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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

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

5th November 2023

31st Sunday of the Year ~ Year A

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

RECENTLY DEAD

ANNIVERSARIES

James Colraine, Joe Friel, Kathleen Lyons, Sadie McGhee, Fr Bernard Sparks and James Wallace

Luz Helena Amya Cardenas, Margaret Gallacher, Patrick Gallagher, Stella Kennedy, Tony McPhee, Thomasina Munro, Nora O'Hare, Tom Reid and Isabella Whitelaw

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. If you run a group in the parish and 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.

Huge thanks to all who were involved in leading the P6s in a wonderful "Called to be a Saint" Retreat Day. Grateful thanks to Youth Ministry, parish catechists, class teachers and Caritas & PFFA candidates for all their much appreciated help and assistance. Look out for

St Joseph's Scottish Social - Friday 24th November, 7.30 - 11p.m: An evening of music and dance in aid of the SCIAF Israeli-Palestinian Emergency Appeal - Buffet - BYOB, with bar for ice and a selection of soft drinks. Tickets £10, with under 16s, in the company of parent or guardian, free – e-mail des.mcghee@btinternet.com

ADVENT APPEAL weekends 2nd/3rd & 9th/10th December. It will soon be time for our Advent Appeal for the Christmas Gifts for Refugees and Homeless, 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 Refuweege <https://www.refuweege.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

Saint Margaret of Scotland Youth Group: 9th December in the Radisson Blu in Glasgow. Tickets £40 now on sale - includes a 2 course meal, drink on arrival and a live band. 16 or over to attend. Contact Clare on 07957 743712 or see the link <https://forms.office.com/e/B2FSF6F0vK>

St Jude's Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024: 16 June to 23 June. Overland by luxury coach. £530.00 per person based on 2 sharing. 4 Star Hotel Padoue on a full board basis. Single supplement £150.00. Option to fly available. Contact Margaret – 0771 258 2662. Margaret.mcelroy2@ntlworld.com

Mass for all the faithful departed – Today, 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.

Fertility Care Scotland seeks part-time Bookkeeper, approx 4 hours p/w. Flexible work-from-home options available. Previous experience required, knowledge of Sage and online accounting programmes preferred. Email Ashlee at info@fertilitycare.org.uk or visit fertilitycare.org.uk for more details.

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.

Catholic Social Teaching Thought for the Week - Sunday 5th November 2023

Where were the saints to try to change the social order, not just to minister to the slaves, but to do away with slavery? ***Servant of God Dorothy Day***

Laudato Si' - On Care for our Common Home – It is remarkable how weak international political responses have been. Consequently the most one can expect is superficial rhetoric, sporadic acts of philanthropy and perfunctory expressions of concern for the environment, whereas any genuine attempt by groups within society to introduce change is viewed as a nuisance based on romantic illusions or an obstacle to be circumvented. (#54)

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.

Catholic Parliamentary Office – Sign up for the latest news and articles at <https://rcpolitics.org/> ~ raising Catholic pressing matters in a political forum ~ protecting Catholic values ~ making the voice of the Catholics heard in Scottish and UK Parliaments.

Altar Servers. Third Altar Server Training session today, Sunday 5th November, straight after the 12 Noon Mass in the Church. This follows on from the previous sessions. However, any young member of the Parish who would like to become an Altar Server is invited to attend today and future sessions can be arranged. As before, this invitation is aimed

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 Monday to Thursday. All most welcome.

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.

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.

For women affected by separation and divorce-confidential and peer support Friday 1st December 2023 St Patrick's, Dumbarton 6-8p.m. glasgowarchdiocesewomensgroup@gmail.com

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 PI 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.

Parish Bulletin: Items for inclusion should be sent to standrewsbearsdenbulletin@gmail.com **by 5 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.