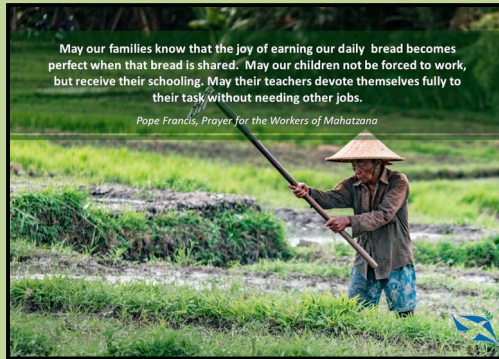


**Catholic Social Teaching
Thought for the Week
Sunday 30th April 2023**

(Nearest Sunday to the Feast of St Joseph the Worker / International Workers' Day (1st May)) May our families know that the joy of earning our daily bread becomes perfect when that bread is shared. May our children not be forced to work, but receive their schooling. May their teachers devote themselves fully to their task without needing other jobs. *Pope Francis, Prayer for the Workers of Mahatzana*




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.

Laudato Si' - On Care for our Common Home
Today's media do enable us to communicate and to share our knowledge and affections. Yet at times they also shield us from direct contact with the pain, the fears and the joys of others and the complexity of their personal experiences. (#47)

May Devotions – Rosary Sundays at 4.30p.m. On 21st May, for Laudato Si' week, weather permitting, Rosary will be prayed around the church grounds.

Refugee Help Meeting - Gavin's Mill, Wednesday 3rd May, 7.15pm

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

SPRED Family Mass ~ today at 12 Noon. All most welcome, and please join us afterwards for refreshments in the hall. 



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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




30th APRIL 2023
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR ~ A
LITURGY OF THE WORD
FIRST READING:
Acts 2: 14, 36-41
RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
22(23)
SECOND READING:
1 Peter 2:20-25
GOSPEL:
John 10:1-10

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

Recently Dead: Jimmy Cairns, Dennis Corrigan, Christine Donaldson, Jimmy Dyer, Anne Hamilton, Susan Kelly, Gerry McGachy, Mabel McQuade, Heidi Mihm, Anne Murphy and Rosalind Ng

Anniversary: Thomas McKinnon

With all good wishes for the Easter Season.
"The spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you".



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

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.



Interested in becoming a Catholic?

Please get in touch. The programme of learning and instruction will begin after summer and prepares adults for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Please speak to Fr. Mackle if you would like to know more.

Carfin Grotto Bus - 13th May 6pm. Milngavie Station Cost £8. Please put your name on the list in the porch or pass it to Fr. Mackle or email ourladymotherofmercypraesidium@gmail.com For transport to Milngavie Station please indicate on the list and someone will be in touch.



The next **Community lunch club** is this Thursday 4th May 12.30-2.30p.m. All welcome-bring along a friend for lunch and a good old chat.

Saturday Adoration 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. Saturday 10a.m. until 11a.m. with Confessions throughout. Sunday Confession 9.15a.m. until 9.45a.m.

Prayer for the New Monarch, King Charles ~ O God, to whom every human power is subject, grant to our sovereign, Charles, success in the exercise of his high office, so that, always revering you and striving to please you, he may constantly secure and preserve for the people entrusted to his care the freedom that comes from civil peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

First Holy Communion SAS ~ next Sunday 7th May 9.00a.m. – 9.45a.m. in the Upper Hall leading into 10a.m. Mass with Children's Liturgy.
❖ **We look forward to the First Holy Communion celebration**, which will be on 14th May at 12 Noon. Please keep the First Communicants in your prayers.
❖ **Mass of Thanksgiving** will be at 10a.m. on Sunday 21st May followed by a party.

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday – World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Lord, Make Me Know Your Ways - Could God be calling you to serve as a priest? Please get in touch to find out more about discerning your vocation. Speak to Fr. Mackle or contact the Vocations Director Fr. Ross Campbell - Ross.Campbell.2@glasgow.ac.uk
Saturday Adoration 6th May 10 – 11a.m. - prayer for Vocations.



World Youth Day Lisbon
1 – 6 August Countdown's on. Hannah Quinn will be flying the flag for our parish joining over 60 others from across the Archdiocese. Fundraiser after the Vigil on 1st July. More details soon. If you would like to support Hannah & WYD23 financially, please hand any donations to one of the clergy.

Book Launch. 'People I Met On My Way' by Fr Joseph Dillon SVD. 50 years in Brazil. Saturday 27th May 6p.m. - 8p.m. in St Andrew's Upper Hall. Refreshments served.
**Fr Joe will celebrate the 5p.m. Mass. Book Signing and Coffee Morning - Sunday 28th May after 10a.m. and 12 Noon Masses. **All profits to Fr Joe's Health Projects in São Paulo. **



➤ **Confirmation 8th May** at 7p.m. followed by a reception in the Hall. Please keep the Confirmands in your prayers.
➤ **Confirmation rehearsal** ~ Thursday 4th May 1.30p.m. in St Andrew's **for all candidates from all schools.**

A huge amount of thanks to the AoG Youth Team, to St Andrew's and St Joseph's Youth Group and to St Nicholas' teachers for giving the P7s a great day's Ignite retreat last Tuesday. All part of their preparation for Confirmation, which will be on 8th May.

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!



“Looking to the Future” Archdiocesan consultation was launched last Saturday at the Cathedral when the Archbishop met with the five new Deanery Councils. Margaret Barton has kindly agreed to be St Andrew's representative on our Deanery Council. All Councils have been asked to present an initial report to the Archdiocese by 18th June. There are questions for each parish to reflect on relating to the three main themes of Evangelisation, Collaboration and Resources. Arrangements will be made soon so that you will have the opportunity to contribute to this consultation process. Regular updates regarding this consultation will be made. **Please do keep the Archdiocese in your prayers at this stage in its life and mission. **New £1m fund** to support parishes with initiatives to evangelise ~ it's thinking caps on for us to look at any additional ways in which we can evangelise/reach out/invite and encourage.

The Church is open until 5p.m. Monday to Friday. 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.



For women affected by separation and divorce – next meeting of this confidential and peer support group is **Friday 5th May** in St Patrick's Hall, Dumbarton 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. All new members are most welcome. Email: glasgowarchdiocesewomensgroup@gmail.com

The Piety Stall is open every day and has a large selection of cards and gifts for both First Communion and Confirmation as well as an extended range for many other occasions.