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CONFESSIONS:	Saturdays 4.15p.m - 4.45p.m. & Sundays 9.15a.m - 9.40a.m.
DAILY MASS:	Mondays to Fridays <i>only</i> at 10a.m.
SATURDAY ADORATION:	10a.m. until 11a.m. with Confessions throughout
SUNDAY MASSES:	5p.m. Vigil (Saturday) 10a.m. and 12 Noon

12th May 2024

7th Sunday of Easter – Year B

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

RECENTLY DEAD

ANNIVERSARIES

Anne Boyle, Ted Costello, Sean Crowley, John Hayes, Jim McAllister, Donald John McCormick, Nan McFarlane and Margaret Tierney	Camilla Sheridan and Margaret & Gino Arioli
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With all good wishes for the Easter Season. *“The spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you”.*

Can you please support the work of SPRED in our Archdiocese by purchasing raffle tickets after Mass on 11th and 12th May? £5 for a book of 10 tickets. Winners will be drawn on 7th June. Fabulous prizes and hopefully there will some winners amongst us!!!!

Catholic Social Teaching Thought for the Week - Sunday 12th May

In Jesus, God completely committed himself in order to restore hope to the poor, to those who were deprived of dignity, to strangers, to the sick, to captives, and to sinners, whom he welcomed with kindness. In all this, Jesus was the living expression of the Father's mercy.” *Pope Francis, Jubilee Audience, 20th February 2016*

Laudato Si’ - On Care for our Common Home - The writings of the prophets invite us to find renewed strength in times of trial by contemplating the all-powerful God who created the universe. Yet God's infinite power does not lead us to flee his fatherly tenderness, because in him affection and strength are joined. Indeed, all sound spirituality entails both welcoming divine love and adoration, confident in the Lord because of his infinite power. (#73)

This year, the theme of **Laudato Si’** week, **19th – 26th May**, is **"Seeds of Hope"**, inspired by **Laudate Deum** which exhorts: **"There are no lasting changes without cultural changes [...] and there are no cultural changes without personal changes"** (LD 70). Why not sign up for the free newsletter of the **Laudato Si’** Movement to find out more about what is going on to bring about this cultural change:- <https://laudatosimovement.org/>

Sunday 19th May 2024 New Kilpatrick Parish Church

All Bearsden congregations are invited to take part in ‘A Sing Together’, one of the celebrations marking the 375th Anniversary of the founding of New Kilpatrick Church.
14:00 Scratch Rehearsal
15:00 Big Sing for the local Care Homes
18:30 Songs of Praise
Wouldn't it be marvellous if all the seats were taken? Come along and sing hymns from across the centuries. Help to make this a Community Celebration marking an historical event.

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.

Trip to Galway and Knock - dinner, bed & breakfast + entertainment (15-19th September). £649 per person. Deposit £40 required—only a few places left. Contact Catherine (07747 409388) or Helen (07912 314144).

"The Second Collection this Sunday 12th May 2024, 7th Sunday of Easter will be for **“Communications”**

Tea is served in the hut after daily Mass Monday to Thursday. All most welcome.

Lunch Club – given the growing popularity and increasing numbers attending Lunch Club we are looking for volunteers to assist with prep and/or serve once a month on a Thursday afternoon for a few hours only. Interested? Ring 07985129119

Lunch Club The next lunch club meeting is this Thursday 16th May, from 12.30 to 2.30p.m. in the Upper Hall. As always everyone is very welcome. Come along, bring a friend, neighbour, family member and enjoy lunch “in a warm, friendly environment”

It is pleasant to spend time adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The Eucharist is such a priceless treasure - by praying before it, we are able to make contact with Christ present in the Most Holy Sacrament. Saturdays 10a.m. until 11a.m. Confessions throughout. **Confessions** also on Saturdays 4.15p.m. – 4.45p.m. & Sundays 9.15a.m. – 9.40a.m.

Summer Mass Schedule. In order that one priest is able to say Masses in both St Andrew's and St Joseph's during July and August, a Mass schedule has been drawn up by the Pastoral Area Council. This will be publicised next week. As it has become increasingly difficult to arrange a summer supply priest, due to there being fewer priests now, a reduced number of Masses for July and August has become necessary.

The First Holy Communion of 44 children will be on 19th May at 12 noon Mass. We look forward to the celebration. Please note - all the first communicants will be seated together. Parents are asked to drop their child off at the hall at 11.30a.m. sharp and make their way straight into the church. We are expecting the Mass to be busy. The hall will be set up as an overflow area to help accommodate numbers. Please remember that all children are to attend the rehearsal at 11a.m. on Thursday 16th May in St Andrew's.

Assisted Suicide – Called to Care, Not to Kill. Please contact your MSP today to stop assisted suicide becoming legal in Scotland. Use the QR code to access an online resource created by the Catholic Parliamentary Office, including guidance on contacting your MSP. You can also visit rcpolitics.org/assistedsuicide or email us at office@rcpolitics.org for more information.



URGENT ACTION NEEDED – Pro-abortion MP Stella Creasy has tabled a new abortion up to birth amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill. Please click this easy-to-use tool link below to contact your MP now. Simply enter your details, and a pre-prepared text will be sent to your MP asking them to oppose the extreme abortion up to birth amendment. It only takes 30 seconds <https://righttolife.org.uk/uptobirth>

St Nicholas' has organised a rehearsal for First Holy Communion on Thursday 16th May at 11 a.m. in St Andrew's, which is for all pupils.

Pax Christi Chair Marian Pallister will give an address about her work – 3rd June at 7 p.m, in Holy Cross, Croy. She is SCIAF ambassador for *Argyll and the Isles* and is *J & P Commissioner* there. All most welcome!

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/0141942 9799) to arrange rehearsal links: 12th May, 9th & 16th June 10a.m. Mass.

Join the Dynamic Youth Ministries Team of St Andrew's & St Joseph's! We're dedicated to creating impactful events, retreats, and activities for young people. Whether you're a young parishioner or a parent, your involvement is vital. Interested in joining? Contact standrewsbearsdenyouth@gmail.com

- **You can raise FREE donations** for the parish every time you shop online. Take a moment to sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/StAndrewsBearsden2023>
- **Before receiving Holy Communion**, we are asked to make some act of reverence such as a bow.

For women affected by separation and divorce – confidential and peer support Friday (Always First Friday of the month) St Patrick's, Dumbarton 6-8 p.m. glasgowarchdiocesewomensgroup@gmail.com

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.

The Church is open until 5 p.m. Monday to Saturday. Call in and enjoy the peace and quiet, and take time to sit in the stillness and silence of God.