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CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 4.15p.m - 4.45p.m. & Sundays 9.15a.m - 9.40a.m.

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

17th March 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent ~ Year B

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

RECENTLY DEAD

ANNIVERSARIES

Rose Boyce, Ellen Byrne, Sarah Clark, Patricia Collett, Marie Digby, Bridget Duncan, Jimmy Friel, William Gallacher, Joe Greyston, Martha Hynes, Bill Pate, Anna Reilly, Nan Smith and Cathy Torrance

Nuala Buchanan, Terry McGahan, Edward Noble, Betty O'Callaghan, Michael O'Gorman and Chris Shevlane

COFFEE MORNING - today Sunday 17th March

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 Fr Mathew Parumoottil's parish school in India. He runs the school to improve the children's employment prospects and, in India, every penny counts for them.

SPRED Lenten Mass at 12 Noon today, Sunday 17th

March. If you haven't been to a SPRED Mass before, please consider joining us at our parish SPRED Mass. We always have a short get together after Mass in the Upper Hall and since it will be St Patrick's Day, it's an excuse to enjoy some beautiful food and craic!!!

LUNCH CLUB The next Lunch Club is this Thursday

21st March 12:30 – 2:00p.m. in the Upper Hall. Themed "St Patrick's" Lunch! All most welcome to come along, enjoy lunch in good company, enjoy a chat and some great 'craic'.

St. Andrew's Whist Drive will take place on Wednesday 20th March, (a week earlier than usual), in the Lower Hall, from 2p.m. – 4:15p.m. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served. Entry £3. Looking forward to seeing everyone. New members always welcome.

Presentation of Saint Mark's gospel 22nd March 7.00p.m. in Sacred Heart Hall, Kyle Road Cumbernauld. Tickets available <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/archdiocese-of-glasgow-arts-project-12669649046> or by phone 07495 347884.

Stefan played to sell out audiences at the Edinburgh festival. Many have come to a personal relationship with Jesus through this play. Why not buy 2 tickets and invite someone who may benefit from this experience.

Way of the Cross – Monday 25th March at 7.30p.m. with our friends from the Association of Bearsden Churches followed by refreshments in the hall. **All most welcome.**

Holy Week Confessions – 25th March in St Joseph's 2p.m. and in St Andrew's on 26th March 6p.m.-7p.m.

The Second Collection during Lent is taken up to support our sick and retired priests.

During Lent

Rosary – Monday – Friday 9.30a.m.

Stations of the Cross Fridays at 6p.m.

Saturday Adoration – 10 – 11a.m. with Confessions throughout.

Sunday Confessions – 9.15 – 9.40a.m.

Alms Giving 2nd Collection – for sick and retired priests. Many thanks

Short Term Pledge Prayer cards available in the porch.

SCIAF Wee Box – do pick up a pack from the porch, please.

Catholic...? Thinking about it...? Know someone who is...? Please speak to Fr. Mackle if you would like to know more about becoming Catholic and the RCIA process.

Catholic Social Teaching Thought for the Week - Sunday 17th March Jesus wants evangelisers who proclaim the good news not only with words, but above all by a life transfigured by God's presence.

Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, para 259

Laudato Si' – On Care for our Common Home The biblical texts are to be read in their context, with an appropriate hermeneutic, recognising that they tell us to "till and keep" the garden of the world (cf. Gen 2:15). "Tilling" refers to cultivating, ploughing or working, while "keeping" means caring, protecting, overseeing and preserving. (#67)

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| <p>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 into St Andrew's for some quiet prayer. Have a heart to heart, a one to one with God each Saturday during Lent from 10a.m. until 11a.m. with Confessions throughout. Sunday Confessions will be from 9.15am until 9.40a.m.</p> | <p>Friday 22nd March is World Water Day. This year's theme is 'Water for Peace', which focuses on the critical role water plays in the stability and prosperity of the world. Learn more, share content and take action here:- https://www.un.org/en/observances/water-day</p> |
| <p>CHRISM AND ASHES Lent is a wonderful time to revisit our Baptism which, for many of us, is like a hidden treasure deep within us. This Playlist is a snapshot of Baptism...peppered with a few 'Calls to action'. https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLwZ-zLnVLTlZlWi0bvpOseVC91gYXjgYZ</p> | |
| <p>During the summer months, parishes rely on there being priests to supply for priests' annual leave. To arrange a supply priest is each parish's responsibility. It is becoming increasingly difficult to do this as there are now fewer and fewer priests to supply. The Archdiocese has therefore asked parishes to look at the possibility of reducing Masses to a summer programme. St Andrew's and St Joseph's are currently working on a reduced summer Mass Schedule for July and August. We will be in a position to say more about this after Easter.</p> | |
| <p>Volunteers are urgently needed to lead Children's Liturgy of the Word at 10a.m. Mass on Sundays. (resources, support, training, and lots of info provided including guidance regarding safeguarding requirements). Children's Liturgy is on during school term time, and you would be part of a rota. If you would be interested in volunteering for this important ministry or learning more about Children's Liturgy, please contact Sharon and Alan at wdraft2018@gmail.com. If you did volunteer recently and have submitted your application to Safeguarding, please do get in touch to give an update. Many thanks.</p> | <p>Just to keep you posted regarding the Parishes/Archdiocesan programme of looking to the future. The stage we are at now is that the Archbishop has asked Pastoral Area Councils to look at how best pastoral care can be provided for the next five to ten years within their own pastoral area. St Andrew's & St Joseph's Pastoral Area Council will meet on 4th April to discuss this, and any proposals which emerge are to be submitted to the Archbishop by 19th May. We'll keep you fully advised. With the falling number of practising Catholics, the current shortage of priests, and with a vocations dearth, the Archbishop is undoubtedly faced with having to take tough and difficult decisions. Do keep him and the Archdiocese in your prayers.</p> |
| <p>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/0141 942 9799) to arrange rehearsal links: 17th, 31st March, 21st April, 12th & 19th May, 9th & 16th June 10a.m. Mass.</p> | <p>22 Primary 3 children celebrated one of our lovely sacraments of healing, the Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) last Saturday. Keep them in your prayers, as they continue on their journey of faith looking forward to next year's celebration of their First Holy Communion.</p> |
| <p>First Holy Communion will be on 9th May at 12 Noon. 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.</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p><i>Before receiving Holy Communion, we are asked to make some act of reverence such as a bow.</i></p> | |
| <p>For women affected by separation and divorce- confidential and peer support Friday 5th April 2024 St Patrick's, Dumbarton 6-8p.m. glasgowarchdiocesewomensgroup@gmail.com</p> | <p>You can raise FREE donations for the parish every time you shop online. Take a moment to sign up at https://tinyurl.com/StAndrewsBearsden2023</p> |
| <p>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.</p> | |
| <p>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.</p> | |