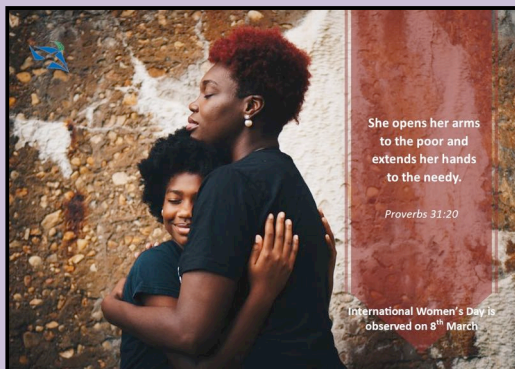


**Catholic Social Teaching  
Thought for the Week  
Sunday 5th March 2023**

(Nearest Sunday to International Women's Day (8th March)) She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy. *Proverbs 31:20*



**Scratch Choir - Easter Vigil Music invitation.** We would like to issue an invitation to all parishioners, including children (from P4 upwards), to form a scratch choir for the Easter Vigil at 8p.m. on 8th April. If you would like to contribute to the music liturgy, then please email [Annamaria.a.strachan@dunelm.org.uk](mailto:Annamaria.a.strachan@dunelm.org.uk) by 5th March.

Initial rehearsals will be in the form of a YouTube recording and there will a final rehearsal the week before Easter, to be arranged. All welcome.

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

Because all creatures are connected, each must be cherished with love and respect, for all of us as living creatures are dependent on one another. (#42)

**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.

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



**Empty jars, egg boxes and sandwich bags.** Lenten Appeal for St Gregory's Foodbank at all our Masses this weekend.



**A good and important part of a plan for Lent is Confession.** Medicine of Confession ~ brings great peace and immense joy. Saturdays 10a.m. - 11a.m. Sundays 9.15a.m. - 9.45a.m.

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

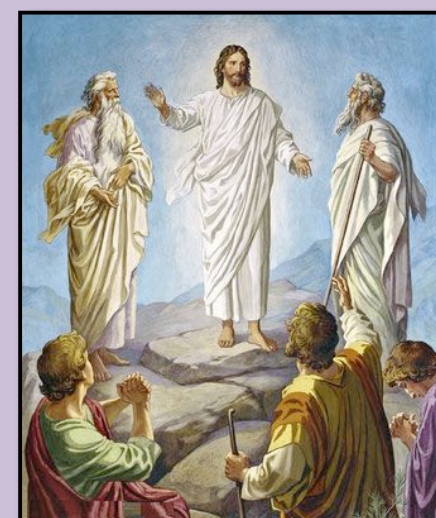
**Parish Bulletin:** Items for inclusion should be sent in by **6 p.m. on the Tuesday** before publication. Copies of the bulletin are available on Facebook, Twitter, the parish website/by email link (to all those on the Parish database) and on the noticeboards in the Church porch and the Church grounds.



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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 MARCH 2023**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR - A**  
**LITURGY OF THE WORD**  
**FIRST READING:**  
*Genesis 12:1-4*  
**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**  
*32(33):4-5,18-20,22*  
**SECOND READING:**  
*2 Timothy 1:8-10*  
**GOSPEL:**  
*Matthew 17:1-9*

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

**Recently Dead:** Baby Mathias, Maureen Croal, Pat Garrett, Martin Gilmartin, Stuart Gray, Terry Feeley, Sylvia Guidi, Jim Keegan, Daniel Lees, Alistair MacDonald, Theresa McLaren, Norah Mochan, Kenneth O'Connor, Felix Porter, Kathleen Reilly and Greer Charlotte Rushforth

**Anniversaries:** Angus McKinnon, William and Belinda Nesbit

**Aged 16-35?** RCAG Youth invites you to join them for a weekly (Tuesdays) Zoom group, starting 7th March (19:00-20:30). Reflect on Christ's Passion and Death by looking at the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary ~ engaging video inputs, discussion, and prayer. Register your spot! <https://tinyurl.com/RCAGLent2023>

