



ST ANDREW'S  
BEARSDEN

# REACHOUT

EASTER 2024



# A very Happy Easter to you all! ...

Let me fast forward, though, to this Advent, the 1st December. It is the beginning of the 2025 'Pilgrims of Hope' jubilee year of hope for a troubled and suffering world.

The Pope is inviting every one of us to participate in the year.

Pilgrims of hope is what we are.

Christ risen and with us always is our hope. It is because of Christ risen that we may hope for friendship with God, for peace with one another, and for happiness with God in the life hereafter.

As pilgrims of hope, the best way for us to nurture hope is through prayer. Do pray often. Be committed to prayer. Prayer preserves and renews hope. Keep in mind that our church is open daily for quiet prayer.

For details of the upcoming Jubilee Year, keep your eye on our bulletin and social media. Or you can download the app, "Jubilaeum 25" for free.

As 'Pilgrims of Hope', may we all experience the joy and peace of the Risen Christ this Easter.

*Fr Joe Mackle*



## Support For Drumchapel Foodbank

Please keep up the fabulous support dropping off food items at the church house porch. Cash donations are always welcome.

Also you could volunteer to be a driver once every two months. For further information contact

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***"THIS IS OUR FAITH"***

**BAPTISMS 2023**

Every Monday to Friday the Rosary is prayed at 9.30am in the Blessed Sacrament chapel. All are most welcome.



Massive thanks to the NET Ministry Team for visiting us. An amazing day's retreat for our young people. A huge thanks, to the Youth Ministry Teams of both parishes for helping with all the organising, planning and arrangements, especially for a great pizza lunch. More youth events in the pipeline.



**NET MINISTRIES**



**The Lunch Club**

Meet from 12.30pm until 2.30pm the first and third Thursday of the Month, all are most welcome.



**THERE WAS A EXCELLENT TURN OUT FOR THE 2024 CONFIRMATION**

***The thought for today - When we work-we work When we pray-God works***



# Ever Wondered...?

Well, it is hardly a regular crucifix, is it?

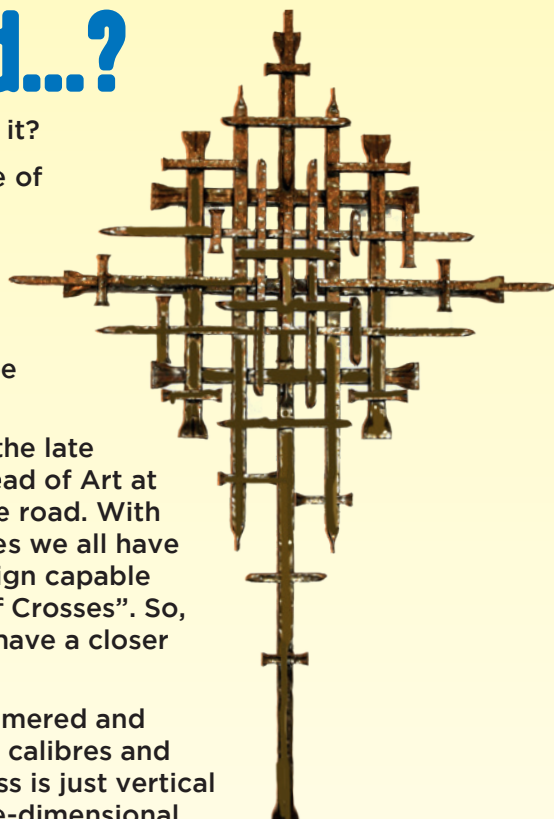
Yet it matches the rectangular shape of our church, dictated by the unusual dimensions of the building plot. And it goes with other nearby visual attributes – the wooden grills on the three-sided frieze at the ceiling, the mosaics, the window blinds in the Upper and Lower Halls.

It is a product of the fertile mind of the late Peter Connolly, a parishioner and Head of Art at Notre Dame College, then just up the road. With a theme of the many different crosses we all have to bear in life, Peter produced a design capable of flexible interpretation; a “Cross of Crosses”. So, what might YOU see in it? Why not have a closer look.

First, it is 7 ft 2 in by 4 ft 4 in of hammered and welded metal channelling of varying calibres and nearly all symmetrical. A normal cross is just vertical and horizontal, whereas ours is three-dimensional, on no less than seven levels, all built out from the wall one on another. Next look at the two principal cross-members, the thick, very long vertical and horizontal ones. See that four more of equal thickness form a kind of square around them. A Jerusalem Cross, as given by Pope Urban II to the First Crusade.

Now have a look at the upper half, at the forest of smaller spars. They represent the crown of thorns on the bowed head of the dying Christ. Then see that sideways through the structure, on the horizontal principal cross-member, runs the lance that pierced His side. In the middle is a discreet Cross of Lorraine, as carried on the banner of Joan of Arc and later the rallying symbol of the Free French at nearby Greenock during World War II. And below it, asymmetrically, are some steps to allow Joseph of Arimathea to climb up and retrieve the body of Our Holy Redeemer for burial and subsequent Resurrection.

Finally, from a distance, take in the whole structure. It is clearly higher than it is broad. Could it represent the Star of Bethlehem, guiding us to the altar where the Eucharist is celebrated? Or the Holy Spirit, welcoming us with extended arms? Or something else? You decide.



*"It is my prayer that the rapid development of forms of AI will not increase cases of inequality and injustice all too present in today's world, but will help put an end to wars and conflicts, and alleviate many forms of suffering that afflicts our human family."*

## Save the Dates ..

**Sun. 31 March**

Ecumenical Songs of Praise. 7.30 pm, Westerton Parish Church. All most welcome

**Fri. 26 April**

P7s Ignite post-Confirmation Retreat, 10am-2pm, St Andrew's.

**Thu. 9 May**

Feast of the Ascension. Mass, 10 am & 7 pm, St Andrew's.

**Sun. 19 May**

First Holy Communion Mass, 12 noon, St Andrew's.

**Sun. 9 June**

First Holy Communicants. Mass and Party, 10 am, St Andrew's.

**Tues 25 June**

P7s Leavers' Mass. 6pm, St Nicholas' School.

**Thu 15 Aug**

Feast of the Assumption. Mass, 10 am & 7 pm, St Andrew's

**COME AND JOIN US TO CELEBRATE**

# **Holy Week and Easter Celebrations**

**at St Andrew's**

**Palm Sunday 24th March**

**Masses: Vigil 5pm (Saturday). 10am and 12noon.**

**Monday 25th March 7.30pm**

**Stations of the Cross (Association of Bearsden Churches)**

**Tuesday 26th March 6.00pm – 7.00pm**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)**

**Holy Thursday 28th March**

**Mass: 7.00pm**

**Night Prayer: 10.00pm**

**Good Friday 29th March**

**Liturgies: 3pm and 7pm**

**Easter Sunday 31st March**

**Masses: Vigil 7pm (Saturday). 10am and 12noon.**

***All are welcome to come along to any of  
our Easter Celebrations***

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