

### Children's Corner - The Stations of the Cross

Can you search and find the name of each station of the cross? Once you have found them all, use the letters in the purple boxes to make the name of the 15th station. This is what we are celebrating on Easter Sunday.



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| 1. JESUS CONDEMNED | 6. VERONICA        | 11. THE NAILING       |
| 2. THE CROSS       | 7. THE SECOND FALL | 12. JESUS DIES FOR US |
| 3. THE FIRST FALL  | 8. THE HOLY WOMEN  | 13. THE DESCENT       |
| 4. MOTHER AND SON  | 9. THE THIRD FALL  | 14. JESUS ENTOMBED    |
| 5. SIMON           | 10. THE STRIPPING  |                       |

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Answer: THE RESURRECTION

Your Messenger is/Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

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# Reachout

## St. Andrew's Bearsden



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## Easter Message from Monsignor Ryan

***"He is risen; He is not here."***

**E**aster is the high point of the Christian year as it celebrates the central mystery of Christ; His triumph over death and the cross in His Resurrection.

It is good to remember that, at the very heart of our faith and our Church, there is one who, by all earthly evidence, was a failure who died, executed as a criminal; but one to whom the Father has done justice and recognised as triumphantly successful in His mission.

Jesus' life, death and resurrection provide us with the reassurance and strength to continue our own Christian mission so that with St. Augustine we can proclaim

***"We are an Easter People. Alleluia is our song".***



### Thought for the Day

**Your best teacher is your last mistake.**

### The Nail Man - Steve Turner

**W**hich one was it that held the nails and then hammered them into place?

Did he hit them out of anger, or a simple sense of duty?

Was it a job that had to be done, or a good day's work in the open air?

And when they clawed past bone and bit into wood, was it like all the others, or did history shudder a little beneath the head of that hammer?



Was he still there, packing away his tools, when "It is finished" was uttered to the throng, or was he at home washing his hands and getting ready for the night?

Will he be among the forgiven on that Day of Days, his sin having been slain by his own savage spike?



**Front cover picture by Maria Farmer.**

*My inspiration came from one of the motifs in St. Andrew's church depicting three crosses within a fish, an early symbol of Christianity.*

*Keeping with the cross and the fish, I have attempted to portray Jesus' death and his rising again in a cyclical arrangement, to suggest movement and continuity.*

*The crosses represent our on-going living commitment to the life and death of Jesus, while the fish symbolises Christian faith transcending into eternal life.*

*The net, surrounding the symbolism is reminiscent of Jesus' words to the apostles, "I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19).*

*It could also be seen as the safety net, representing God's ever present love and forgiveness.*