**The Befriending Service for adults** provides social support by way of chatting: by phone, in groups or with one volunteer. We have social events and a new service for school children. Anyone who needs the service or wants to volunteer can chat with Brian or Alyson in the Hall at the Coffee Morning on Sunday 19th March



**Messengers Meeting tomorrow Monday 6th March Lower Hall** - all Messengers are asked to attend this meeting at 7.30 p.m. and Area Leaders at 7.00 p.m. to prepare their Easter Reachouts. Thank You.

**St Andrew's is now registered with easyfundraising**, which means 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!

**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](mailto:glasgowarchdiocesewomensgroup@gmail.com)

**Good resources here for Sacramental Preparation and Lent 2023**  
<https://www.youtube.com/@awordinyourear>

**First Confession - Sacrament of Reconciliation** – Saturday 25th March-10.00a.m–11.00 a.m. Family members are encouraged, too, to take the opportunity to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Volunteers needed**, please. After the 8th April Easter Vigil and after 8th May Confirmation Mass, we would like to have receptions in the Hall. To do this on both occasions, we need volunteers to help with hall set up and clear up, and making teas and serving sandwiches. If we could have a group for each evening it would be good. Please get in touch if you can help.

**Adoration for Lent** – 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. Each Saturday during Lent 10 – 11a.m. Confessions throughout.



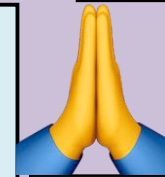
**Forty Hours Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** next week. Pop in for some quiet prayer time. Call in for a heart to heart with God.  
\* **Sunday 12th March.**  
Evening Prayer 5p.m.  
Night Prayer 9p.m.  
\* **Monday 13th March**  
Holy Hour 7p.m.  
Confessions throughout.  
Night Prayer 9p.m.  
\* **Tuesday 14th March**  
Holy Hour 7p.m.  
Confessions throughout.  
Night Prayer 9p.m.



**Legion of Mary** welcome any volunteers Active and Auxiliary, who would like to join them in their work within the Parish. Active Membership involves attending a meeting each week for one-and-a-half hours where the Rosary is prayed and then business discussed, ensuing from the meeting, work is allocated and carried out in the days following the meeting, usually a further one-and-a-half hours work. The role of Auxiliary Members is to pray the Rosary and say the prayers of the Legion for the work of the Legion within the Parish and worldwide. If you are interested in being part of our work and would like further information, please contact Fr. Mackle or [ourladymercypraesidium@gmail.com](mailto:ourladymercypraesidium@gmail.com)

**Confirmation - P7** ~ SAS & St Joseph's CatClub Sunday 16th April 3p.m. – 5p.m. in St Andrew's.  
**To all P3 & P4 parents** SAS (St Andrew's Squad) **P3** ~ Sundays 5th, 12th March & 23rd April. 9.00a.m. – 9.45am in the Upper Hall.  
**P4** ~ Sundays 16th April & 7th May 9.00a.m. – 9.45am in the Upper Hall.

**Piety Stall still needs a few more** volunteers especially for the 10a.m. Sunday Mass. If you could spare 10 minutes after this Mass to help, please call Anne MacIntosh 931-5861 or Annamaria Strachan 942-9799.



**Please keep in your prayers Gemma and Millie** who look forward to being received into the Church this Easter.

**During Lent**  
**The Rosary** will be prayed Monday to Friday 9.30a.m.  
**Stations of the Cross** Fridays at 6p.m.  
**Saturday Adoration** – 10 – 11a.m. Confessions throughout  
**Sunday Confessions** – 9.15 – 9.45a.m. Church open daily until 5p.m.



**Washing of the Feet** – Volunteers required to have their feet washed at the Mass of the Lord's Supper 7p.m. Thursday 6th April. Please enter your name on the sign-up sheet in the porch.