



*Parish Bulletin of
St Andrew's, Dumfries
and
St Columba's, Annan*

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**Times of Mass and Services
9th-14th December 2019**

Tuesday Mass in St Columba's at 10am
Wednesday Mass in St Andrew's at 10am
Thursday Mass in St Columba's at 7pm
Friday Mass in St Andrew's at 10am
Saturday Mass in St Andrew's at 10 am
Saturday Morning: Mass, confessions and exposition on the 1st and 3rd and 5th Saturdays will be in St Teresa's and on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays in St Andrew's.

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: Mass in St Teresa's at 10am

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

Holydays 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, St Columba's

Eucharistic Service at 10 am followed by tea/coffee

First Saturday of the month, St Andrew's

Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima, 5 pm

7th/8th December 2019

2nd Sunday of Advent (Year A)

Readings

Isaiah 11: 1-10
Romans 15: 4-9
Matthew 3: 1-12

Psalm Response

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.

Today's Liturgy Eucharistic Prayer II

Next Sunday 3rd Sunday of Advent (year A)

2nd Sunday of Advent

Today's readings speak to us of the peace we may expect with the coming of God's kingdom. And yet there is also an undertone of violence and retribution in the call for our repentance and change of heart.

Father Gerald's Mass intentions for this week

Tuesday:	Doran Galbraith
Wednesday:	Patrick Smith
Thursday:	Bill Tollan
Friday:	John Uphill
Saturday:	Elizabeth Anne Aitken
Sunday:	For the Parish

Please remember in your prayers

Michael Clark	Elizabeth Elliot
Joan Jeavons	Betty Fulton
Norah McDonald	Donald & Betty Finnan

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

Sick and Housebound

If there is anyone who would appreciate a visit or who is unable to get to Mass, please pass on details. 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

Pope Francis' prayer intention for December 2019

The Future of the Very Young

That every country takes the measures necessary to prioritise the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

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

Please turn off your mobile phone in church



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.

First Holy Communion

The celebration of First Holy Communion in St Andrew's and in St Columba's will take place on **Sunday 14th June 2020** at the 10am and 12noon Masses respectively.

Real Gifts that Change Lives



SCIAF's Christmas Real Gifts make great presents for family and friends while helping people in poverty to build a better future. The SCIAF catalogue is available at the back of the church or you can visit www.sciaf.org.uk/realgifts or call 0141 354 5555.

Dumfries Christian Network (DCN)

There are notices at the back of the church with details of Christmas services and events in the local, member churches and about the surplus food which will be available at the River of Life Centre on Christmas Eve, as well as the open-invitation Christmas service and dinner there on Christmas Day for those who would otherwise be alone. Helping volunteers are welcome. Further information is available at the DCN website : www.dumfrieschurches.org.uk.



Memories of Holy Land pilgrimages

Meeting on **Saturday 14th December 11am** in St Mary's to exchange our pictures, thoughts and prayers of Bethlehem and Galilee (Jerusalem to be Later in Passion Tide). Shared lunch as usual. All welcome - contact Jo Kemp for more detail on tel:850554.

St Andrew's Meetings

The next **Ladies' Circle** gathering is on **Tuesday 21st January** for a Spiritual Afternoon.

"My Day by Day" Advent Booklets...

...are available at the back of the Church. Please take one for your use through Advent.

Readers' and Ministers' Rotas

The rotas are now on the table at the back of the Church; please take your copy or check your e-mail. They are a little earlier than normal, so keep them safe! Thank you to all of our readers and ministers. Keep up the good work.

Senior Parishioners' Christmas Dinner

The annual dinner is this **Wed 11th December, 6 for 6.30pm**, in the hall.

Dumfries Standard Toy Appeal



As always we are collecting for the Standard Toy Appeal. Unwrapped toys for girls and boys are being collected at Mass this Sunday, 8th December. Thank you.

Coffee Proceeds

The proceeds from this week's coffee and bacon rolls will be donated to "Educate the Kids" to help with the extra need for basic sustenance which children incur while the school is closed over Christmas

Weekly Collection

The collection for last week amounted to £945.54. St Vincent de Paul collected £88.40. The Jars of Hope remains at £304. Thank you.

Advent and Christmas Services and Events



Advent Penitential Services

Monday 16th December 7pm St Columba's
Wednesday 18th " 7pm St Teresa's
Thursday 19th " 7pm St Andrew's

Christmas

Christmas Eve Vigil 6pm St Teresa's
Christmas Eve Vigil 7pm St Columba's
Carols from 9.30pm St Andrew's
Midnight Mass 10pm St Andrew's
Christmas Day 10am St Andrew's
12 noon St Columba's



St Andrews Primary Carol Service

This is in the church this **Tuesday 10th December at 6.30pm** and followed by hot drinks in the hall. All parishioners are very welcome.

Big Sing

Sunday 22nd December, 3-4pm in the church hall. Come for traditional carols, mulled wine, a hot drink and Christmas baking.

St Mary's, New Abbey

Wednesdays at 7pm—"Preparation for Christmas". On **4th** and **17th** December in Church of Scotland and on **11th** December at St Mary's.

Friday 20th December, 7pm-Carol service at St Mary's followed by refreshments in the Bagnall Centre. All welcome.

Ministries at Mass—help needed

An appeal is made for parishioners in both St Andrew's and St Columba's to seriously consider serving in one of the ministries at Mass. There is a need for more readers and Eucharistic ministers and we also need more people for the music ministry, particularly organ or keyboard. If you can help please speak to Fr Gerald or a member of the PPC.

St Columba's

St Columba's Sacramental Meeting

There is a meeting for parents of children who will be confirmed in February this Sunday, 8th December, after Mass. It is important to attend these meetings.

Mince pies, coffee.....

... (or sherry) will be served after 12 noon Mass on Sunday 22nd December. Come and enjoy some Christmas cheer!

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/bag. It could be food, toiletries, chocolates, crisps, special treats, toys.....whatever you can spare. Then bring it to church on each Sunday during Advent. We hope to have a few hampers ready to be distributed by Kate's Kitchen, to whom we have donated for the past two years.



100 Club Draw (November)

The £50 winner is No.90, Mrs M Irvine. Church funds benefitted by £62.

Weekly Collection

The collection for last week amounted to £425.42 and £28.25 was collected for SCIAF. Thank you.