



## The Parishes of St Andrew's, Dumfries, and St Columba's, Annan

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### Parish Bulletin

**30th/31st December 2017**

**The Holy Family (Year B)**

**Today's Liturgy** Eucharistic Prayer II

**Readings**

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3  
Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19  
Luke 2:22-40

**Spoken Psalm Response**

Blessed are those who fear the Lord  
And walk in his ways

**Next Sunday**

Epiphany

**Times of Mass and Services  
1st—8th January 2018**

**Monday** Mass in St Andrew's at 10 am  
**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  
**Monday, Tuesday, 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**

Monday: Lina Rinaldi  
Tuesday: Rae Anderson  
Wednesday: Mary Thornton  
Thursday: Gilligan Family  
Friday: Mary Rose  
Saturday: Turner and Mallinder Families  
Sunday: For the parish

**Please remember in your prayers those who are sick**

Amalia Tamburrini	Sandra Dobie
Elspeth McIvor	Rosa Maria Santos
Michael Clark	Andrew Monteith
Marion Costello	Anne Johnstone
Joan Jeavons	Nora MacDonald

*everyone on the family prayer ministry prayer requests.  
and all those whose needs are not known to us.*

**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.



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

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.

### **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 at the feast of the Epiphany.

### **Special collection**

There will be a special collection at all Masses next weekend for Justice and Peace.

### **Rite of Presentation**

The candidates for Confirmation will celebrate the Rite of Presentation on **Sunday 14th January** at 10 am Mass in St Andrew's and 12 noon Mass in St Columba's.

### **Sacrament of Confirmation**

The date for Confirmation is set by the Bishop and will be Tuesday **27th February 2018** at 7 pm in St Teresa's church.

### **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.

## **Saint Andrew's**

### **Peace Vigil**

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

**There is Mass on Monday 1st January**  
for the Feast of Our Lady

### **Meetings**

The next meeting of **the SSVP** will be on Wednesday 3rd January at 7:30pm, in the Church House.

**The Ladies Circle** meet on Tuesday 9th January for their 'Spiritual Evening'.

### **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 New Year when we all have more time.

### **200 Club**

The 200 Club year will commence in April and run through to March. The collection envelopes will be put out in March. The first draw will be held in April 2018.

### **Weekly Collection**

Last week's collection came to £909.90. The Christmas collection will be reported next week. The Jars of Hope fund stands at £478. Over the Christmas weekend parishioners gave a total of £285.46 to the SSVP who wish to say a big thank you for your generosity.

### **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. There is also a new email address to inform the chaplain of inpatients: rcchaplain.hospital@yahoo.com

Please take a leaflet or see the notice on the board and on the web site and Facebook.



**Feeding the Community**

### **First Base Agency Food Bank**

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](http://www.first-base.org)).

**Please keep them in mind at this time of year.**

### **Mass in Polish**

There will be a Mass in Polish on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 2.15 pm in St Teresa's Dumfries.

### **Rest in Peace**

**Winifred (Win) Carson, R.I.P.:** pray for Winifred (Win) Carson who died recently. Her Funeral is on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January in St Andrew's

**Alan Mitchell, R.I.P.:** We pray for Alan Mitchell who died recently. His funeral arrangements are still to be made.

**Arman Ali, R.I.P.:** We pray for Arman Ali who died recently.

**Norman Galbraith, R.I.P.:** Please also remember in your prayers Norman Galbraith who has died.

*We pray for the the repose of their souls and for the comforting of their families. May they rest in peace.*

## **Saint Columba's**

### **Weekly Collection**

The collections are as follows:  
17th December £293.85, 24th December £383.65 and Christmas eve and Day £612.81. The SCIAF collections totalled £88.74. Thank you.

