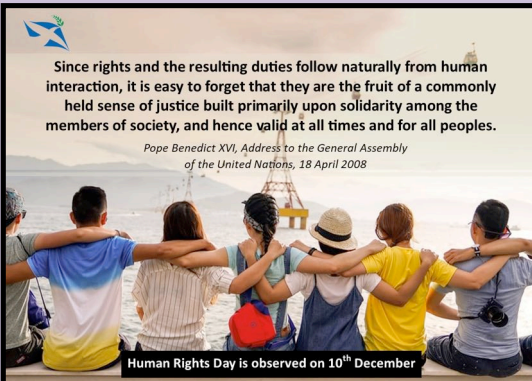


**Catholic Social Teaching  
Thought for the Week  
4th December 2022**

(International Human Rights Day is observed on 10th December) Since rights and the resulting duties follow naturally from human interaction, it is easy to forget that they are the fruit of a commonly held sense of justice built primarily upon solidarity among the members of society, and hence valid at all times and for all peoples.

*Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the General Assembly of the United Nations, 18 April 2008*



**World Toilet Day** - was held two weeks ago. Did you know that in Ivory Coast, more than three-quarters of the population (that's about 21 million) lacks a loo? But toilet twinning can transform lives. It's simple, it's fun but it's also really, really important. Our church has recently twinned its 4 toilets with 1 each in Afghanistan, Cote d'Ivoire, Honduras and DRC. To find out more and get twinning, visit <https://www.toilettwinning.org/>

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

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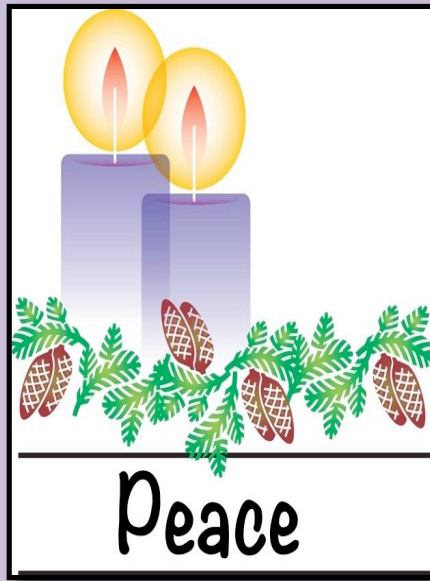
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**CONFESSIONS:** Saturdays 4.15 p.m - 4.45 p.m.  
Sundays 9.15 a.m - 9.40 a.m.  
**DAILY MASS:** Mondays to Fridays only at 10 a.m.  
**SUNDAY MASSES:** 5 p.m. Vigil (Sat) 10 a.m. and 12 Noon

**Laudato Si' - On Care for our Common Home - Home –**  
“The loss of forests and woodlands entails the loss of species which may constitute extremely important resources in the future, not only for food but also for curing disease and other uses...” (#32)

**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.

**Forthcoming Special Collection ~ 11th December: Caring Sunday**



**4th DECEMBER 2022**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR - A LITURGY OF THE WORD**  
**FIRST READING:**  
*Isaiah 11:1-10*  
**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**  
*71(72):1-2,7-8,12-13,17*  
**SECOND READING:**  
*Romans 15:4-9*  
**GOSPEL:**  
*Matthew 3:1-12*

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

**Recently Dead:** George Anderson, Margaret Cerqua, Marian Collins, Ian Hamilton, Helen Henderson, Bert Leitch, Isabel MacDonald, Colm McGuinness, Mary McIntyre, Chris McMullen and Alfred Pelosi

**Anniversaries:** Roy Chapman, Paul Dynes, Freda Faulkner, Maisie and Sheila Kelly, James McGrath, Anna and James McKean, Philip Murphy, Elizabeth and Thomas Thompson



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**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 and the noticeboard in the Church porch.



**Pope Francis on Twitter and Instagram.** The Pope's Twitter (@Pontifex) and Instagram (@Franciscus) accounts are worth following for daily content relating to the Pope and the Church in the world. Pope Francis uses his Twitter account to highlight topical issues as well as content from his writings.  
**The monthly Pope video** is also a great resource of contemporary commentary by the Holy Father on current issues. The videos are available on <https://thepopevideo.org/>

**To mark Monsignor Ryan's** contribution to St Andrew's and express our thanks for all he has done over the past 8 years, there will be a celebratory Mass at the 5p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday 17th December where a presentation will be made after Mass.