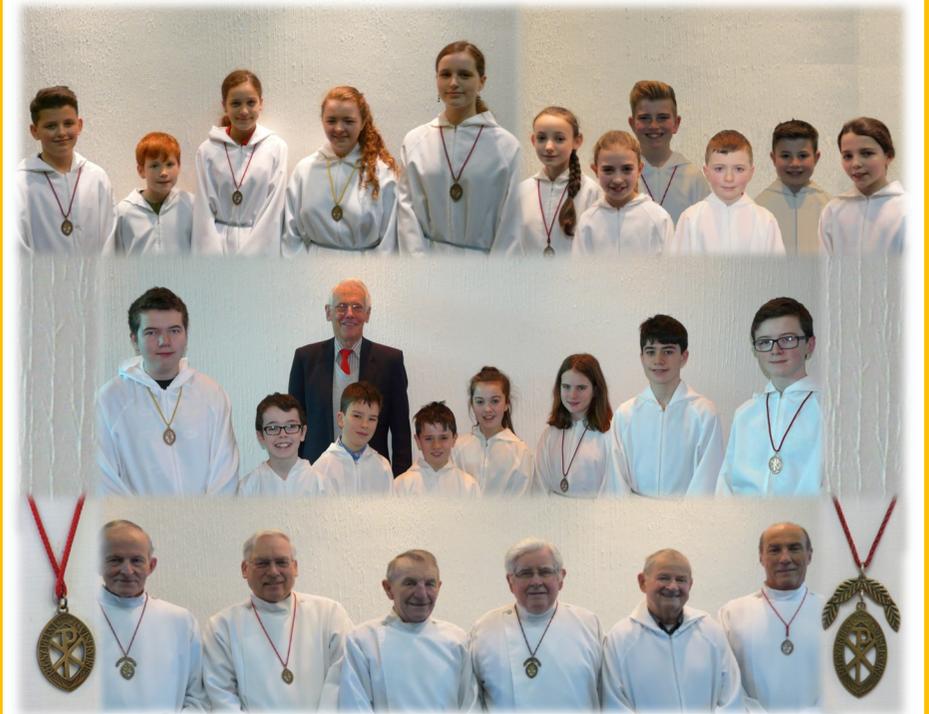
## The Altar Servers

**A**ltar Servers, girls, boys and older gentlemen, provide support to the Priest when he celebrates Mass. In addition, they assist at all the important occasions throughout the year. Recruitment targets anyone who has made their First Holy Communion. After training the new Server is placed within a team under the guidance of an experienced Server.



St. Andrew's is affiliated to the Archconfraternity of St. Stephen, instantly recognised by the medal and yellow or red cord worn by Servers. The benefits of becoming a Server go well beyond supporting the Priest, and this is especially so for the younger Server.

As they journey through the progression of Altar Server duties, they grow in many ways, Spiritually and Socially. This is expressed in being involved, contributing, networking, making friends, being a member of the team, personal development, increasing self-confidence and poise, having to make decisions and act on them in front of an 'audience'. St. Andrew's is fortunate indeed to have such a loyal band of a Altar Servers.



**If you think that calling is for you, please contact  
Christopher Sanders.**

## Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Update Feb./ March 2016

The April 2015 consultation highlighted a number of important areas that you, the parishioners, wished to be addressed. The June and September updates advised of the many areas that had been actioned. This was followed by 'Sign up Sunday', where the PPC asked for the parishioners' help in taking the remainder of these issues forward. The excellent response, filling fifty-four volunteer places, means that the following areas have now been actioned;

- New groups have been formed to concentrate on the following four priorities - **Support in Bereavement, Transport to Mass, Focus on Youth and Reaching Out Evangelisation.**
- The existing **Adult Faith Formation** group has been augmented and will expand their already excellent work; a number of talks and presentations have been arranged for Lent and Easter.
- The use of **Social Media** has been expanded; you can now find us on the parish website and Facebook. It is hoped that email communication will be used more extensively in the future.
- All the existing **Social Activities** are well supported e.g. toddlers group, pre-school lunch club, halls committee, bowls, whist and coffee mornings.

Heartfelt thanks are extended to the hundreds of dedicated volunteers who are all working together to make St. Andrew's a true reflection of all its parishioners.

## Parish Register - Update

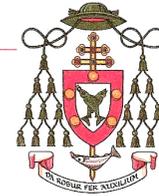
The parish register was last updated in 2002. Some of you will be aware that on 16/17 January 2016 we asked all those who attended Mass that weekend to fill in a basic registration form. With this **Reachout** you will receive the full form and, regardless of whether or not you completed the mini form, we would earnestly request that you take a few minutes to complete the full form. As you will see, once the form has been completed, it should be returned in the pre-paid, pre-addressed envelope.

Please be assured that all personal information held on church computer systems is secure and will not be passed on to any other party.

## Clustering

His Grace, the Archbishop, wishes to carry forward the process begun in 2013, of creating a parish structure for the diocese, which will be viable into the future. Our cluster is St Andrew's with St. Benedict's and St. Laurence's Drumchapel and St. Joseph's, Milngavie. A series of joint meetings has already taken place, and it was agreed that a joint Mass will take place on Thursday, 3 March 2016 at 7 p.m. in St. Benedict's followed by a social gathering in Oliver's Function Suite, adjacent to the church.

A June social function is being organised. More information about this will be placed in the Bulletin, on the parish website and on Facebook.



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I am very pleased to have been asked to write a message for your parish Reachout. The first thing I should say is that the Reachout initiative is impressive and I hope that this is something that the parish can sustain into the future so that a word of welcome and encouragement can be brought to as many as possible, especially to those whose links with the parish are less strong. I hope too that the Jubilee Year of Mercy is a source of inspiration to parishioners and groups to animate and enliven the pastoral care which the parish offers to people who are in need of understanding and compassion. With this Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has given us a unique opportunity to bring the love of Christ to our neighbour through the spiritual and corporal acts of mercy. Under the leadership of your Parish Priest, Fr Joseph Mackle, I encourage you to continue to deepen the liturgical, spiritual, pastoral and social life of your parish. May God bless you all, especially your children and young people.

