



ST ANDREW'S
BEARSDEN

REACHOUT

EASTER 2025

HE IS RISEN



Father Michael's Easter Message

It seems like only yesterday that I was writing a few words for the Christmas Reachout, how time flies.

I am sure many of us joined a gym after Christmas and promised that things would be different, how is that going?

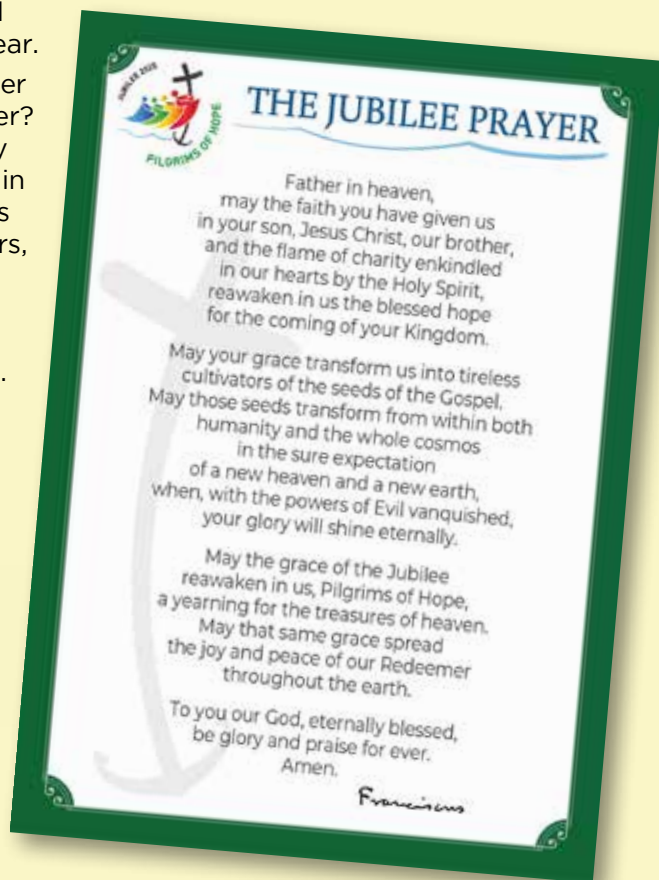
Pope Francis has designated 2025 a Jubilee Year. We are pilgrims of hope and so let us be full of hope, for the future, for our World and for our love of Christ.

If you do nothing else for Easter, I would ask you to use the prayer that Pope Francis composed for this Jubilee. It can be found below.

Please pray for all the children in your parish who will receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation during the year.

Perhaps, you might consider helping out your messenger? Could you possibly help by handing out the Reachout in your street? We are always looking for new messengers, it would be a great help to those who already deliver it and would be a positive step in helping your parish. Please speak to your messenger or leave a note in an envelope. marked Messenger Appeal.

Father Michael



The Jubilee is simply a reminder that we journey through this life in the Hope of finally joining Christ for eternity in the next life.



Ever Wondered . . . About the flowers on our altar?

If you have, Well Done you! If not, Hmmm...

After all, they are always there, in plain sight, looking beautiful. Not just the altar flowers either. Smaller selections stand in support of the statues of Our Blessed Lady and The Sacred Heart of Jesus in the church, also The Little Flower in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Nine times a year they are changed in accordance with liturgical stipulations. Yellow and orange for Easter, red and silver for Christmas, purple for Advent, and so on. Surely, you've noticed?



They are not changed by magic either. For the past twenty-five years or so they have been looked after by the Guidi family, parishioners of Saint Andrew's. For over twenty years the late Sylvia Guidi tended, cosseted and, Yes, changed the flowers. She also took the trouble to train up her

daughter Patricia in the necessary skills. Today Patricia carries on her late mother's work, and is herself training up her assistant Susan Morrison. All good, progressive stuff because the flowers are sometimes also used, in return for a donation to the local Food Bank, as altar decorations at weddings. All in all, a Win-Win arrangement.



And what's been Hid ?

Ensuring St Andrew's is fit for purpose for generations to come and thanks to your continuing generosity, we have been able to carry out major works last year. These form part of the St Andrew's estate that we don't really see. However, the forty-year-old boiler kit was in need of retirement. We have been able to completely renew the entire heating system in the church house and renew the bathroom. Together with this we renewed the church boilers, all associated pipework, electrical plant and installed a heating management control system.

After tendering all the works in accordance with the Archdiocese rules, at least three tenders,



Precise Installs were the best quotation and we are delighted with all the works. Many thanks to them. All being well, they will be servicing the equipment in the future.



A huge thank you to our parish primary school St Nicholas' for choosing the Drumchapel Foodbank again as their Christmas charity. Their 'Just Giving' Page donated £610.

The Drumchapel Food Bank

The Drumchapel Food Bank is 3.2 miles from St Andrew's and our local primary school, St Nicholas'. The foodbank is housed in the KCEDG Commercial Centre in Ladyloan Place, Glasgow G15 8LB.

