



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

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### Parish Bulletin

#### 4th/5th February 2017 Fifth Sunday of the Year (Year A)

##### Today's Liturgy

Preface for Sundays I  
Eucharistic Prayer I

##### Readings

Isaiah 58:7-10  
1 Corinthians 2:1-5  
Matthew 5:13-16

##### Spoken Psalm Response

The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

#### Readings for Next Sunday

*Sixth Sunday of the Year*  
Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20  
1 Corinthians 2:6-10  
Matthew 5:17-37

##### Spoken Psalm Response

They are happy who follow God's law!

#### Pope Francis' prayer for February Comfort for the afflicted

*Please make Pope Francis' prayer your own.*

That all who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees and marginalised, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

#### Times of Mass and Services 6th—12th February 2017

##### 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 10 am

##### Friday

Mass 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 6.00 pm  
Mass in St Andrew's at 10 am  
Mass in St Columba's at 12 noon

##### Sacrament of Reconciliation

After morning Mass on Thursday and Saturday,  
and on request at any other suitable time

##### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

After Mass on Thursday and 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 Primary School  
(in St Columba's Church outside term time)

##### 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 at 5 pm in St Andrew's

#### Fr Gerald's Mass intentions this coming week

*Tuesday* – Frances Priestley ; *Wednesday* – Kiely family; *Thursday* – McKeown family;  
*Friday* – Freda Smith ; *Saturday morning* – Fr Frank Hickman;  
*Vigil, Sunday 10 am* and *Sunday 12 noon* – for the parishes.

*When you ask Fr Gerald to say a Mass for you or your intentions  
please give him a written note of the name of the intention with your offering.*

## What's happening?



### ***Pilgrimage to Lourdes 3rd —10th July 2017***

Posters and booking forms for the pilgrimage next year are in the sacristy. Demand is high so get your booking in soon!! Have a look at the poster for more details.

### ***Pilgrimage to Rome 10th—17th September 2017***

If you would like to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome, (with a day trip to Assisi) booking forms are available from Alba Tours Ltd, 40 Chestnut Grove, Motherwell, ML1 3JF. The cost is £925 for a 7 night, half board in Rome at the Hotel Olympic. Please see the notice for more information.



### ***Communion to the sick and housebound or hospital in-patients***

If there is anyone you know of who would appreciate or need a visit at home, who is unable to get to Mass, please let me know. This applies to short term illness or temporary inability to get out to Mass.

Deacon Willie Hiddleston does a great job informing the priests of parishioners who are in hospital, but if you know of someone in hospital again please let me know. I would rather be told twice about someone than not at all.

Thank you as always to those who bring communion to the sick and housebound, it is greatly appreciated.

### ***Deanery Pastoral Council***

There is a Deanery Pastoral Council on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February from 11am -1pm in St Andrew's and St Cuthbert's Kirkcudbright. This is part of the ongoing discussion on the implementation of "Embracing Change" promoting greater cooperation between parishes. Two representative from each parish are required so if you wish to attend please let Fr Gerald know.

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



**FEED THE  
HUNGRY**

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)). One item each every week will make a huge contribution to this project.

### ***Sacrament of Confirmation***

The Church has always celebrated the three Sacraments of Initiation; Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist. However the way in which they have been celebrated has changed continually, almost up to the present day. Again the tradition of the church has been that the Bishop of a Diocese should be the minister of Confirmation. This has not always been as strong in our Diocese recently. Bishop Nolan wishes to reclaim this role of the Bishop and intends to be the minister of Confirmation. That is why we are having a small number of Confirmation Liturgies in various parts of the Diocese. Bishop Nolan will confirm all the candidates in the diocese. The liturgy for our part of the Diocese is on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February, it will involve young people from St Andrew's, St Teresa's, Holy Trinity and St Columba's. It will highlight the importance of confirmation in its own right and the place of the Bishop.

### ***Celebration of First Holy Communion***

To complete Christian Initiation is First Holy Communion. This is a parish occasion and it will be celebrated in St Andrew's and St Columba's on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June when the worshipping community gathers together.

### ***Rite of Enrolment***

The Rite of Enrolment for children from St Andrew's will take place during the 10 am Mass and for St Columba's at the noon Mass on Sunday 19th February.

### ***First Reconciliation***

The children from St Andrew's Primary School will make their first Reconciliation on Tuesday 7th March at 7 pm. There will be a meeting for parents of these children this Wednesday, 8th February, at 6.30pm in St Andrew's school.

### ***Pope Francis Faith Award***

The parish community welcomes the young people as they continue to develop in faith.

### ***Music Workshop***

Galloway Music Network are organising a music workshop on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February at Our Lady of Mount Carmel's Church, Onthank, Kilmarnock from 10.30 am - 3 pm. The event is being organised for anyone with an interest in parish music. A light lunch will be provided. For more information contact Nicola Lawrence on 0141 886 7963.

### ***Open Meeting***

Emma Harper and Joan McAlpine, the local MSPs, are holding a Q & A session in St Teresa's hall, Glasgow Street, Dumfries, on Friday 17th February at 7 pm. This is specifically geared for European Citizens living and working in the community and will attempt to address their concerns and the impact of Brexit.

