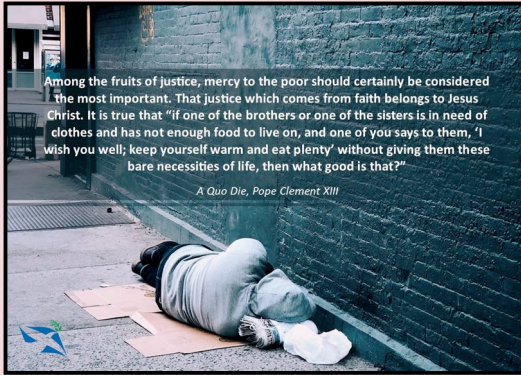


**Catholic Social Teaching
Thought for the Week
5th February 2023**

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**Laudato Si' - On Care for our
Common Home**

A delicate balance has to be maintained when speaking about these places (tropical forests), for we cannot overlook the huge global economic interests which, under the guise of protecting them, can undermine the sovereignty of individual nations. In fact, there are "proposals to internationalize the Amazon, which only serve the economic interests of transnational corporations". (#38)

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 Collections

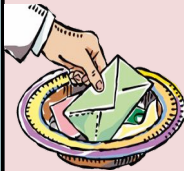
**26th Feb, 5th, 12th, 26th March,
& 2nd April – Sick & Retired
Priests**

19th March – SCIAF

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.

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.



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



5th FEBRUARY 2023

**FIFTH ORDINARY
SUNDAY OF THE YEAR-A**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 58:7-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

111(112):4-9

SECOND READING:

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

GOSPEL:

Matthew 5:13-16

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

Recently Dead: Philip Capaldi, Susan Cassidy, Mary Chisnall, Anne Docherty, Paula Donohoe, Samuel Galloway, Sylvia Guidi, Joan Hay, Anne Higgins, Isobel Jamieson, Cathy McColgan, Maisie McKenna, Eileen Merry, Nora Mochan and Oliver Smyth

Anniversaries: Marilyn Gray, Jim Keegan, Kathleen Kelly, Joseph Muir, Adele Murray, Bobby O'Callaghan, Terence O'Hare, Liam Smith, May Ward and James Ward

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



Preparing for Confirmation - Meeting for St Nicholas' parents - Thursday 23rd February at 6.30p.m. in St Nicholas' Assembly Hall.
Please note too that there will also be a meeting for all parents whose children are being confirmed – Tuesday 28th February at 6.30p.m. in St Andrew's Church.

To all P3, P4 & P7 parents
~ Dates for your diaries
SAS (St Andrew's Squad) P3 ~ Sundays 5th, 12th March & 23rd April.
All 9.00a.m. – 9.45am in the Upper Hall.
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

A big warm St Andrew's welcome this weekend to NET's enthusiastic team all the way from the USA. Great they'll be leading our young P6 – S6s in today's retreat.



If your PVG was issued in 2018 or earlier, please get in touch with our Parish Safeguarding Coordinator, Clare Thompson, at standrewpsc@rcag.org.uk. If you need help checking your date, Clare will be happy to assist. The Archdiocese seeks updates on volunteer PVG Scheme membership every five years.
The 2022 Safeguarding audit data has now been completed by our parish's Safeguarding Coordinator, Clare Thompson, and submitted to the Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency. For Safeguarding information and updates, visit <https://www.scssa.org.uk/>

From and on behalf of Fr Donnelly – I would appreciate if this could be included in your bulletin:-
Fr. Billy Donnelly sends his thanks to parishioners and friends for their prayers, good wishes, cards, and generosity over the last few months. May the year ahead bring you all good health, joy, and peace.
Thank you, Kathleen Arthur

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/standrewseasyfundraising> Thank you so much!

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/>

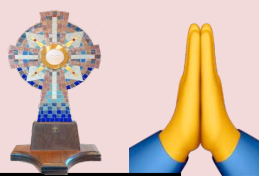
Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland 18th April 2023: If interested please contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking. – Wednesday 8th February - the feast day of St Josephine Bakhita - herself sold into slavery. We seek her intercession and pray for all victims, and for all those who work to combat this scourge of humanity.

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

For women affected by separation and divorce – next meeting of this confidential and peer support group is **Friday 3rd March** in St Patrick's Hall, Dumbarton 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. All new members are most welcome. Email: glasgowarchdiocesewomensgroup@gmail.com

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.

Sign up for the latest news and articles at repolitics.org. ~ raising Catholic pressing matters in a political forum ~ protecting Catholic values ~ making the voice of the Catholics heard in Scottish and UK Parliaments.

Next Lunch Club~Thursday 16th February 12.30a.m.~3p.m. All warmly welcome for lunch, in good company, and have a friendly chat. Great attendance each time, but it means we do need more volunteers to help. If you can assist please contact Jim Cameron – 0141 942 4439 or 07985 129119 or Trish Kerr 07794 989154.

Provision for Marriage Counselling. The Bishops of Scotland are appealing to those who are already qualified as Counsellors and who would be interested in completing some further training to work in this area, particularly here in Glasgow. If this is something that you believe you could use your skills for please get in touch on 07706 063936 to have an initial chat.

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. Please call Anne MacIntosh 931-5861 or Annamaria Strachan 942-9799.