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Parish Bulletin

15/16th April 2017 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

(Year A)

Today's Liturgy

Preface of Easter
Eucharistic Prayer II

Readings

Acts 10:34. 37-43
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9

Spoken Psalm Response

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.

Readings for Next Sunday

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 10:19-31

Spoken Psalm Response

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
For his love has no end.

Easter Sunday

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. We gather on this day of resurrection to praise God for the life, hope and joy that this day gives us.

Pope Francis' intention for April

We pray for the youth of the world. We pray for the young people of our own parish communities.

Times of Mass and Services 17th—23rd April 2017

Tuesday

Mass in St Columba's at 10 am

Wednesday

Mass in St Andrew's at 10 am

Thursday

Mass in St Columba's at 10 am (funeral)

Friday

Mass St Andrew's at 10 am

Saturday

Mass in St Andrew's at 10 am

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

Mass in St Teresa's at 10 am

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass in St Andrew's at 6.00 pm

Mass in St Andrew's at 10 am

Mass in St Columba's at 12 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation

After morning Mass on Thursday and Saturday
and on request at any other suitable time

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

After Mass on Thursday and Saturday morning

Holydays of Obligation

Mass at 9.30 am and 7 pm in St Andrew's

Mass at 11.30 am in St Columba's Primary School
(in St Columba's Church outside term time)

First Friday of the month

Eucharistic Service at 10 am

in St Columba's followed by tea/coffee

First Saturday of the month

Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima at 5 pm
in St Andrew's

Fr Gerald's Mass intentions this coming week

Tuesday: Moira Kirkwood, Wednesday: Barrett and Hart Families, Thursday: Special Intention,

Friday: Joan Jeavons Intention, Saturday: Sr Josephine Patricia Intention,

Sunday 10 am: For the Parishes, Sunday noon: John Z Graham

When you ask Fr Gerald to say a Mass for you or your intentions
please give him a written note of the name of the intention with your offering.

What's happening?

Communion to the sick and housebound or hospital in-patients

Fr Gerald will visit as many of the sick and housebound as possible in the week ahead.

If there is anyone you know of who would appreciate or need a visit at home, who is unable to get to Mass, please let me know. This applies to short term illness or temporary inability to get out to Mass.

Deacon Willie Hiddleston does a great job informing the priests of parishioners who are in hospital, but if you know of someone in hospital again please let me know. I would rather be told twice about someone than not at all.

Thank you as always to those who bring communion to the sick and housebound, it is greatly appreciated.

Celebration of First Holy Communion

To complete Christian Initiation is First Holy Communion. This is a parish occasion and it will be celebrated in St Andrew's and St Columba's on Sunday 11th June when the worshipping community gathers together.

SCIAF Wee Box

Please bring your Wee Box back as soon as you can so that the money can be sent to SCIAF to continue their important work.

Embracing Change

Embracing Change is the name given to the process in the Diocese of Galloway to manage the fact that the number of active priests is reducing and the age of the ones remaining is increasing. Many parishes who had three, two or one priest in the past now have no resident priest. There is clustering of parishes. The sense of Parish identity exists even when there is no resident priest. Worship among parishioners is possible even without a resident priest, Eucharistic Services, other devotions and, perhaps further down the line, lay-led services such as Vigil Receptions before funerals. This requires prayer, training and a realisation of the situation. There have been initial steps with a meeting recently in Kirkcudbright of parish representatives who will continue to see what Embracing Change means for our deanery of St Andrew's or our part of the deanery, Dumfries and East of Dumfries.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 3rd-10th July.



There are still places available on this year's pilgrimage and booking forms are in the sacristy. Please give additional thought if you or a member of your family would consider going as an "Assisted Pilgrim". Galloway Lourdes Hospitalite exists look after the assisted pilgrims in Lourdes. For

more information on Assisted Pilgrims contact Ms Janie Agnew on 07739399222.

