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### Parish Bulletin

**15th/16th December 2018**  
**Third Sunday in Advent (Year C)**

**Today's Liturgy** Eucharistic Prayer IV

**Readings**

Zephaniah 3: 14-18  
Philippians 4: 4-7  
Luke 13: 10-18

**Spoken Psalm Response**

Sing and shout for joy  
For great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel.

**Next Sunday**

Fourth Sunday in Advent

**Times of Mass and Services**  
**17th - 23rd December 2018**

**Tuesday** Mass in St Columba's Primary School at 10 am  
Advent Penitential service in St Columba's at 7 pm

**Wednesday** Mass in St Andrew's at 10 am  
Advent Penitential service in St Andrew's at 7 pm

**Thursday** Mass in St Columba's at 10 am (requiem)

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

**Saturday** Mass in St Andrew'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

**A thought for Advent**

God leads every soul by a separate path

*St John of the Cross (1542 - 1591)*

**My Day by Day**

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

**Father Gerald's Mass intentions for this week**

Tuesday: Tommy Travers

Wednesday: Joe Dolan

Thursday: Annie McCreadie

Friday: John Uphill anniversary

Saturday: Smith Family Intentions

Sunday: For the Parish

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

**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](mailto: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.

### *Invitations*

*St Joseph's college carol service* on is on Monday 17th December at 7pm in the school chapel refreshments will be available afterwards in the school.

The annual *Annan Academy Christmas Concert* will take place on (Monday evening at 7.30 pm in the Assembly Hall. Tickets, priced £6 for Adults and £2 for school children (including refreshments )will be available at the door. Please come and join us to share in some festive cheer and hear performances from the many music groups that meet on a weekly basis.

*New Abbey Carol Service* on Friday 21st December 7.00 pm at St Mary's

### **Lockerbie Anniversary**

On Friday 21st December at Holy Trinity Church, Lockerbie there will be Mass at 7 pm to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Lockerbie bombing when, 30 years before, in 1988, 270 innocent souls lost their lives in this dreadful act of violence. Bishop Nolan will be the principal celebrant and Canon Pat Keegans will be our guest preacher.

The church will be open from 10 am for people to light a candle, say a prayer, have a moment of reflection. Tea and coffee will also be available.

### *Penitential Services at 7 pm*

Tuesday 18 December – St Columba's  
Wednesday 19 December – St Andrew's



### *The Big Sing*

This Sunday from 3 - 4 pm  
Mulled wine, mince pies and  
Carols for Christmas. A very  
pleasant way to spend Sunday  
afternoon.  
Christmas jumpers will be  
worn!!

## **Saint Andrew's**

### *Readers and Ministers' rota*

Rotas are now available. Please take your copy or check your email.

### *Church Shop*

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

### *Fairtrade*

Fairtrade goods will be on sale this weekend.

### *Weekly Collection*

The collection last week was £849.72. Parishioners gave £107.51 to the St Vincent de Paul. The Jars of Hope increased by £40 and now stands at £223. Thank you.

**Chris Straughan R.I.P.:** We pray for the repose of the soul of Chris Straughan who died last week. At the time of writing it is hoped that his Requiem Mass will be on Thursday at 10 am in St Columba's. We remember his family at this time.



### *Advent and Christmas Services and Events*



### *The Big Sing*

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

### *Penitential Services at 7 pm*

Tuesday 18 December – St Columba's  
Wednesday 19 December – St Andrew's

### *Joint Advent/Christmas Preparation Services*

18th December at 7.00 pm in the Church of Scotland,  
New Abbey

### *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 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

## **Saint Columba's**

### *St Columba's Primary*

would like to invite Parishioners to their End of term  
Mass in school on Tuesday at 10am. Mince pies will  
be served afterwards.

**Please note Mass on Tuesday is in St Columba's  
Primary School and on Thursday there is no Mass at  
7pm.**

### *Reverse Advent Calendar*

There is still time to help bring some festive joy to  
families in need this Christmas. Each day pop an item  
in a box/bag 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*

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.

### *St Columba's Jars of Hope*

Donations have been made to the SCIAF Syrian Appeal  
(£400) and to Friends of the Holy Land (£350)  
The fund now stands at £38.

### *Weekly Collection*

The collection last week totalled £366.01. The SCIAF  
door collection raised £61.53. Thank you.