



The Parishes of St Andrew's, Dumfries, and St Columba's, Annan

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Parish Bulletin

21st/22nd April 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Today's Liturgy Eucharistic Prayer IV

Readings

Acts 4: 8-12
1 John 3: 1-2
John 10: 11-18

Spoken Psalm Response

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

Next Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally called Good Shepherd Sunday. It is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. It is one of a number of occasions in the year when we pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We pray also for all our vocation stories, as wives, husbands, mothers, fathers and children. May each of us in our own unique way respond to God's call to Holiness and Service.

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick everyone on the family prayer ministry prayer requests. and all those whose needs are not known to us.

Amalia Tamburrini	Michelle Brun
Elspeth McIvor	Andrew Monteith
Michael Clark	Anne Johnstone
Joan Jeavons	Nora MacDonald
Sandra Dobie	Elizabeth Elliot

Sick and housebound

I will visit the sick and housebound in the week ahead. If there is anyone who would appreciate a visit, or who is unable to get to Mass, please pass on details.

Father Gerald's Mass intentions for this week

Saturday:	Peter Gray Anniversary
Sunday:	For the parish

www.virc.at This website provides the readings for the Mass in many languages.

**Times of Mass and Services
23rd—20th April 2018**

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**
Friday Mass in St Andrew's at 10 am
Saturday Mass in St Andrew's at 10 am
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: Mass in St Teresa's, 10 am

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass in St Andrew's at 6 pm
Mass in St Andrew's at 10 am
Mass in St Columba's at 12 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation

After Mass on Thursday and Saturday
Between 5-5.30 pm Saturday
and on request at any other suitable time

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

After Mass on Thursday evening
and Saturday morning

Holy Days of Obligation

Mass in St Andrew's at 9.30 am and 7 pm
Mass in St Columba's at 11.30 am

First Friday of the month

Eucharistic Service at 10 am followed by tea/coffee

First Saturday of the month

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

**Pope Francis' intention for April
For Those who have Responsibility
in Economic Matters**

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.



New Hospital Visiting Policy

If a patient wishes a visit from a priest or deacon please text or message the RC Chaplain on 07 591 230 828 or email rcchaplain.hospital@yahoo.com

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.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
15th - 22nd October 2018

The cost is £1299 per person, based on twin room, half board flying from Manchester. More booking forms are now available. Please complete and send off to Joe Walsh Tours as soon as possible to guarantee taking part this year

Sacrament of Initiation

We will celebrate the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on **Sunday 10th June 2018** at 10 am in St Andrew's and 12 noon in St Columba's.

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).

Bishop Robert Barron
Proclaiming Christ in Our Culture,
Usher Hall. 6th September

Full details of this event are on the notice board and on fliers on the table.

Saint Andrew's

Meetings

The Ladies Circle meets on Tuesday 24th at 7.30 at St Joseph's College. Please use the Craig's Road entrance for parking.

Annual General meeting: the parish AGM will be held on Tuesday 29th May after Mass at 7.00 pm. Leaders of church groups and organisations are asked to prepare a SHORT note on their activities. Please email them to Mary by Friday 11 May at the latest.

Car Parking

Once again can we ask you NOT to park on the yellow lines on Brooke Street. Even half on the pavement can cause an obstruction, especially for emergency vehicles. Please be charitable to our neighbours. Brooms Road car park is only a minute away. Thank you

Weekly Collection

The collection for last week totalled £765.13. The Jars of Hope fund increased by £21 and stands at £662. Thank you.

Update on 'Educate the Kids'

Our parish sponsors the education of four children in Kenya. Our secondary boy, Stephen, has completed his education and has sent us a beautiful letter of gratitude. He will be replaced by Babley. The letter and photographs are on the noticeboard.

Sponsorship money for 2018 is now due. You can sponsor an individual child at £11 per month and receive photographs and updates or you can join the collective parish sponsorship for £15 per year. Please pay Maire Crawford - cheques payable to 'The Kids'.

St Andrew's Nursery Charity Auction

on Friday 27th April in the Church Hall, Doors Open 7 for 7.30. Auction starts at 8.15 pm. Tickets are priced at £3.00 which includes a buffet. Licenced Bar and Music.

Good Shepherd Sunday

There are leaflets at the back of the Church giving an insight into priestly vocations, using the word Shepherd as a guide. And visit www.priestsforScotland.org.uk

Just imagine ... something to think about

Malta: population 437,000, area 216Km² number of churches, 312, number of priests, about 850, (1 per 500 population).

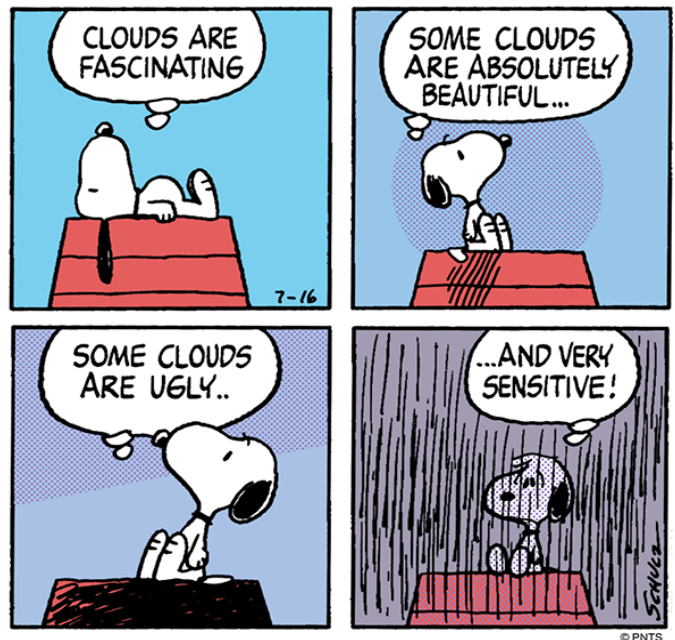
Galloway (from Stranraer to Gretna): population 150,000, area 6426 Km² Number of churches 12, number of priests 5. (1 per 37000 population)

Fair Trade Drop in tasting evening

On Thursday 10th May from 7—9 pm at The Stove, High Street, Dumfries. Free event, all welcome; Come in and meet Fair Trade. Fair Trade goods will be on sale at St Andrew's next weekend.



Is summer here ...?



Saint Columba's

St Columba's Coffee Morning

will be held on Saturday 12th May in the Market Hall, Annan from 10.00 -12.00. There will be all the usual stalls and gifts for the raffle and tombola most welcome. Helpers needed so please see the list at the back of the church. Thank you.

Coffee Morning



Weekly Collection

The collections for the last two weeks are:
8th April: £321.48, Sciaf £52.26,
15th April: £321.27, Sciaf £28.57. The Jars of Hope stands at £494.
The total raised this year from the Wee Sciaf Boxes came to £1239.78 this includes £443.52 from Lenten lunches. A magnificent sum. A big thank you to everyone.