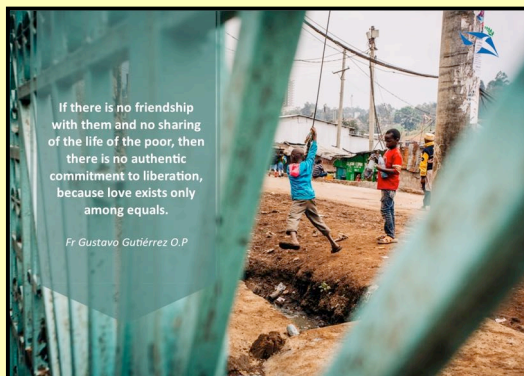


**Catholic Social Teaching
Thought for the Week
29th January 2023**

If there is no friendship with them and no sharing of the life of the poor, then there is no authentic commitment to liberation, because love exists only among equals.

Fr Gustavo Gutiérrez O.P



The Letter: A Message For Our Earth
A must see film for all who care about Mother Earth.



Thursday 2nd February
Scottish Online Screening
7.00pm
All welcome.

The Scottish Online Screening of "The Letter" - Thursday 2nd February, 7p.m. Please register here [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

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.

Laudato Si' - On Care for our Common Home

The ecosystems of tropical forests possess an enormously complex biodiversity which is almost impossible to appreciate fully, yet when these forests are burned down or levelled for purposes of cultivation, within the space of a few years countless species are lost and the areas frequently become arid wastelands. (#38)

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.

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

Forthcoming Special Collection
Today~29th January-Assisted Parishes



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



29th JANUARY 2023
**FOURTH ORDINARY
SUNDAY OF THE YEAR-A**
LITURGY OF THE WORD
FIRST READING:
Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13
RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
145(146):6-10(Lord6)
SECOND READING:
1 Corinthians 1:26-31
GOSPEL:
Matthew 5:1-12a

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

Recently Dead: Susan Cassidy, Mary Chisnall, John Davis, Paula Donohoe, Sylvia Guidi, Joan Hay, Anne Higgins, Frank Marley, Mary McKenna, Jim McKenna, John McVey, Douglas Orr and Andrew Smith

Anniversaries: Neil Bennett, Marie Buchanan, Hilda Cardenas, Jean and Raymonde Charrier, Sophia English, Ian Fitzpatrick, Margaret Garvie, Paul Gerard, Pat Jenkins, Jim Keegan, Agnes and Michael McFarlane, Maisie McGhie, William and Eileen McGhie, Gerard McLaughlin and Bill Smith

A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held north of Glasgow 17th–19th February. Confidential ~ supportive ~ powerful for anyone who has been affected by their own or someone else's abortion experience. Call/text Sr Andrea on 07816 942824 sisterandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk. See <https://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk/>

Annual Crib Donations are vital for the running of St Margaret's as the UK's only Catholic adoption agency. St Margaret's aims to ensure that every child has the right to grow up in a safe, loving and secure family environment.

If you have a disability that affects your attendance at church or participation in any of the liturgies, and would benefit from some assistance or adaptations being made, please let us know. Email: standrew@rcag.org.uk or call 942 4635.

Calling all young people S1 – S6 FORMED meets monthly – Next meeting Friday 3rd February, 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>

St Andrew's is now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for the parish every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! 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 3rd February** in St Patrick's Hall, Dumbarton 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. All new members are most welcome. Email: glasgowarchdiocesewomensgroup@gmail.com

Next Lunch Club~Thursday 2nd February 12.30a.m.~3p.m. All warmly welcomed for lunch, in good company, and have a friendly chat. With the growing numbers attending we are looking for additional volunteers to help continue the success of the lunch club. Commitment does not necessary require attendance at every club lunch. If you can assist please contact Jim Cameron – 0141 942 4439 or 07985 129119 or Trish Kerr 07794 989154. Look forward to seeing you on Thursday.

To all P3, P4 & P7 parents ~ Dates for your diaries
SAS (St Andrew's Squad) P3 ~ Sundays 5th, 12th March & 23rd April.
P4~Sundays 30th 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

Young people in P6 – S6 Please join us for NET Ministries Retreat. Sunday 5th February beginning with 10a.m. Mass, followed by group discussions and activities with the NET Team. Lunch will be provided. Please register here: <https://forms.gle/f4Adbemzjft2NVu8>

Preparing for Confirmation - Meeting for St Nicholas' parents - Thursday 23rd February at 6.30p.m. in St Nicholas' Assembly Hall.



Please note too these two meetings below which will held in the Church for all parents whose children are celebrating the Sacraments in 2023.
* **First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting** – Tuesday 31st January.
* **Confirmation Parents' Meeting** - Tuesday 28th February
These meetings will be at 6.30p.m. in St Andrew's Church.

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – each Saturday from 10.00 a.m.~11.00 a.m. with Confessions throughout. Please consider coming to spend time in adoration and prayer.



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.

Key Holders - We need to establish a list of key holders to Parish Property. Unfortunately, I do not have one. Could those who hold keys to the Church, Halls or Chapel House let Brenda Murray brendamurray@btinternet.com know by Tuesday 31st January what keys they hold. Many thanks. Fr. Mackle

Piety Stall ~ Could you occasionally help with serving in the Piety Stall ? We are particularly short of volunteers for the 10a.m. Sunday morning Mass – if you could sometimes spare 10 minutes after this Mass to help, we'd be most grateful. The rota sheet for January, February and March is on the door of the Piety Stall. Meantime, our sincere thanks to everyone who regularly volunteers to assist with running the stall. Any questions please call Anne MacIntosh 931-5861 or Annamaria Strachan 942-9799.

