

**Laudato Si' - On Care for our Common Home – Home**  
 Caring for ecosystems demands far-sightedness, since no one looking for quick and easy profit is truly interested in their preservation. But the cost of the damage caused by such selfish lack of concern is much greater than the economic benefits to be obtained. (#36)



**Catholic Social Teaching Thought for the Week**  
**8th January 2023**  
**(International Day of Awareness of Human Trafficking)**

No, this is the kind of fasting I want: Free those who are wrongly imprisoned; lighten the burden of those who work for you. Let the oppressed go free, and remove the chains that bind people.  
*Isaiah 58:6*

**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.

**New Altar Servers needed to join our team at St Andrew's.** If you have received your First Holy Communion and are interested in becoming a Server, get mum or dad to let us know. There will be two training sessions – today Sunday 8th January at 1p.m. and 22nd Jan) at 1p.m. in the church for this very special role.

**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.

**Forthcoming Special Collections ~**  
*Today, 8th January – Justice & Peace + 15th January – NET Ministry*



**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



**8th JANUARY 2023**  
**SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YEAR A**  
**LITURGY OF THE WORD**  
**FIRST READING:**  
*Isaiah 60:1-6*  
**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**  
*71(72):1-2,7-8,10-13*  
**SECOND READING:**  
*Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6*  
**GOSPEL:**  
*Matthew 2:1-12*

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

**Recently Dead:** Maureen Crawford, Veronica Donnelly, Patrick Haggerty, Jim McKenna, Anne Cassidy Nicol, Betty Robertson, Rita Williams and John Leo Winters

**Anniversaries:** Mary Boyle, Bobby Caw, May Colaizzo, Gerald Corish, Jean and John Finnerty, Isabella Gallacher, Andrew Higgins, Jim Hanlon, Jean and Charlie Hirst, George McGhie, John McGhie, Patricia McNeill, Marjorie and Roger Morgan, Anne Ellen Scott O'Connor, Robert Porter and Cathie Rowan

**If you have a disability** that affects your attendance at church or participation in any of the liturgies, and would benefit from some assistance or adaptations being made, please let us know. Email: [standrew@rcag.org.uk](mailto:standrew@rcag.org.uk) or call 942 4635.

**Mass will be celebrated in the Ukrainian Rite** in St Patrick's, Anderston, on 14th & 15th Jan, at 12 Noon each day. Pastoral care of the many Ukrainians who have sought safety here in Glasgow.

**St Nicholas Care Fund.** The projects funded are in the main to help children and young people, special needs' groups and senior citizens. ***St Nicholas take home collection boxes to be returned please by 15th January.*** Many thanks

**We welcome all families**, who have had a celebration of Baptism within the past year, gathering together today for the 10a.m. Mass.

**St Nicholas' Primary** - Children whose 5th birthday is between March 2023 and the last day of February 2024 should be registered online between 4th to 20th Jan '23

[www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-learning/primary-school-registration](http://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-learning/primary-school-registration). Prospective parent school walk round 3.15p.m. Tues 17th January.

**Young people in P6 – S6** Please join us for NET Ministries Retreat. Sunday 5th February at beginning with 10a.m. Mass, followed by group discussions and activities with the NET Team. Lunch will be provided. Please register here <https://forms.gle/f4Adbemzjnf2NVu8> Before that, the NET Team will make an Appeal next weekend 14th / 15th Jan.

**Preparing for the Sacraments. Meetings for St Nicholas' parents are:**

- \* **P3 Reconciliation** – Thursday 12th January
  - \* **P4 First Holy Communion** - Thursday 26th January
  - \* **P7 Confirmation** – Thursday 23rd February
- All meetings at 6.30p.m. in St Nicholas' Assembly Hall.

**Annual Crib Donations** are vital for the running of St Margaret's as the UK's only Catholic adoption agency. St Margaret's aims to ensure that every child has the right to grow up in a safe, loving and secure family environment.



**Free Coffee Morning** - Please come in and join us for a cuppa and some delicious home baking today after 10am Mass in the upper hall. Thanks to all those who came along to December's Coffee Morning.

***The sum of £118.85 was raised for The St Nicholas Care Fund.*** As always, thank you for your support and generosity and all the very best for 2023.



**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/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 February** 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)

**St. Andrew's Lunch Club** - 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month. All welcome. Great the numbers attending are growing, but it means we are looking for additional helpers. If you are able to help please contact Jim Cameron – 0141 942 4439 or 07985 129119

**Remember in your prayers – Gemma, Millie and Eleanor** who are all journeying through RCIA to receive the Sacraments and become Catholic this Easter.

**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.

**Key Holders** - We need to establish a list of key holders to Parish Property. Unfortunately, I do not have one. Could those who hold keys to the Church, Halls or Chapel House let Brenda Murray [brendamurray@btinternet.com](mailto:brendamurray@btinternet.com) know by Tuesday 31st January what keys they hold. Many thanks. Fr Mackle

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

**Sign up for the latest news and articles** at [repolitics.org](http://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.

**Please note** too these three meetings below which will held in the Church for all parents whose children are celebrating the Sacraments in 2023

- \* **First Confession Parents' Meeting**–Thursday 19th January.
  - \* **First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting** – Tuesday 31st January.
  - \* **Confirmation Parents' Meeting** - Tuesday 28th February
- These meetings will be at 6.30p.m.

**The crib in the church** and the two cribs in our grounds will remain up for 40 days through to Candlemas on 2nd February. Why not keep yours up in your home until then? It allows us to adore the new-born Christ for longer. If you're out for a stroll, call in for a wee prayer before our outdoor cribs.

**A huge amount of thanks** to those who generously give of their time serving in the piety stall, and to the parishioners who support the stall with their purchase. A fantastic £1,200 profit was raised during 2022 ~ a terrific boost to parish funds.