (Mass of the Chrism at St Andrew's Cathedral 11.00 a.m.)  
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.00p.m. Night Prayer 10p.m.  
**Good Friday**- Morning Prayer 10a.m. Solemn Liturgy of the Passion 3p.m. Stations of the Cross 7p.m.  
**Holy Saturday**- Morning Prayer 10a.m.  
**Easter Vigil**– 8p.m. (No 5p.m. Vigil)  
**Easter Sunday Masses**.10a.m. and 12 Noon



**Easter Vigil – 8.00p.m. on Saturday 8th April** begins outside with the blessing of the Easter fire. We look forward to celebrating Gemma and Millie being received into the Church at this Mass. Refreshments will be served in the Hall afterwards. All most welcome.

**Way of the Cross** – Monday 3rd April at 7.30 p.m. with our friends from the Association of Bearsden Churches followed by refreshments in the Hall. **All most welcome.**

**During Lent**  
**The Rosary** will be prayed Monday to 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. Church open daily until 5p.m.



**The meeting of the Lunch Club** scheduled for Thursday, 6th April has been cancelled because Holy Thursday falls on that date. The next meeting will now be on Thursday 20th April.