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Parish Bulletin

9th/10th December 2017

Second Sunday in Advent (Year B)

Today's Liturgy Eucharistic Prayer II

Readings

Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11

2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8

Spoken Psalm Response

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
And give us your saving help.

Next Sunday

Third Sunday of Advent (year B)

Times of Mass and Services

11th—17th December 2017

Tuesday Mass in St Columba's at 10 am (**Requiem**)

Wednesday Mass in St Andrew's at 10 am

Thursday Mass in St Columba's at 9.30 am (**Requiem**)
Penitential Service 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 : Deanna Cunningham

Wednesday: John Uphill

Thursday: Fr Frank Hickman

Friday: The Hart Family

Saturday: Deanna Cunningham

Sunday: for the parishes

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

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

Carol service 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.



The BIG SING

The Big Sing

Come and join us in St Andrew's hall on Sunday 17th December from 3 - 4 pm for the Big Sing: carols, mince pies and mulled wine. See the parade of Christmas Jumpers, join the fun as we prepare for Christmas. Everyone welcome - we hope to see many of our friends from St Columba's too.

Saint Andrew's

SSVP Meeting on **Tuesday** 12th December at 7:30pm in the Church House.

Hymn Singing

For those wishing to help lead the singing at Christmas Eve Service and Christmas morning Mass there will be a run through on Thursday 14th December at 7 pm in the Church Hall. All welcome.

Seniors Christmas Dinner December 13th

Last chance—Invitations are at the back of the church. Please return the invitation today.

Christmas Fayre

Thank you to all who contributed in any way to the Christmas fayre. A grand total of £1250 was raised for the church.

Standard Toy Appeal

We will collect the toys today. Unwrapped is best, or mark them for boy or girl.

Fair Trade Malawian Kilombero Rice Challenge

The challenge was a total success and the donations received have been sent to a priest in northern Malawi to help his local school. More rice will hopefully be available on the Fairtrade table on the 16th/17th December for those unable to buy it last weekend.

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

Weekly Collection

Last week's collection came to £1044.55. Parishioners gave £93.39 to the SSVP. The Jars of Hope fund stands at £703. Thank you.

Reflection for Advent

Whoever surrenders unconditionally to the Lord
will be chosen by him as an instrument
for building his kingdom..

St Teresa Benediction of the Cross (Edith Srein) (1891—1942)

St Mary's New Abbey - Advent dates:

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

Galloway Diocese News

Please take your free copy of the Galloway Diocese News today with news and reflections about Advent and C Christmas. The magazine is also available to read on line at www.gallowaydiocese.org.uk/



Sacrament of Initiation

Please note that we will celebrate the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday 10th June 2018 at 10 am in St Andrew's and 12 noon in St Columba's. The date for Confirmation is set by the Bishop and will be Tuesday 27th February at 7 pm in St Teresa's church.

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.

Weekly Collection

This week's collection came to £394.61. The SCIAF door collection was £35.96 and the Jars of Hope stands at £386. Thank you.

Terence (Terry) Smith, R.I.P.: We pray for the repose of the soul of Terry Smith, who died last week. We also pray for the comforting of his family. The Requiem Mass for Terry is on Thursday 14th December at 9.30 am in St Columba's with a Vigil reception on Wednesday 13th December at 6.30pm.

Deanna Cunningham, R.I.P.: Requiem Mass for Deanna is on Tuesday 12th at 10 am and a Vigil Reception on Monday at 6.60 pm in St Andrew's.

May they rest in peace