



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

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Parish Bulletin

28th/29th April 2018

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Today's Liturgy Eucharistic Prayer I

Readings

Acts 9:26-31
1 John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8

Spoken Psalm Response

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly

Next Sunday

Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Times of Mass and Services
30th April - 6th May 2018**

Please note there will be no Mass in St Andrew's on the morning of Saturday 5th May.

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 7pm
Friday Mass in St Andrew's at 10 am
Mass at 11.30 am in St Columba's (requiem)
Saturday No Morning Mass in St Andrew's
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
Between 5-5.30 pm Saturday
and on request at any other suitable time

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

After Mass on Thursday evening

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

I am the True Vine



John 15:1

Today we are invited to become branches of the true vine, Jesus Christ. We can be confident of God's continuing presence with us in the world. God lives in us and we in God.

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
Elspeth McIvor
Michael Clark
Joan Jeavons
Sandra Dobie

Michelle Brun
Andrew Monteith
Anne Johnstone
Nora MacDonald
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.

**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.

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

**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.

Fair Trade Drop in tasting evening

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



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).

Saint Andrew's

Meetings

The next meeting of **the SSVP** will be on Wednesday 2nd May at 7.30 pm in the Church House.

The Ladies Circle meets on Tuesday 8th May at 7.30 for a Social Evening.

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.

Weekly Collection

The collection for last week totalled £853.80. Over the last two weeks parishioners gave £143.17 and £149.26 to the SSVP The Jars of Hope fund increased by £24 and stands at £686. 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

The next block of STAY AND PLAY SESSIONS for children aged from birth to 3 years shall be starting on Friday 4th May from 9.30 to 11 am in the Church Hall. The cost of these sessions are £3.00 and payable in a block. This block consists of 7 sessions. If you would like to come along and have a try first please do so. Contact Fiona Douglas on 07817636212.

Calling all retired Head Teachers

The Association of Catholic Head Teachers, Diocese of Galloway, are holding their annual meeting, Mass and Meal with Bishop Nolan on Tuesday 22 May 2018 in St Joseph's RC Church, 15 Hill Street, Kilmarnock, KA3 1HA. As this is a very special year, commemorating 100 years of the Education (Scotland) Act, we would like to extend an invitation to all retired Head teachers to join us for the full event. The day begins with tea/coffee and light lunch at 12.45pm, followed by our guest speaker, Mass is at 4pm, followed by a meal in the Park hotel Kilmarnock at 5.30pm.

If you would like to join us for all, or part of the day, please RSVP to Ann Tierney, anntierney@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or to Kate Dunn kate@gallowaydiocese.org.uk NO LATER THAN MONDAY 14 MAY.

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.

Vocations

We should all pray for vocations and 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

**Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
Thursday 10th May**

This is a Holy Day of Obligation and there will be Mass in St Andrew's at 9.30 am and 7 pm and in St Columba's at 11.30 am We will be joined by pupils from St Andrew's and St Columba's Primary schools and from St Joseph's College.

Rest in Peace

Robert (Bob) Anderson: R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bob Anderson of Gretna who has died. His requiem Mass will be on Friday at 11.30 am in St Columba's.

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 collection for last week totalled £323.73. The SCIAF door collection was ££46.89. The Jars of Hope stands at £494. Thank you.

O God, help me to keep my big mouth shut until I know what I am talking about.