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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

5p.m. Vigil (Saturday) 10a.m. and 12 Noon SUNDAY MASSES:

> 29 October 2023 30th Sunday of the Year ~ Year A

standrew@rcag.org.uk

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

RECENTLY DEAD **ANNIVERSARIES**

Leslie Cameron, Marina Duggan, Andrew Edgar Thomas Rafferty, Betty Rice and James Wallace

Catherine Doherty, Harry Hynds, Maisie and Sheila Kelly, Kathleen Lynch, Leonard Maguire, Alan McManus, Ian McColl, Con McConville, Anna and James McKean, May McLaughlin, Kathleen Muir, Robin Rankin and Peggy Wilson

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ADVENT APPEAL 3rd & 4th December. It will soon be time for our Advent Appeal for the Christmas Gifts for Refugees and Homeless - 2nd - 10th December so please start saving your toiletries etc. Christmas Gifts – Our volunteers continue to deliver supermarket surplus each day to organisations including St Gregory's, Wyndford and Aspire. Our intention this year is to give Christmas gifts to centres including the Wayside centre, https://www.thewaysideclubcentre.co.uk/ Aspire and for the first time Refuweegee https://www.refuweegee.co.uk/ a charity supporting refugees in Glasgow. As ever, your help is needed to make this happen please. If you would like to help can you please either: Fill a large gift bag with one of each of the items listed below and leave in the box in the porch. These can be for ladies or gents. Warm Hat, gloves, scarf, pants, shampoo, shower gel, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrush and ladies gifts to include sanitary products.

A hand written Christmas card is always nice to include. Or provide any of the items on the list straight into separate bag provided. It would really help our volunteers if items are in large gift bags rather than wrapped and each one includes all the items above. You'll see some spare gift bags in the porch if needed. Many, many thanks for your support as always. Veronica McLaughlin and volunteers

The St Andrew's Parish Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday 18th November after the Vigil Mass and Sunday 19th November after 10a.m. and 12 Noon Masses. All profits from the Piety Stall go to Church funds. Could parishioners who would like to host a stall please contact either Anne MacIntosh (07866 009078) or Annamaria Strachan (07749 715514) before Sunday 5th November to confirm. Tea, coffee and home baking will be served after the Sunday morning Masses with all proceeds going to The White Lily Fund. This charity was founded by one of our own parishioners, Mrs Angela Bruno MBE, after she was diagnosed with breast cancer, and now raises funds for research into and equipment for ALL types of cancer in the west of Scotland and has raised over £1 million to date.

Mass for all the faithful departed - Sunday 5th November 12 Noon. The families of those who have lost a loved one over the past year have been invited but, of course, everyone is welcome who wishes to pray for those whom they have lost. Refreshments will be served in the Upper Hall after Mass. Mass will be offered up every day during November for the Holy Souls.

Save the Date: 40th Anniversary of Messengers Monday 20th November. 7p.m. Mass followed by a celebratory Cheese & Wine. Invitations are on their way by post or email. We are making every effort to contact all Messengers past and present. If you are/have been a Messenger, do please come along. We would love to see you at the celebration.

Our Messengers reach out to around 1,300 households.

Piety Stall rota: Could you occasionally help with serving in the Piety Stall? We would be very grateful for some extra volunteers to help us out – if you could sometimes spare 10 minutes after Mass to help, it would be most appreciated. The rota sheet for October, November and December 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.

Primary 6 Day Retreat - 1st November Led by our Youth Ministry Team and assisted by the class teachers, Caritas candidates and Pope Francis Faith Award participants.

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 Thursday. All most welcome.

Catholic Social Teaching Thought for the Week - Sunday 29th October 2023

"The way to God lies through love of people. At the Last Judgment I shall not be asked whether I was successful in my ascetic exercises, nor how many bows and prostrations I made. Instead I shall be asked, did I feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick and the prisoners. That is all I shall be asked. About every poor, hungry and imprisoned person the Saviour says 'I': 'I was hungry and thirsty, I was sick and in prison.' To think that he puts an equal sign between himself and anyone in need.... I always knew it, but now it has somehow penetrated to my sinews. It fills me with awe." *Saint Maria Skobtsova, Righteous Martyr*

Lobby your MSP against dangerous proposals to legalise assisted suicide. Scotland must reject assisted suicide. We should be caring for people, not killing them. Say 'NO' to assisted suicide. Visit the website, Scottish Parliamentary Office, for guidance on contacting MSPs. https://rcpolitics.org/assistedsuicide/

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All Saints Day—Wednesday 1st November—Holy Day of Obligation — Masses — 10.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m. Mass in St Nicholas' 1.30pm for pupils and staff only.

All Souls Day— Thursday 2nd November — Mass - 10a.m.

Laudato Si' - On Care for our Common Home – The alliance between the economy and technology ends up sidelining anything unrelated to its immediate interests. (#54)

Pop-up choir: Still not too late to join the pop-up choir for the Saint Andrew's Night celebration on 2nd December. Come along on Sundays at 3p.m.

Next practice today Sunday 22nd October.

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/0141942 9799) to arrange rehearsal links: 12th November, 10th, 17th and 25th December.

YOUCan Scotland (Young Catholic Adult Network) is a UK wide group which brings together young Catholics, aged 18-45. We plan UK wide weekends away but also social activities. A night at Avant Garde, King St, Trongate, has been organised for a ceilidh, on Saturday 4th November at 8p.m. Tickets £5 can be bought on eventbrite.com or at the door on the night. Do contact Rina if you would like to join the WhatsApp group-rina@youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk. To attend the ceilidh, please contact Marie on 07963 788 087.

All P3 parents intending to present their child for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent 2024, please collect before Mass an enrolment form from the sacristy. *Forms to be returned, please, by today Sunday, 29th October 2023*. P4 parents are not required to re-enrol. Your form and all the details on it from last year (P3) will automatically roll on to the P4 list.

For women affected by separation and divorceconfidential and peer support Friday 3rd November 2023 St Patrick's, Dumbarton 6-8p.m. glasgowarchdiocesewomensgroup@gmail.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

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

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.

Parish Bulletin: Items for inclusion should be sent to standrewsbearsdenbulletin@gmail.com by 6 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.