



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

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Parish Bulletin

29th/30th April 2017
Third Sunday of Easter
(Year A)

Today's Liturgy

Preface of Easter season
Eucharistic Prayer II

Readings

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.

Readings for Next Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14. 36-41
1 Peter 2:20-25
John 10:1-10

Spoken Psalm Response

The Lord is my shepherd;
There is nothing I shall want.

Pray for Vocations

Please take a leaflet from Priests for Scotland entitled "Following the Shepherd". Next Sunday, 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
1st—7th May 2017

Tuesday

Mass in St Columba's at 10 am

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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?

Thank you and welcome

We welcome Canon McSorley who will celebrate Mass with us in St Andrew's this weekend and a grateful thank you to Father Ralph and Father Joe who celebrated Mass in St Andrew's and St Columba's during the week.

Changes in Clergy and Parishes in the Diocese

The Bishop last week announced some more changes in the diocese.

- * Fr Ben Lodge CP - currently parish priest of St Sophia's, Galston and St Paul's, Hurlford - has been recalled to his order and will leave the Diocese at the beginning of July.
- * Fr Martin Chambers - currently parish priest of St. Matthew's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Kilmarnock - will also become parish priest of St Sophia's, Galston.
- * Fr Stephen McGrattan - currently parish priest of St Joseph's and St Michael's, Kilmarnock - will also become parish priest of St Paul's Hurlford.
- * St Michael's parish in Bellfield, Kilmarnock will sadly close at the end of May.
- * Cannon Matthew McManus is to retire as parish priest of St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan at the beginning of September. He will be replaced by Fr Duncan McVicar who is currently Administrator of St John Ogilvie's, Irvine.
- * Fr Willie Boyd - currently parish priest of St Mary's, Irvine - will also become parish priest of St John Ogilvie's and will be the only priest in Irvine.

Please pray for these parishes and priests as this new phase of their faith journey begins.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 3rd-10th July.

There are still a few 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.



Caritas Awards

The Caritas Award ceremony will take place on Thursday 8th June 2017 at 2pm in the Clyde Auditorium. If you would like to join in celebrating the achievements of the pupils who have been witnessing to God's love within your parish, please contact SCES for tickets by emailing mail@sces.uk.com by 9th May 2017. Tickets are free, but places are limited. We will try to ensure that all parishes who wish to be represented are allocated tickets, however, it may not be possible to accommodate large ticket requests.

SCIAF Wee Box

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

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.

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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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.

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.

Saint Andrew's

Church Shop

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

The Ladies Circle

The Ladies Circle meets on Tuesday 2nd May when Maire Crawford will talk about her recent trip to Kenya. 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.

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. *(Still a few outstanding!!)* Thank you.

Weekly Collection

Last week's collection came to £941.87. Over the last two weeks parishioners gave £226.81 to the St Vincent de Paul. 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.

Rags to Riches Campaign

Advance notice - the Rags to Riches clothing and textile collection van will come to both churches on the weekend of 19/20th September. Start looking out your old clothing, curtains, bedding now!

Saint Columba's

Weekly Collection

Last week's collection came to £410.70 and the door collection for SCIAF raised £25.30. The Jars of Hope fund increased by £56 and now stands at £226. Thank you.

Coffee Morning

Our next Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 27th May in The Market Hall Annan from 10am - 12. Donations for Tombola, Raffle and Cake Stall will be greatly appreciated along with your support on the day.



Galloway Lourdes Hospitalite



At this session you will receive training for your work in Lourdes, you will also get to meet the team leaders and other members of your team. This is an essential part of our preparation, please do everything you can to be there.

The Lambholm Lassies

The Lambholm Lassies and Friends are hosting an afternoon of entertainment to raise funds to help the helpers for Lourdes on Sunday 14th May at 2.30 pm in St Andrews Church Hall, Tickets £5. Refreshments provided. Good fun, good food and good music. What more do you want on a Sunday afternoon. Contact Anne Murdy 07900035063 for tickets

St Andrew's Nursery (Brooke St) presents an indoor **"DRIVE IN" MOVIE NIGHT** for KIDS aged 3yrs and up, on Friday 12th May from 5 to 8 pm in the Church Hall. Tickets are £5.00 this includes Hot Dogs, Fries and Juice. Additional refreshment are available to purchase on the evening. Tea and Coffee available for adults. There will be a competition prize for the best car (so get out those boxes and washing baskets and get busy with your imagination)!! Tickets can be purchased from Nursery so pop in, or contact Fiona Douglas 07817636212.

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.



St Columba's Primary School, Annan is hosting a Charity Race Night and Saturday 20th May 4pm to 7pm. Tickets are £1 adults and accompanying children are free (tickets available at the door). There will be a bar and a variety of food on sale including hotdogs for £1.50. Children's drinks are free. All profits will help The Friends of Saint Columba's Primary School as they endeavour to create a new outdoor classroom. Our target is £1,000. If you would like to sponsor a race for £10 or buy a horse for £2 please contact Mrs Brown at the school office on 01461 202752. This will be a Race Night with a difference. All races will be live. The jockeys will be the children themselves. Minimum bet 50 pence. There will also be a raffle. Raffle prizes kindly received on the night or before hand. Thanks for any support you can offer!

Mr McIntyre, Head Teacher.

Marist 200 Bicentenary Celebration 28 May 2017



It seems that our local event will be the only opportunity in Scotland to acknowledge the contribution made by the Marist Order to education in this country. Members of the Marist Order first came to Scotland in 1855 and built schools in Dundee, Glasgow, Largs and Dumfries. Sadly there are very few Brothers left in Scotland though the Order is still thriving in other parts of the world where a Marist Education is still recognised as outstanding.

We have been able to book the large room at the Easterbrook Hall and hope that old friends from across the country will take this chance to come together to pay their respects and reflect on their Marist legacy. The Brothers' final resting place is in Dumfries which was their adopted home, so it is appropriate that this special event is held nearby. Former and present pupils, families and staff members will be able to meet one another and share their experiences of the past and hopes for the future. We are also taking the opportunity to show off artefacts from over the many years of the lifetime of St Joseph's College.

In order to reproduce as closely as possible, the celebration held in nineteen seventeen, there will be a lunch at the Easterbrook Hall, Crichton Estate following Holy Mass which will be offered by His Lordship William Nolan, Bishop of Galloway at 12.00 noon. Lunch costs £40 and includes wine. Special dietary requirements will be accommodated and reduced price meals for children under the age of twelve are also available on request.

Afterwards there will be entertainment and displays of memorabilia to provoke old memories and new conversations. Pupils have been pouring over the Blue Books that served as an annual account of the school year when St Joseph's College was a private school. They are a font of historical information. They will be on display and there will be a souvenir blue book incorporating items of interest from across the decades up to the present date. There is a fabulous opportunity for businesses to advertise in the souvenir Blue book.

Your personalised Tickets can be bought from the school office or by sending a cheque payable to St Joseph's College or by bank transfer by calling the school for details. If you are unable to attend but would like to sponsor the event or donate a raffle prize please contact the school.

Please also share this invitation with family members and friends who have a connection to Marist education or Dumfries. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity Do not miss out.

If you would like any other information about the event or to advertise in the souvenir blue book, please call the school by telephoning 01387 252893 or e mailing grp-dgmarist200@glowschools.org.uk.

St Marcellin Champagnat Pray for us.

Fr Gerald's Mass intentions this coming week

Fr Gerald will include any intentions that you have asked for in his Masses this week.

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.