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Parish Bulletin

23rd/24th December 2017

Fourth Sunday in Advent (Year B)

Today's Liturgy Eucharistic Prayer IV

Readings

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

Spoken Psalm Response

I will sing forever of your love, O Lord.

Next Sunday

Holy Family

Times of Mass and Services

25th - 31st December 2017

Monday is, of course, Christmas Day and is a Holiday of Obligation and a day everyone come readily to Mass

Monday Mass in St Andrew's at 10 am
(Christmas Day) Mass in St Columba's at 12 noon
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 7pm
Friday Mass in St Andrew's at 10 am
Saturday Mass in St Andrew's at 10 am
Sunday Peace Vigil in St Andrew's at 4 pm

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

Wednesday: Anne Mitchel anniversary
Thursday: Norman Galbraith
Friday: Jim Murray
Saturday: Jaqueline Riley
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 of Christmas

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

Sunday 31st December - New Year's Eve

Peace Vigil in St Andrew's at 4 pm

Reflection for Advent

It is by love that God has always led me,
By love that God reproves me,
By love that God lets me see love in all.

Saint Mary MacKillop (1842-1909)

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.

Happy Holidays to all school pupils, teachers and staff. Note there is no Children's Liturgy during the school break.

Saint Andrew's

A Christmas Celebration

The Songs of Praise recorded at the Crichton will be shown at 11.45pm on Christmas Eve on BBC 1 Scotland. It is hosted by Sally Magnusson and features choirs and singers from the Dumfries area, including some from St Andrew's. Note that it is listed in the TV schedules as A Christmas Celebration.

Peace Vigil

We will hold a Peace Vigil in the church on Sunday 31st December at 4 pm. All are welcome to attend a short service of readings and reflection.

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.

Weekly Collection

Last week's collection came to £889.28. Parishioners gave £119.74 to the SSVP. The Jars of Hope fund increased by £68 and now stands at £478. Thank you.

Winifred (Win) Carson, R.I.P.: We pray for the repose of the soul of Winifred (Win) Carson who died recently. Her Funeral is on Friday 12th January in St Andrew's We pray for the comforting of her family.
May she Rest in Peace



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. If there is any change to this policy it will be communicated to parishioners.

Text or message the RC Chaplain on 07 591 230 828. Please take a leaflet or see the notice on the board and on the web site and Facebook.

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.

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).

At the shops ...

For those who leave it to the last minute, the shops in both churches still have some cards and gifts for Christmas!

DOUBLE EDITIONS of all newspapers this week.



Songs of Praise

recorded at the

Crichton Memorial Church, Dumfries

will be aired on

**BBC 1 Scotland at 11.45pm
Christmas Eve 24 December**

Hosted by Sally Magnusson & featuring the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland Junior Choir, Emily Smith as well as local Choirs & Readers

Saint Columba's

Weekly Collection

The collection information is not to hand; it will be reported next week.

**Father Gerald and the Parish Pastoral Councils
wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas
and Peace and Joy in the New year.**

**Glory to God in the highest heaven, and
peace to men who enjoy his favour**