*Fr. Joseph Mackle*

Archbishop of Glasgow



## One of our Parish's 'Small Groups' in detail.



In this edition we look at St. Andrew's Messenger Service.

Since 1982 almost one hundred volunteers of our parish's Messenger Service have been delivering **Reachout** twice a year to over a thousand parishioners' homes across Bearsden. The Service comprises a number of groups, each with a co-ordinator and several messengers, responsible for a defined area of the parish. Everyone meets twice a year for a short prayer service, a briefing and informal meetings of the groups, so that **Reachout** can be brought to as many parishioners as possible, especially to those whose links with the parish are less strong. This is a valuable contact, providing much valued feedback, and our grateful thanks go to all concerned.

**New messengers are always welcome; please contact Dorothy MacLean on ☎ 0141 587 7319.**



### Pope Francis Tells Us

"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking mercy."

*Evangelii Gaudium, 3  
(The Joy of the Gospel)*

## Joined-up Christians in Bearsden



While recognising our significant doctrinal differences, these days we readily come together with other Christian denominations in matters of common interest. The Armistice Day parade, the 'moveable feast' that is the Unity Supper, the weekly BEAM 'talking newspaper' for the blind and other Christian undertakings all have St. Andrew's parishioners playing a part, for the benefit of people of all faiths and none. Particularly successful are some of the church-organised children's events, which are open to members of any church.

These events don't just happen. Behind them is the Association of Bearsden Churches (ABC) and the Ministers of Bearsden (or MOB). Since 1980 all nine Bearsden Christian churches have been represented in ABC by a minister and two parishioners. They meet twice a year and play a role in organising all or part of many local events. MOB is a monthly meeting to which the clergy of all nine churches are invited. Local affairs are discussed and contacts kept up. On both, St. Andrew's makes a very valuable contribution.

## Youth Ventures

Caritas Award 2016 is the goal of Fiona Milligan a senior pupil in our parish. The Pope Benedict XVI Caritas Award is a sign of her ongoing faith journey in response to God's call of love. The award celebrates the faith witness which she gives within her home, school, parish and diocesan community. [www.caritasaward.org](http://www.caritasaward.org)



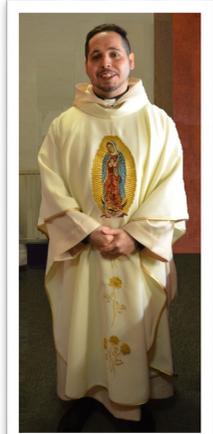
Duke of Edinburgh Award pupils. Eleven of our young parishioners are working towards awards - Andrew Holt, Calum Silcock, Caragh Pryce, Emily McDonald, Jonathan Goodwin, Lara Loh, Lucia Martorana, Lucy Goodwin, Matthew Milligan, Seonaid McCormack, and Victoria Maguire. They are assisting our parish in a number of ways i.e. 'Children's Liturgy' at 10 a.m. Sunday Mass during term time, the 'Piety Stall' and 'Passkeeping'. [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org)

World Youth Day update. We are happy to report that five of our young people - Caragh Pryce, Hannah Hartley, Kathleen Davie, Liam McKechnie and Niall Love are involved in preparations to attend this youth event in Krakow, Poland in July 2016. Please support these candidates in their fundraising efforts, advertised in future parish Bulletins, on the parish website and on Facebook. [www.krakow2016com/en](http://www.krakow2016com/en)



## Congratulations

On behalf of our clergy and parishioners, we congratulate **Father Frank Trias C.P.** on the occasion of his Ordination to Priesthood on 12 December 2015. Following his first Mass in St. Andrew's on 13 December, which was a wonderful spiritual experience for all present, Father mingled with everyone during a buffet lunch in the church hall. We wish Father Frank every success in his ministry.



## 50th Anniversary 2017

The 50th Anniversary of the foundation of St. Andrew's parish, will take place in 2017. We'd like to mark this with a number of celebrations over the course of 2017 that, together, will appeal to our whole parish community. Whether you've got some great ideas or are willing to be involved in helping organise, we'd love to hear from you. **Please get in touch with your ideas on ☎ 0141 942 4635, via the parish website or find us on Facebook.**