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Parish Bulletin

16th/17th December 2017

Third Sunday in Advent (Year B)

Today's Liturgy Eucharistic Prayer III

Readings

Isiah 6:1:2. 10-11
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8. 19-20

Spoken Psalm Response
My soul rejoices in my God.

Next Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Advent (year B)

Times of Mass and Services 18th—24th December 2017

Tuesday Mass in St Columba's at 10 am
Penitential Service in St Andrew's at 7 pm
Wednesday Mass in St Andrew's at 10 am
Thursday Mass in St Columba's at 10am (School Mass)
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: Hilda Yoxall
Wednesday: Helen Hill
Thursday: Eileen Fara
Friday: McCarron Family
Saturday: Deanna Cunningham
Sunday: For the parish

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick

Arman Ali	Marion Costello
Amalia Tamburrini	Joan Jeavons
Gavin Russell	Sandra Dobie
Elsbeth McIvor	Rosa Maria Santos
Michael Clark	Andrew Monteith
Norah MacDonald	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



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 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

Advent marks a new year in the life of the Church and is the period of preparation for Christmas: 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.

Reflection for Advent

Love Our Lady and
she will obtain abundant grace
to help you conquer your daily struggle.

St Josemaria Eserium (1902—1975)

Advent Penance Services

There is the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation
St Andrew's - Tuesday 19th December at 7pm
**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.

Galloway Diocese News

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

Saint Andrew's

Standard Toy Appeal

Thank you to all who supported the toy appeal; many
children will have a present to open this Christmas thanks to
your generosity.

Fair Trade and Malawian Kilombero Rice Challenge

The challenge was a total success and hopefully
more will be available on the Fairtrade table.

Fairtrade is on sale this weekend



Transport needed

Is there any parishioner who lives reasonably near Glencaple
and could give a lift to Sunday Mass to someone who has no
transport. It could be either the Saturday 6.00 pm Vigil
Mass or the 10.00 am Sunday Mass. Unfortunately there are
no Saturday evening or Sunday buses to and from Glencaple.
If you can help please contact Fr Gerald or Nick Kemp (tel
850554) or any other member of the SVP.

Altar Servers training

Thank you to the three who came to the last training
session—all experienced servers. We would like to get some
new servers trained too so there will be another session after
Christmas when we all have more time.

Ministers and Readers Rotas

Please take your copy of the rota or check your emails. Can I
remind all readers and ministers if you can't do your duty on
a particular date that you arrange for someone else to cover
for you, Not to do so causes a great deal of upheaval before
Mass as we try to find someone to fill in. Thank you.

Jars of Hope

We have sent £300 to Mary's Meals and made a small
donation to the 'Social Bite' who organised the sleep in the
park for the homeless.

Weekly Collection

Last week's collection came to £821.02. Parishioners gave
£110.50 to the SSVP. The Jars of Hope fund increased by
£27 and with the donations now stands at £410. Thank you.

St Margaret's Adoption Society

The support of the Catholic community allows the society to
develop and extend their services. In past years we have
always had a crib collection. This year the society has
produced a box (like the Wee Boxes) for your donations.
These are at the back of the church now for you to take home
and return after Christmas.

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 2018** at 7 pm in St Teresa's church.

New Hospital Visiting Policy

Please note that there are new regulations regarding clergy
visiting patients in the new hospital (and all other NHS
hospitals). Patient lists will no longer be given out to clergy.
If a patient wishes a visit from a priest or deacon the patient
must expressly make that known to staff. Only after express
permission is given can a visit take place. Please see the
notice on the notice board. If there is any change to this
policy it will be communicated to parishioners.

First Base Agency Food Bank

Don't forget the Foodbanks at Christmas

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).



The Big Sing

Come and join us in St Andrew's hall
this 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.

Cards and Gifts for Christmas

The shops in both churches have a selection of cards and
gifts for Christmas.

Saint Columba's

Mass on Thursday

Please note Mass in Annan on Thursday is at 10am in the
church and is a school Mass

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 and 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 £286.09. The SCIAF door
collection was £28.67 and the Jars of Hope stands at £386.
Thank you.