## ST. ANDREW'S PARISH BEARSDEN

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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

7th April 2024

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

RECENTLY DEAD

Margaret and Gino Arioli

Bernard Cooper, Thomas Fleming, Jimmy Loney, May Moss,
Michael Moss and Elise O'Hagan

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

## An absolute Easter joy!

Best turnout our parish has had in a long time for our Easter Masses. Folk having to squeeze up and standing shoulder to shoulder. A joy and a delight to see, and folk saying great to experience.

Assisted Parishes Fund - At all the Masses this weekend there will be a *second collection* for the Assisted Parishes Fund. This is one of the collections in the course of the year which goes towards the support of our parishes in other parts of the Archdiocese who would otherwise struggle to meet their commitments.

• **SCIAF Wee Boxes** to be handed in, please, by Sunday 28th April.

A huge amount of thanks to all those who worked so hard in so many ways preparing our church for Holy Week and the Easter Liturgies. Many thanks to all who helped with the decorative, liturgical, musical and social preparations. Not too long to Advent!

Sunday 7th April is World Health Day. Around the world, the right to health of millions is increasingly coming under threat from disasters,

conflicts and climate change, with those facing marginalisation or vulnerability suffering the most.

• Learn more, share content and explore action to be

taken here:- https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-health-day/2024

Catholic Social Teaching Thought for the Week – 7th April 2024 (Nearest Sunday before International Street Child Day) I don't know a more irreligious attitude, one more utterly bankrupt of any human content, than one which permits children to be destroyed. *Fr. Daniel Berrigan S.J* 

Laudato Si' – On Care for our Common Home – Together with our obligation to use the earth's goods responsibly, we are called to recognise that other living beings have a value of their own in God's eyes: "by their mere existence they bless him and give him glory", (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2416) and indeed, "the Lord rejoices in all his works" (Ps 104:31). (#69)

**Spring Young Adult Walking Pilgrimage 19th - 21st April** through the Archdiocese stopping at various parishes. Great opportunity for 16 - 35 year olds to grow in their faith, get in some exercise and make new friends. www.tinyurl.com/rcagpilgrimage

## **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

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. For information and details, please speak to Fr Mackle. Speak to Deacon Tommy if you would like to find out about vocation of Permanent Diaconate.

Our piety stall has a fine selection of First Communion cards and various for all occasions.

Vigil for Vocations, Friday 19th April, St Eunan's, Clydebank, 7-9p.m. Mass for Vocations at 7p.m. followed by Eucharistic Adoration, concluding with Night Prayer and Benediction. "The harvest is plentiful, but labourers are few; pray, the Lord of the harvest to send more labourers into the harvest."

Coffee Morning—Sunday, 21st April - Please come along and join us in the Upper Hall, after 10a.m. Mass, for tea, coffee and some delicious home baking. This month we are raising funds for The Paul O'Gorman Leukaemia Research Centre in Glasgow. Many thanks also to those who helped and came along to the March coffee morning. We had two special donations from a couple of our parishioners and, combined with our usual coffee morning entrance fee, managed to raise the amazing sum of £435 for Fr Mathew Paumoottil's school in India. See his "Thank You" letter in the porch.

Calling all P7s who received Confirmation in January. There will be a day's retreat for you all on Friday 26th April beginning with 10a.m. Mass in St Andrew's. Organised by AoG youth team and our youth Ministry Team. Helping you build on having been sealed with the Holy Spirit as a Helper and a Guide. Remember and bring a packed lunch.

Pupils at schools other than St Nicholas' will require necessary permissions.

It'll be a great day. Finishes at 2p.m.

Caritas Award – Many congratulations to Ellen Thompson and Roisin McLaren who have achieved the Caritas Award after working hard for it this past year. They'll join over 1,500 young people on 3rd June at the Clyde Auditorium to be presented with the Caritas Award. If you will be in your final year of school after summer and interested in the Caritas award, do get in touch.

- First Holy Communion will be on Sunday 19th May at 12 Noon.
- St Nicholas' has organised a rehearsal for First Holy Communion on Thursday 16th May at 11a.m. in St Andrew's, which is for all pupils from all schools.
- Save the date: For all the First Communicants and their families, there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving at 10a.m. on Sunday 9th June followed by a big First Holy Communion party.

Children's Choir Dates 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:

21st April, 12th May, 9th & 16th June 10a.m. Mass.

Save the date - Saturday 22nd June - Family Quiz Night.

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

**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.

For women affected by separation and divorceconfidential and peer support Friday 3rd May 2024 St Patrick's, Dumbarton 6-8p.m. glasgowarchdiocesewomensgroup@gmail.com Please drive with care within the church grounds and observe at all times the 5-mph speed limit. This is extremely important when coming round the bend at the bottom of the driveway.

Pedestrians, please do use the pavement from the church entrance to the Lower Hall.

You can raise FREE donations for the parish every time you shop online.
Take a moment to sign up

at https://tinyurl.com/StAndrewsBearsden2023

**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 Pl 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.

**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.

Parish Bulletin: Items for inclusion should be sent to standrewsbearsdenbulletin@gmail.com by 5 p.m. on the Tuesday before publication and should not exceed 80 words.

The Parish Bulletin is available weekly on our website/by email for all those on our Parish database and on the noticeboard in the Church porch.