



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

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### Parish Bulletin

#### 22nd/23rd April 2017 Second Sunday of Easter (Year A)

##### Today's Liturgy

Preface of Easter season  
Eucharistic Prayer III

##### Readings

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.

##### Readings for Next Sunday

*Third Sunday of Easter*  
Acts 2:14, 22-33  
1 Peter 1:17-21  
Luke 24:13-35

##### Spoken Psalm Response

Show us, O Lord, the path of life.

##### Pray for Vocations

Please take a leaflet from Priests for Scotland entitled "Following the Shepherd". The fourth Sunday of Easter is Good Shepherd Sunday and we are all encouraged to pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

##### 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 24th—30th 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

##### 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

*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  
Elspeth 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.*

## 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.

### *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.



### *Happy Easter and thank you*

A very Happy Easter Season to all parishioners.

Alleluia, Alleluia

A huge thank you and congratulations to everyone who 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 communities is greatly appreciated.

### *SCIAF Wee Box*

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

### *Fr Gerald on holiday*

Fr Gerald is on holiday from Monday 24th April to Monday 1st May. Fr Mancini and Fr Holmes will celebrate Mass in St Andrew's and St Columba's during the week. Next weekend we welcome Canon McSorley to St Andrew's.

If you have to contact a priest in an emergency please call Fr Jim Hayes at St Teresa's on 01387 252603. For other parish business call Mary on 710510.

### *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 11<sup>th</sup> June when the worshipping community gathers together.

### *Missal reading in many languages [www.virc.at](http://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](http://www.first-base.org)). One item each every week will make a huge contribution to this project.

### *Excursion for groups to St Patrick's Country*

Dodds of Troon are delighted to announce a NEW day excursion for groups to St Patrick's Country, Ireland. With the price from only £40 per person, including all coach and ferry travel, it is an opportunity not to be missed! Please see the notice on the board for full details or give Terry a call on 01292 288 100 to find out more.

Father Jim, of St Teresa's says: all of us from the Dumfries group cannot thank Dr Tim Campbell and his team for the wonderful welcome they gave us on Monday 20th March as we arrived in Downpatrick for our very first visit. The whole group are full of praise for the experience, the wonderful company and knowledge and lovely gentle and charming manner and the great hospitality. We cannot forget our driver, Graham too for looking after us so well.

## Saint Andrew's

### Church Shop

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

### 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, **this week**, to enable them to be published and in the church in advance of the meeting. (*I have had only one submission so far!!*) 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. 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 began on 9th April. They will be removed after this weekend if not picked up.

### Weekly Collection

Last week's collection came to £1730.09. The special collection for the Holy Places came to £422.30. The Jars of Hope fund stands at £338. Thank you.

### Mary's Meals Backpack Project

<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/the-backpack-project>

*A special request from Shannon Brown and Alyssa Kingstree*



As part of our Pope Francis Faith Award school project, Primary 6 are making up backpacks for the Mary's Meals Backpack Project. We would be grateful for donations from parishioners to put in the backpacks. We have made posters which are up in Church

with a list of items to donate. Please place any donations in the box at the back of church by 14th May. Thank you.

*The children have decorated the box with bright colours and stuck on a big label so you can't miss it.*



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## Saint Columba's

### Weekly Collection

Last week's collection came to £510.62 and the door collection for SCIAF raised £54.01. The Jars of Hope fund stands at £170. Thank you.

### Encounter : 20 - 21 May 2017 : Cor et Lumen Christi

What would happen if we really gave ourselves to God's presence with deep expectation? How often do we make the space to ENCOUNTER Him?

Cor et Lumen Christi invite you to their next weekend: 'ENCOUNTER'. This weekend will include input to help us grow in expectation and hunger for the living God and opportunities to really soak in the divine presence by giving our time to Him in a variety of ways.

It will be led by the Cor et Lumen Christi Community, St Cuthbert's. Members of the community have a wide range of experience of bringing people into the tangible presence of God. You can book online or you can download and print a booking form. Alternatively, you can email or call on 016973 45623 / 07516 075896. See the notice on the board for more details.

### 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.

### Web site and Facebook pages

Please remember the web site and Facebook pages—they are a useful resource for information, times of services, photographs and general parish community information. Please make use of them, and if you want anything included, get in touch.



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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.



My  
Lord  
and my  
God!

John 20:28  
HIPSTERSCRIPTURE