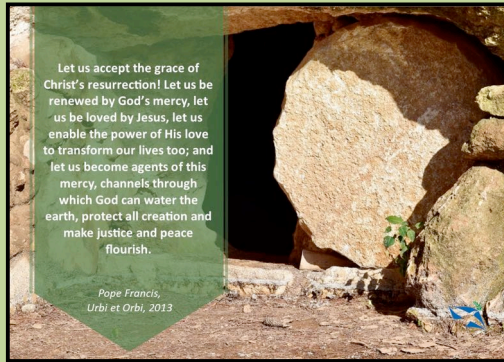


**Catholic Social Teaching
Thought for the Week
Sunday 9th April 2023**

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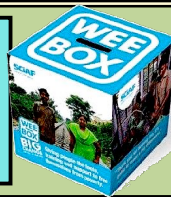
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Our soup-run volunteers continue to collect donations 7 evenings each week from Marks & Spencer's Milngavie for delivery to St Gregory's Foodbank for families and Aspire West End to support those trying to get back on their feet. If you are interested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

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

SCIAF Wee Boxes to be handed in, please, by Sunday 23rd April.



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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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



**9th APRIL 2023
EASTER SUNDAY
YEAR - A**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING:

Acts 10:34,37-43

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

117(118):1-2,16-17,22-23

SECOND READING:

Colossians 3:1-4

GOSPEL:

John 20:1-9

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

Recently Dead: Baby Mathias, Louisa Bowden, Tom Cowan, Marie Devlin, Anne Hamilton, Deacon Brian Kilkerr, Linda Lanigan, Sadie McDowell, John McPhail, Mary Murphy and Chris Shevlane

Anniversaries: Bernard Cooper, Alice Drummond and Elise O'Hagan

A Very Happy Easter to everyone.

"This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad."

Congratulations and welcome to Gemma and Millie. At the Easter Vigil, our parish community welcomed them into our faith by celebrating their initiation as full members of the Catholic Church. Please keep them in your prayers. They will continue to journey over the next few weeks through RCIA in the Easter period known as Mystagogia (entering into the Mystery), and we're looking forward to an RCIA Fish Supper Night soon.

Fabric & Finance - I want, on behalf of all in St Andrew's, to thank Brian Donnelly for very faithfully serving as F&F chairman for many many years. A huge thanks to Brian for all his dedicated efforts and hard work in this important area of parish life. Grateful that he is willing to remain on in the area of parish finance in a supportive role. Gary Wilson has very kindly agreed to take over the office of F&F chairman, for which I am very grateful.

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 or contact the Vocations Director Fr. Ross Campbell - Ross.Campbell.2@glasgow.ac.uk

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/standrewseasyfundraising> Thank you so much!



For women affected by separation and divorce – next meeting of this confidential and peer support group is **Friday 5th May** in St Patrick's Hall, Dumbarton 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. All new members are most welcome. Email: glasgowarchdiocesewomensgroup@gmail.com

Association of Bearsden Churches Easter Sunday Songs of Praise 7.30p.m. in Westerton Parish Church, Crarae Avenue. All most welcome. Tea/coffee served in the hall afterwards.

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.

Calling all boys and girls who celebrated their First Confession (Sacrament of Reconciliation) during the season of Lent. As we continue to help them grow on their journey of faith and help them appreciate more and more this great sacrament of God's healing love in Reconciliation, there will be an SAS gathering on Sunday 23rd April at 9a.m. in the Hall leading into 10a.m. Mass with Children's Liturgy.

SVDP - A huge amount of thanks to Gerry O'Callaghan and Donal McDermott, who finished up recently being conference members after many years of faithful service. I want, on behalf of all in St Andrew's, to thank both Gerry and Donal for their dedicated efforts and good work in this vital area of parish life and mission. Gerry will be succeeded as President of the conference by Ricky Jackson, and very grateful to Ricky for his willingness to take over this role. Thank you to Donal and Gerry for being here these past few months to assist with welcoming our SVDP's new members, Catherine, Audrey and Lorraine.

Really grateful for the donations of jars and egg cartons. The foodbanks thankfully now have enough and no more needed, please, until the next appeal. Many thanks

Caritas Award – If you will be in your final year of school after summer and are interested in becoming a candidate for the 2023/2024 Caritas award, let us know.



First Holy Communion SAS ~ Sundays 16th April & 7th May 9.00a.m. – 9.45am in the Upper Hall.

First Holy Communion will be on 14th May at 12 Noon.

First Communicants Mass of Thanksgiving at 10a.m. on Sun 21st May followed by a celebratory party.

Confirmation will be celebrated on 8th May at 7p.m. followed by a reception in the Hall.

Confirmation ~ SAS & CatClub
~ Sunday 16th April 3 – 5p.m. in St Andrew's.

St Nicholas' has organised a rehearsal which is for all candidates on Thursday 4th May 1.30p.m. in St Andrew's. It is hoped that parents whose children are at schools other than St Nicholas' will be able to arrange school permissions.



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.



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