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Parish Bulletin

8th/9th December 2018
Second Sunday in Advent (Year C)
Today's Liturgy Eucharistic Prayer III

Readings

Baruch 5: 1-9
 Philippians 1:4-6. 8-11
 Luke 3:1-6

Spoken Psalm Response

What marvels the Lord worked for us,
 Indeed we were glad.

Next Sunday

Third Sunday in Advent

A thought for Advent

Faith is the strength by which a shattered world
 shall emerge into the light.

St Helen Keller (1881—1968)

My Day by Day

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

Father Gerald's Mass intentions for this week

Tuesday Maureen McKinley
 Wednesday: Mona Shandley anniversary
 Thursday Lia Obdei
 Friday Irene Hamilton
 Saturday Sister Maria Benedicta R.I.P.
 Sunday Teresa Bakaj

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.

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

Times of Mass and Services
10th - 16th December 2018

Monday Advent Penitential service in St Teresa's at 7 pm

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 Teresa's at 10 am

Morning Mass confessions and exposition on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays will be in St Teresa's and Mass on the 2nd and 4th 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.

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

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.

Thanks all round!

Members of the Saint Andrew's Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul would like to thank everyone for their part in making the social last Friday night such an amazing success. From George Murray and his band of musicians who charmed us with their entertainment to Carol McQueen and her cheerful group of helpers who produced the delicious buffet we say many thanks. For those who set up the hall and most especially for all the members and friends of St Andrew's and St Columba's who came along to celebrate the feast of our patron with fun and fellowship, we thank you all. £720 was raised on the night - be assured that all monies raised will go a long way in assisting us to continue our work for the poor and forgotten people in our area. Thanks again.

And from George - Thanks to everyone from both Parishes who helped make the St Andrew's Night social a great success. Special thanks to Carol and her team, all the performers, everyone who contributed prizes for the raffle. There are photos on the notice board and will be on Facebook and the website soon

Saint Andrew's

Meetings

The SSVP Conference will meet on Thursday 13th December at 7:30 pm in the Church House.

Christmas Fayre

Thank you very, very much to all who supported the Christmas Fare in any way. The magnificent sum of £1500 was raised for Church funds and everyone had a great time!

Church Shop

Has all your cards and gifts for Christmas. It is open before and after Mass at the weekend and during Sunday coffee.

Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner

Last chance - Please return your acceptance **TODAY** if you want to go to the dinner.

Fairtrade

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

Youth for Lourdes

Darius Saadat and some of the YFL team will be at St Andrew's this weekend selling sweets, bakes and the Christmas Album to raise funds. Please support them if you can.

Dumfries Standard toy Appeal

The toys you donated will be brought in the offertory procession today.

Sister Maria Benedicta

Some parishioners will remember Sr Maria Benedicta who spent 30 years at the convent in Dumfries. When it closed she returned to her native France where she lived for another 30 years until her death aged 98 on 9th October. May she rest in peace.

Weekly Collection

The collection last week was £677.69. Parishioners gave £113.01 to the St Vincent de Paul. The Jars of Hope stands at £183. Thank you.



Advent and Christmas Services and Events



Penitential Services at 7 pm

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

Joint Advent/Christmas Preparation Services

11th December at 7.00 pm in St Mary's, New Abbey
18th December at 7.00 pm in the Church of Scotland, 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
9.30, Carols followed at 10.00 pm by ('Midnight') Mass at St Teresa's

Christmas Day Masses

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

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.

Galloway Diocese News

The Advent edition of the Galloway Diocese News is 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 Holy Land.

Saint Columba's

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. On Tuesday 19th December we hope to have a few hampers ready to be distributed by Kate's Kitchen.

100 Club, November draw

The £50 winner is No. 24 Mr. David Buckley. Church Funds benefited by £ 58.

Mary Reilly is about to make up the list for next year. So if you are not cleared up to date could make an effort to see her so that she knows to include your name on next years list.

Weekly Collection

The collections for the last two weeks totalled £646.61. The SCIAF door collection raised 61.16. Thank you.