- This will be followed by a buffet and bar with tea & coffee in the Upper Hall to which all are most welcome.
- If you would like to contribute to a gift for Monsignor Ryan, you will have the opportunity via collection boxes in the porch on 3rd, 4th, 10th and 11th December.

**SCIAF Real Gifts** - why give more jumpers or ties or IT for Christmas? Give your loved ones an ethical gift that makes a difference. Visit <https://shop.sciaf.org.uk/>

**Advent Confessions** in St Andrew's 6p.m. – 7p.m. on Monday 19th December, (as well as the usual Saturday and Sunday times) and in St Joseph's at 2p.m. on Tuesday 20th December

**Advent Reflection Evening at St Joseph's - at 7p.m. Thursday 15th December.** For anyone who requires transport, please enter your details on the sheet in the porch.

**St Nicholas' Feast Day** will be celebrated in the school with Mass at 9.30am. \* Primary Three families are invited to attend.



**Caring Sunday** ~ A second collection will be taken up on 10th/11th December for the St. Nicholas Care Fund, which ensures practical help where most needed. Please return Advent Caring Boxes by 15th January.



**Advent Appeal this weekend Soup Run** – Christmas Gifts for the homeless.

- ✓ You can support this by **providing all items listed below in a gift bag** - *A hand written Christmas card, small selection box or pack of chocolates, hat, gloves, scarf, underwear, shampoo, shower gel, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrush and ladies gifts to include sanitary products.*
- ✓ Or **provide any of the items on the list straight into separate bag provided.**

Many thanks for your support – Veronica McLaughlin and volunteers.

**The 29 Club Winners 2022/23 Pre Christmas Draw** took place at the Church House on 29 November 2022 by members of the Parish F&F Team including Fr. Joe Mackle with the following winners~

£1000: No.21 Catherine Traynor  
 £100: No.52 Caroline Hanlon    £100: No.90 S Gibson  
 £100: No.71 Jim Cameron  
 £100: No.54 Jim Tait    £100: No.39 Christine Holt

\*All proceeds from The 29 Club are used to support our Parish Development Fund and various charitable causes.  
 \*Vacancies are available for the new season starting in the Autumn. \*Membership remains at £6 monthly or £65 annual.  
 \*Come and Join Us!! (spaces available now!!) Contact: Brian Donnelly on 07484 707750 or Fr. Joe Mackle on 942 4635.

**For women affected by separation and divorce** – next meeting of this confidential and peer support group is **Friday 2nd December** 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)

**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.

**Remember in your prayers – Gemma, Millie, Eleanor and Stephen** who are all journeying through RCIA. This Sunday 4th Dec at the 10.00 a.m. Mass is the Rite of Acceptance, which involves special prayers for them as part of the RCIA process.

**Screening in the hall of the Laudato Si film "The Letter"**. Sat 10 Dec at 6pm ~Indigenous peoples, scientists, refugees and the youth of the world are represented movingly and honestly in a way that makes it very difficult to do nothing. Teas/coffees will be served. Should finish around 8.15. (NB - It is suggested that the film is most suitable for anyone aged 14 or over with a message for all generations.) Please, please spare a couple of hours to understand more fully Pope Francis' message for everyone on our planet.

**St. Andrew's Lunch Club - Thurs 15th Dec** 12.30 p.m. in the Upper Hall. All welcome. Do come along, relax and enjoy lunch and a good chat with friendly company. Great the numbers attending are growing, but it means we are looking for additional helpers. If you are able to help please contact Jim Cameron – 0141 942 4439 or 07985 129119

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**Association of Bearsden Churches Unity Lunch** – Saturday 21st January 2023 12 Noon Baljaffray Parish Church. \*Speaker: Laura Young Award winning climate activist, environmental scientist & ethical influencer  
 \*Tickets: £10 from Margaret Sanders  
 \*Buffet Lunch included

**A musical celebration of the festive season.** Kelvin Choir will be putting on its annual Christmas Concert in St Andrew's at 3pm today Sun 4th Dec. Tickets, available at the door.