The Drumchapel foodbank is an independent project, which totally relies on your generosity and that of local people, organisations and businesses, to help those in financial crisis.

You can place tinned, packet and dried goods in the wooden box in the church porch until 5pm during the week, or mass times during the weekend.

Cash donations, posted through the letterbox of the parish house, are used by the finance group to send food directly to the foodbank. Please mark the envelope "For the Foodbank".

Food from the parish is delivered every Monday by our volunteer drivers. If you would like to help in this worthwhile venture, once every two or three months, please contact **briantraynor100@hotmail.com** with your name, email address and contact telephone number. Every donation is welcomed and greatly appreciated. Thanks to everyone for their very generous support. Please continue to help throughout 2025.

Thought for the day

"What you are - is God's gift to you; What you become is - your gift to God."





Every journey also ends with a final stop. We congratulate David Gray, Justin Clowes and Caitlyn Stewart as they approach the final step of their RCIA journey. This will be their reception into the Church at the Eater Vigil on the 19th April and we look forward to heartily welcoming them as they join us and the Catholic Church that evening,



At St Nicholas Primary School

By Martyn Glancy, Head Teacher.

We are exceptionally proud and grateful to be part of a community which includes St Andrew's and St Joseph's parishes. Our Faith journey is shaped by our teachers, the priests and the Catechists of each parish, and includes retreats led by the Youth Ministries Team, participating in the Pope Francis Faith Award, and first Friday Mass each month. This year P3 children are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, P4 for first Holy Communion and P7 for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Let's hear more about that Faith journey from our Head Girl and Head Boy.



Faith and Learning at St. Nicholas' Primary by Cillian

How long have you attended St. Nicholas' Primary School?

I have attended for Seven years. I was part of the first group of Primary ones. The school has a huge playground, exceptional learning of the curriculum and more. I am very lucky to adapt and grow in this school.

How do you participate in developing your Faith at St. Nicholas' Primary every day in your class?

We learn about our Faith which teaches young and old about the bible, God and more. We host masses in our school on feast days and holy days such as Ash Wednesday and St. Nicholas' Day. We also join in prayer every morning and throughout the day till home time to thank God for everything He has given us. Our School Community also raises funds for food banks and St Vincent De Paul.

Where is your local Parish and what do you do to celebrate and worship God in your Parish?

My local parish is St Andrew's and our Parish Priest is Father Michael. I attend 10 o'clock mass and take part in the children's liturgy there. Our school attends first Friday Mass with different classes at different times. We also attend retreats and services to show our faith in our school. Different classes also read at services and Masses and our school choir sings at Masses.

How has St. Nicholas' shaped your life as a pupil in our school?

St Nicholas has given me many opportunities to learn and grow in faith as a human being. It has helped my understanding and respect for others and has strengthened my relationship with God. Through the sacraments, prayer and reading the Gospel. I am lucky to attend a fantastic school like St. Nicholas'.

What are you looking forward to about your Confirmation?

I am anticipating another sacrament bringing me closer to God and Jesus. I am also anticipating the celebration with my family. I am excited about my confirmation name of Francis because I have established a strong connection with birds and fish.



Faith and Learning at St. Nicholas' Primary by Natalie

How long have you attended St Nicholas' Primary School?

I have attended this school for 7 years and I was part of the first Primary 1 cohort ever at St. Nicholas' Primary School. This school also has a fantastic building with its beautiful, modern design.

How do you participate in developing your Faith at St. Nicholas' Primary every day in your class? In my class I fully take part in our daily prayers. During our R.E lessons I am always the first to put my hand up when a question is asked. I deeply enjoy learning about God, Jesus, the disciples and the saints as it teaches me how I can be more like God.

Where is your local Parish and what do you do to celebrate and worship God in your Parish?

I belong to St Joseph's Church where I attend every Sunday Mass. I also altar serve at St. Joseph's every week.

How has St. Nicholas' shaped your life as a pupil in our school?

St. Nicholas teaches us to be kind, caring and generous just as He was.

What are you looking forward to about your Confirmation?

I am looking forward to meeting Archbishop Nolan.





St Gregory's help for the needy

Our selfless volunteers continue, 7 nights a week, to uplift surplus food from M&S Milngavie and deliver it to St Gregory's. This incredible work helps less fortunate souls get back on their feet. If you think you could help once a month, please contact veronicamcl@sky.com.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER CELEBRATIONS

at St Andrew's

Palm Sunday 13th April

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

Monday 14th April 7.30pm

Stations of the Cross (Association of Bearsden Churches)

Tuesday 15th April 6.00pm - 7.00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

Holy Thursday 17th April

Mass: 7.00pm

Night Prayer: 10.00pm

Good Friday 18th April

Liturgies: 3pm and 7pm

Easter Sunday 20th April

Masses: Vigil 8pm (Saturday). 10am and 12noon.

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

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