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### Parish Bulletin

**1st/2nd December 2018**  
**First Sunday in Advent (Year C)**

**Today's Liturgy Eucharistic Prayer II**

**Readings**

Jeremiah 33:14-16  
 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2  
 Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

**Spoken Psalm Response**

To you O Lord, I lift up my soul

**Next Sunday**

Second Sunday in Advent year C

**First Sunday in Advent**

We may think of Advent as a time of light hearted celebration as we get ready for Christmas, but today's liturgy looks at it in a very different way, with warnings of disasters and exhortations to stand firm and pray for the strength to survive all that is going to happen

**A thought for Advent**

Prayer is turning the mind  
 and thoughts towards God.  
 To pray means to stand before God with the mind,  
 mentally to gaze unswervingly at him,  
 And to converse with him  
 in reverent fear and hope.

*St Dimitri of Rome (1651-1709)*

**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.**

Michael Clark     Nora MacDonald  
 Joan Jeavons     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.

**Hospital Visiting Policy**

If a patient wishes a visit from a priest or deacon text or  
 message the RC Chaplain on 07 591 230 828 or email  
[rcchaplain.hospital@yahoo.com](mailto:rcchaplain.hospital@yahoo.com)

**Times of Mass and Services**  
**3rd - 9th December 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 7 pm

**Friday** Mass in St Andrew's at 10 am

**Saturday solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

Mass in St Andrew's at 10 am

Mass in St Columba's at 10 am

**Morning Mass** confessions and exposition on the 1st and  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays will be in St Teresa's and Mass on the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays will be 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 and on Saturday morning

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

**Holyday 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 . December**

**In the Service of the Transmission of Faith**

That people, who are involved in the service and  
 transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with  
 culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present  
 time.

[www.virc.at](http://www.virc.at) This website provides the readings for the  
 Mass in many languages.

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.

*Welcome and Thank you*

Thank you to Canon Pat Keegans who is celebrating Mass in St Andrew's this weekend while Fr Gerald is still in Rome and to thanks also to Fr Joe at St Columba's

*My Day bu Day*

Copies of this little booklet, with readings and reflections for every day in Advent, is now available; they are free of charge so please take one if you think you can use it.

*YFL Movie afternoon,*

Sunday 16th December in the Robert Burns Centre  
12pm- 2pm Polar Express (special keepsake included)  
2.30pm-4.30pm Greatest showman Sing-a-long  
Tickets are £5 each, available from Louise Cullen, phone 07976324636.

*Galloway Diocese News*

The Advent edition of the Galloway Diocese News is now available at the back of the churches. Please take your free copy today. Lots of photos of the Holy Land Pilgrimage and an article about the Friends of the Hoily Land.

*Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception*

Saturday 8th December is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation but to enable as many as possible to celebrate this wonderful feast there will be Mass in St Andrew's and St Columba's at 10 am



*Advent and Christmas Services and Events*



*Cathedral Sung Evening Prayer for Advent*

Evening prayer of the Church will be sung in the Cathedral on Sunday 2nd December at 6.00 pm.

*Penitential Services*

Monday 10 December – St Teresa's  
Tuesday 18 December – St Columba's  
Wednesday 19 December – St Andrew's

*Joint Advent/Christmas Preparation Services*

4th and 18th December at 7.00 pm in the Church of Scotland, New Abbey  
11th December at 7.00 pm in St Mary's, New Abbey

*The Big Sing*

16th December 3 – 4 pm in St Andrew's Church hall

*New Abbey Carol Service*

Friday 21st December 7.00 pm at St Mary's

*Christmas Vigil Masses*

6.30 pm - Carols followed at 7.00 pm by Mass in St Andrew's  
7.00 pm - Mass in St Luke's, Moffat  
9.30 pm - Carols followed at 10.00pm by Mass in St Columba's  
10.00 pm - ('Midnight') Mass at St Teresa's

*Christmas Day Masses*

9.30 am Mass in Holy Trinity Lockerbie.  
10.00 am Mass at St Andrew's  
11.30 am Mass in St Teresa'  
12 noon Mass at St Columba's

**Saint Andrew's**

*Meetings*

*The Ladies Circle* meets on Tuesday 4th December at 7.30 pm for a Christmas Social Evening

*Christmas Fayre*

The Christmas Fayre with a chance to buy presents and treats will be this Sunday 2nd December in the hall after Mass. Bacon rolls will be served as an added incentive! All the usual stalls will be there; Hope to see as many as possible there for this annual social event..

*Church Shop*

All your cards and gifts for Christmas and a range of Advent calendars. It is open before and after Mass at the weekend and during Sunday coffee.

*Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner*

The annual Christmas dinner is on Wednesday 12th December. Invitations are in the church now. Please return them promptly and take one to our housebound friends who may be able to attend.

*200 Club, November draw*

1	78	Jean Machin	£10
2	82	Frank McBrine	£25
3	52	Bridget Higgins	£50

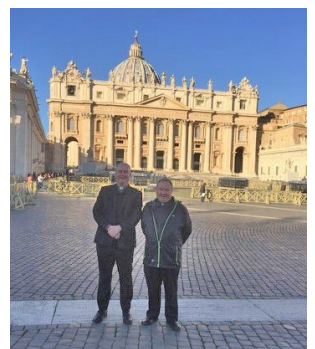
*Fairtrade*

Fairtrade goods will be on sale on the weekend of December 15th and 16th.

*Weekly Collection*

The collection last week was £706.15. Parishioners gave a very generous £142.88. to the St Vincent de Paul. The Jars of Hope increased by £70 and now stands at £183. Thank you.

The staff and students of the Scots College in Rome invited all the Jubilarian priests in Scotland to join them in Rome to celebrate St Andrew's Day. Fr Jim and and Fr Gerald accepted the invitation and are pictured in S Peter's Square after celebrating Mass at the Tomb of St Peter with the staff and students of the College.



**Saint Columba's**

*Weekly Collection*

Sorry, I don't have the figures for the collection last week.

*Dumfries Standard toy Appeal*

As always we will be collecting for the Standard Toy Appeal. Items for girls and boys, unwrapped if possible, will be collected in the church next week, the Second Sunday in Advent.