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Parish Bulletin

2nd/3rd December 2017

First Sunday in Advent (Year B)

Today's Liturgy Eucharistic Prayer I

Readings

Isaiah 63:16-17. 64:1. 3-8

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:33-37

Spoken Psalm Response

God of hosts, bring us back;

Let your face shine upon us and we shall be saved.

Next Sunday

Second Sunday of Advent (year B)

Times of Mass and Services

4th - 10th December 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 7 pm

Friday Mass in 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 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 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

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, 5 pm in St Andrew's

Father Gerald's Mass intentions for this week

Tuesday: Josie Burton

Wednesday: John Rafferty anniversary

Thursday: Special Intention

Friday: Anne Rieveley anniversary

Saturday: Peter Willis

Sunday: For the parish

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick

Arman Ali
Amalia Tamburrini
Gavin Russell
Elspeth McIvor
Michael Clark
Norah MacDonald

Marion Costello
Joan Jeavons
Sandra Dobie
Rosa Maria Santos
Andrew Monteith
Anne Johnstone

*everyone on the family prayer ministry prayer requests.
and all those whose needs are not known to us.*

Sick and housebound

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

**Pope Francis' intention in December
For The Elderly**

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.



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.

Services in Advent and Christmas

Wednesday 6th - Primary School Carol Service in St Andrew's Church at 6.30 pm

Monday 11th - Penitential Service in St Teresa's at 7 pm

Tuesday 12th - Penitential Service in St Columba's at 7 pm

Sunday 17th - Big Sing in St Andrew's Hall 3 - 4 pm

Tuesday 19th - Penitential Service in St Andrew's at 7 pm

Friday 22nd - Carol Service in St Mary's at 7.30 pm

Saturday 23rd - Normal Masses, 10 am and 6 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 24th - Masses at 10 am and 12 noon as normal

Sunday 24th - Christmas Eve

Vigil Mass of Christmas in St Teresa's at 6 pm

Vigil Mass of Christmas in St Luke's, Moffat, at 9 pm

Vigil Mass of Christmas in St Columba's at 8 pm

Carols in St Andrew's at 9.30 pm

followed by Mass of Christmas at 10 pm

Monday 25th - Christmas Day

Morning Mass of Christmas in Holy Trinity, at 9.30 am

Morning Mass of Christmas in St Andrew's at 10 am

Morning Mass of Christmas in St Teresa's at 11.30 am

Morning Mass of Christmas in St Columba's at 12 noon

Advent

We move into the season of Advent and a new year in the life of the Church. Advent is the period of preparation for Christmas. It is a season of joyful anticipation.

We prepare to celebrate the first coming of Christ and look forward to the second coming of Christ in glory.

My Day By Day Booklets

These little booklets, with prayers, reflections and readings for the Advent season are now available. Please take your free copy if you can use it.

Advent Penance Services

There is the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation
St Teresa's - Monday 11th December at 7pm
St Columba's - Tuesday 12th December at 7pm
St Andrew's - Tuesday 19th December at 7pm
Holy Trinity date to be announced

Please see the list of all the Advent and Christmas services on the front page, on the notice board, on the web site and on Facebook.

Diocesan Service of Readings and Carols

The annual service of readings and carols will take place on Wednesday 20th December at 7.30 pm in the Cathedral with mince pies in the hall afterwards. All are welcome.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday 8th December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, it is NOT a Holyday of Obligation but remains one of the important Marian Feasts in the year.

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.

Cards and Gifts for Christmas

The shops in both churches have a selection of cards and gifts for Christmas and, of course the all important Advent Calendars.

Saint Columba's

Advent Candles

available at the back of the Church- £2 each. All proceeds to Lifeline, a pregnancy counselling and care charity.

Reverse Advent Calendar

Please join us to help bring some festive joy to families in need this Christmas. Each day, pop an item in a box or bag: food, toiletries, chocolates, crisps, special treats, toys - whatever you can spare - then bring it to church on each Sunday during Advent. On Tuesday 19th we will have a few hampers ready to be distributed by Kate's Kitchen.

100 + Club. November Draw

The £50 winner is number 57, Libby McLoughlin and £74 was given to the Church Funds. .

Weekly Collection

This week's collection came to £299.64. The SCIAF door collection was £38.78 and the Jars of Hope has increased to £386. Thank you.

Deana Cunningham, R.I.P.: We pray for the repose of the soul of Deana Cunningham, who died last week. We also pray for the comforting of her family. The Requiem Mass for Deana is on Tuesday 12th December at 10am in St Andrew's with a Vigil reception on Monday 11th December at 6.30pm.

May she rest in peace

Reflection for Advent

Trust the past to the Mercy of God,
the present to His Love,
and the future to his Providence.

St Augustine of Hippo (354-430)

St Mary's New Abbey - Advent dates:

Wednesday 6th at 7pm, prayer and reflection in the New Abbey Church of Scotland

Friday 15th at 7pm, prayer and reflection at St Mary's
Wednesday 20th at 7pm, prayer and reflection at New Abbey Church of Scotland

Friday 22nd at 7pm, Carol Service in St Mary's followed by seasonal refreshments in the house

St Andrew's Christmas Fayre

in the hall this Sunday 3rd December during and after coffee -from 11-1.30pm. Bacon rolls with your coffee, all the usual stalls: bottles, gifts, home baking and lots more. Come and join us for this important social and fund raising event.



Saint Andrew's

Altar Servers

There will be a meeting and training session for new altar servers (and existing ones are also very welcome) on Saturday 9th December at 11 am, after Mass and Exposition. Please come along if you are interested and find out what it's all about.

Meetings

The Ladies Circle's Party Night is on Tuesday 5th December.

Hymn singing practice will resume in December at a date to be announced.

Seniors Christmas Dinner December 13th

Invitations are at the back of the church. Please take yours, and take one to someone who is unable to get to Mass right now. Please return the invitation this week if possible.

Standard Toy Appeal

We are collecting for this appeal this year. Please bring your donations of toys to the Masses on the second Sunday of Advent, Unwrapped is best, or mark them for boy or girl.

Fair Trade Malawian Kilombero Rice Challenge

St Andrew's is taking part in the 90kg rice challenge. A farmer needs to sell 90kgs of rice to pay for one year's secondary schooling. Please help to make this possible. The rice will be on sale this weekend at £3 per kg.

Fairtrade is on sale on the weekend of 16/17th December.

200 Club, November draw

1	159	Treena Wylie	£10
2	132	Emma Robbins	£25
3	18	Cathie Pittendreigh	£50

The 200 Club year will run from April to March.

Weekly Collection

Last week's collection came to £1741.26. Parishioners gave £103.06 to the SSVP. The Jars of Hope fund stands at £703. Thank you.