

**Catholic Social Teaching  
Thought for the Week  
Sunday 7th May 2023**

“I would therefore like us all to make the serious commitment to respect and care for creation, to pay attention to every person, to combat the culture of waste and of throwing out, so as to foster a culture of solidarity and encounter.” –

*Pope Francis, General Audience  
5 June 2013, World Day of the  
Environment, 2013.*



**Our soup-run** volunteers continue to collect donations 7 evenings each week from Marks & Spencer’s Milngavie for delivery to St Gregory’s Foodbank for families and Aspire West End to support those trying to get back on their feet. If you are interested in volunteering once or twice a month, please get in touch with Veronica McLaughlin - veronicamcl@sky.com.

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

The human environment and the natural environment deteriorate together; we cannot adequately combat environmental degradation unless we attend to causes related to human and social degradation. (#48)

**May Devotions** – Rosary Sundays at 4.30p.m. On 21st May, for Laudato Si’ week, weather permitting, Rosary will be prayed around the church grounds.

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

“**Looking to the Future**” Archdiocesan consultation. All parishes have been asked to bring their reflections and ideas to the first Deanery Council meeting on 22nd May. Arrangements will be made very soon so that you will have the opportunity to contribute to this consultation process.



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

**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



**7th MAY 2023**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF  
EASTER YEAR ~ A  
LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING:**  
*Acts 6:1-7*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**  
*32(33):1-2,4-5,18-19*

**SECOND READING:**  
*1 Peter 2: 4-9*

**GOSPEL:**  
*John 14:1-12*

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

**Recently Dead:** Theresa Docherty, Michael Duddy, Jimmy Dyer, Cathelus Grant, Anne Hamilton, Rachael Higgins, Alice Mazzucco, Mabel McQuade, John Park and Oriana Spadoni

**Anniversaries:** Vittorio and Angela Arcari, John McKinnon and Andrew Thompson

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

**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.

**Carfin Grotto Bus-13th May 6p.m. Milngavie Station** Cost £8. Please put your name on the list in the porch or pass it to Fr. Mackle or email [ourladymotherofmercypraesidium@gmail.com](mailto:ourladymotherofmercypraesidium@gmail.com) For transport to Milngavie Station please indicate on the list and someone will be in touch.



**First Holy Communion SAS** – today Sunday 7th May 9.00a.m. – 9.45a.m. in the Upper Hall leading into 10a.m. Mass with Children's Liturgy. **First Communicants Mass of Thanksgiving** will be at 10a.m. on Sunday 21st May followed by a big party in the hall.

**Saturday Adoration** 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. Saturday 10a.m. until 11a.m. with Confessions throughout. Sunday Confession 9.15a.m. until 9.45a.m.

**Prayer for the New Monarch, King Charles ~ O** God, to whom every human power is subject, grant to our sovereign, Charles, success in the exercise of his high office, so that, always revering you and striving to please you, he may constantly secure and preserve for the people entrusted to his care the freedom that comes from civil peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

**First Communion** takes place at the 12 o'clock Mass next Sunday 14th May. We look forward to welcoming the children and their families for this very special moment on their journey of faith. We thank all who have been involved in helping them to prepare for this special day, at school, at home, and in the parish. We pray that the blessings of the Eucharist will stay with the children for a long time to come and that they will become committed members of the Body of Christ.


**We look forward to welcoming the P7 pupils** for Confirmation tomorrow Monday 8th May at 7p.m. and we wish to thank the teachers and catechists for the invaluable help they provide to both parents and parish in forming the children for this special moment on their journey of faith. Mass will be followed by a reception in the hall. Please keep the Confirmands in your prayers.


**World Youth Day Lisbon** 1 – 6 August Countdown's on. Hannah Quinn will be flying the flag for our parish joining over 60 others from across the Archdiocese. Fundraiser after the Vigil on 1st July. More details soon. If you would like to support Hannah & WYD23 financially, please hand any donations to one of the clergy.

**Book Launch.** 'People I Met On My Way' by Fr Joseph Dillon SVD. 50 years in Brazil. Saturday 27th May 6p.m. - 8p.m. in St Andrew's Upper Hall. Refreshments served. \*\*Fr Joe will celebrate the 5p.m. Mass. Book Signing and Coffee Morning - Sunday 28th May after 10a.m. and 12 Noon Masses. \*\*All profits to Fr Joe's Health Projects in São Paulo. \*\*

**The Piety Stall** is open every day and has a large selection of cards and gifts for both First Communion and Confirmation as well as an extended range for many other occasions.

**Confirmation 2024.** The Archdiocese has given us the date of Thursday 25th January 2024 for Confirmation next year. So that will be for all pupils going into P7 after summer. Enrolment forms will be available soon.

**The Church is open** until 5p.m. Monday to Friday. 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.\*\* 

**Thank you!** Frances O'Donnell from Lincoln kitchen project was absolutely delighted to receive the baby/children's clothes donated by parishioners as part of our Lenten challenge. She wants her thanks passed on to everyone involved 

**Coffee Morning ~ Sunday, 28th May** Please come along and join us in the Upper Hall, after 10 a.m. Mass for tea, coffee and some delicious home baking. This month we are raising funds for our very own parishioner Hannah Quinn, who will be representing our Parish at World Youth Day in Lisbon, 1-6 Aug. Hannah works tirelessly in our church as an altar server, cantor and assisting the Youth Ministry, to name but a few of her many roles, so please come along and support her. Also, Dr Karen Keeshan, our parishioner who works at the Paul O'Gorman Leukaemia Research Centre, has sent the following: - "On behalf of the staff and students in the Paul O'Gorman Leukaemia Research Centre, I would sincerely like to thank all the bakers and helpers and the St Andrew's Parishioners who came along to last month's coffee morning for their very generous and amazing donation of £655. This donation will go towards our goal to cure blood cancer in people of all ages."

**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!

**A huge amount of thanks to everyone** who joined SPRED for their Mass last Sunday and in the hall afterwards for refreshments and delicious home baking. Great teamwork from all who helped. It truly was such a joyous get together. SPRED still has a catechist available for another friend and it would be wonderful if someone wanted to give our SPRED group a go. Our group is age 22+. Just get in touch. SPRED fundraiser. Big raffle prizes to be won. Tickets on sale weekend 20/21 May. 