Pilgrimage to Rome 10th—17th September 2017

If you would like to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome, (with a day trip to Assisi) booking forms are available from Alba Tours Ltd, 40 Chestnut Grove, Motherwell, ML1 3JF. The cost is £925 for a 7 night, half board in Rome at the Hotel Olympic. Please see the notice for more information.



Missal reading in many languages www.virc.at

This is a very good website which provides the readings for the Mass in many languages including Polish and Romanian and can be of special use to those whose first language is not English.

First Base Agency Food Bank

There is a basket to accept your donations of non-perishable foodstuffs for the Food Bank run by The First Base Agency (www.first-base.org). One item each every week will make a huge contribution to this project.

*Please remember in your prayers those who are sick
and all those whose needs are not known to us, especially...*

Amalia Tamburrini
Gavin Russell
Fr Ted Holmes

May Pratt
Gavin Russell
Elsbeth McIvor

Michael Clark
Norah MacDonald
Joan Jeavons

Sandra Dobie
Eileen Rome
Rosa Maria Santos

and everyone on the family prayer ministry prayer requests. If you wish yourself or a loved one to be prayed for please let Fr Gerald know and please also let him know if anyone can be taken off the list because they are better.

Saint Andrew's

Lenten Lunches

Thanks to all who helped and supported the Lenten Lunches. We raised £1,300 for Christian Aid with the help from other churches and people who baked for us.

Church Shop

The church shop has lots of cards and gifts. It is open before and after Mass at weekends.

Meetings

the *Ladies Circle* meets on Tuesday 18th April at 7.30 pm where there will be a talk by the Blood Bikers

Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the PPC and the parish will be held on Thursday 25th May after the Mass of the Ascension. Would all organisers and leaders of groups and organisations note that reports for the meeting should be with Mary Buckley, by email if possible, by 21st April *at the latest* to enable them to be published and in the church in advance of the meeting. Thank you.

Church Library: appeal for children's books

The wee church library (to the right of the Confessional) has been re-organized to make more books available for lending. However, there are now relatively few children's books - for our most frequent borrowers (up to 10 years old). Because of this, contributions of 'pre-loved' children's books on religious subjects would be very welcome. Please leave them on the table by the library door, or on the bookshelves next to it.

Collection Envelopes

There are still a few collection envelopes to be collected. Please take yours home today; they begin on 9th April.

Road closure

Just a note to say that Brooke Street will be closed at the Shakespeare Street junction from 8 am on 17th April to 6 pm on 21st. You have been warned!!!

Weekly Collection

Last week's collection came to £875.41. Parishioners gave £88.23 to the St Vincent de Paul. The Jars of Hope fund increased by £26 and now stands at £338. Thank you.

Congratulations



Congratulations to *Janet Birch* who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil, completing her Christian Initiation

Saint Columba's

Weekly Collection

Last week's collection came to £374.60 and the door collection for SCIAF raised £36. The Jars of Hope fund stands at £170. Thank you.

Alice Panczak R.I.P.: We pray for the repose of the soul of Alice Panczak of Annan. The Vigil reception is on Wednesday at 6pm and her Requiem Mass on Thursday 10am in St Columba's We remember her family at this time. *May she rest in peace.*

Appeal for Teddy Bears



The *Ladies Circle:* On 16th May, Aileen Orr, author of 'Wojtek the Bear' is coming to talk to the Ladies Circle about the story of Wojtek. Aileen collects teddy bears which she sends to refugees and deprived children. If anyone would like to donate Teddy Bears please put them in the box at the back of the Church. **TEDDY BEARS ONLY PLEASE.** Thank you.



Easter Sunday

Happy Easter

A very Happy Easter day and Easter Season to all parishioners. Alleluia, Alleluia

Thank you and well done

A huge thank you and congratulations to everyone who has contributed in any way to the preparation and celebration of the Holy Week and Easter Celebrations. All your time and effort given to serve the parish community is greatly appreciated



Please take a copy of the bulletin home to remind you of the times of services and events during the coming week, and please take a copy to anyone you know who is sick or housebound.