## Saint Andrew's

### Saturday mornings at St Andrew's

Just a reminder that St Andrew's church is open from 11 am to the vigil Mass; if you are in the area pop in for a few minutes quiet reflection, or just a minute or two away from the noise of the world.

### Meetings

**The Ladies Circle** meets on Tuesday 7th February when Sean Barbour will give a talk on Drumlanrig and the Dukes of Buccleuch. The meeting starts at 7.30 pm.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** thanks to all who managed to the ad hoc meeting last week. There will be a meeting of the PPC on Thursday 23rd March at 7.00 pm in the church house.

### Dumfries Christian Network

The poster for the Church of Scotland World Mission Conference in Dalbeattie on Saturday 25th March, which is open to ALL CHURCHES, is on the notice board. The programme is varied with most speakers lasting 15 minutes. This conference is open to the whole of Dumfries and Galloway and is an opportunity to meet other Christians and fellow churches throughout our region.

### 200 club January 2017

1	31	Maire Crawford	£10
2	13	Mrs Mary Brown	£25
3	13	Mrs Mary Brown	£50

Would those of you who have not yet returned your subscriptions to the 200 Club for this year please do so as soon as possible so that you can be included in all the draws. We still have room for new members so if you still wish to join fill in and return an application form from the porch as soon as possible.

### Collection Envelopes

If you wish to make your weekly contribution to the Church by envelope and you are not already using them, now is the time to make a request for the envelopes starting in April. Please complete a Weekly Collection Envelopes form in the porch (or on the web site) and return it to the church house as soon as possible. The envelopes for all users will be available next month. If you wish to cancel your envelopes please let us know too. If you already use this form of offering you need take no action.

### Weekly Collection

Last week's collection came to £823.82. Parishioners gave £88.65 to the St Vincent de Paul. The Jars of Hope fund remains at £316. Thank you.

## Saint Columba's

### Weekly Collection

Last week's collection came to £322.75 and the SCIAF door collection was £59.39. Thank you.

### 100+ Winner for January 2017

The £50 winner is Mrs Madeline Buckley and the church funds benefited by £332.

### Youth For Lourdes Curry Night Fund Raiser



Last chance to buy tickets for the Fundraising Curry Night which will be held in St Andrew's Church Hall, Brooke Street, Dumfries at 7pm on Saturday 11th February 2017. The event is unlicensed so Bring Your Own Bottle. Tickets are now on sale after Masses at £15 per person and

includes a tasty authentic 3 course Indian Meal, raffle and other fun activities. Tickets can also be purchased by calling 07775 537506 or 0779 9887829.

### Sunday Coffee

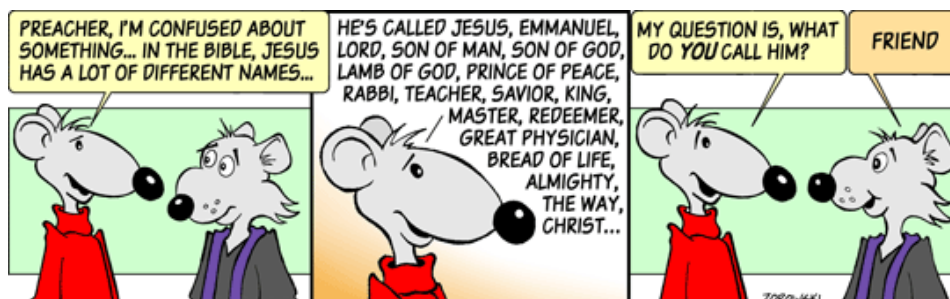


Coffees and teas on Sundays after Mass are a very important dimension to the social life of the parish. It is an opportunity to catch up and have a chat and build community. New and recent members of the parish are welcome

to come along and get to know more of the parish community. However to facilitate this takes people to help out and serve and prepare and tidy up the hall afterwards. Please consider helping out, the more volunteers, the less frequently any team has to take a turn. Perhaps you could lend a hand putting the tables and chairs away. Don't leave it to others and usually the same others.

### Fancy some home baking with your coffee?

Anne Murdy and friends invite you along on Sunday 12th February for coffee and home baking. This is a fundraiser to help the helpers for Lourdes.



## Back Page Reflection

### *Ordinary Time.*

After the seasons of Advent and Christmas we return to what is called "Ordinary Time". This can be a bit misleading. It does not mean Ordinary in the sense of mundane or every day. It is in the sense of Ordinal numbers, the Sundays are designated by numbers rather than feast days or titles. The whole of the liturgical year is the unfolding of God's love in the person of Jesus Christ. There is nothing ordinary about that. There is nothing ordinary about God's continual love for each one of us and his desire for what is best for each one of us. We participate in the liturgical year constantly aware of God's extraordinary involvement in our lives.

### *Nursery News*

#### ***NURSERY ENROLMENT***

St. Andrew's Nursery (Brooke Street) will be enrolling children for the new academic year August 2017 - June 2018 this Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th February from 9.00 am - 3.30 pm. Why not come along prior to these dates and have a look around our nursery and see what we have to offer your child. Contact Mrs. Douglas on 07817636212 to book an appointment.

When enrolling please bring along a copy of your child's birth certificate and proof of address.

#### ***MEMORY LANE***

St Andrew's Nursery (Brooke St) are taking a trip down memory lane with a 80's QUIZ NIGHT on Saturday 25th February in the Church Hall from 7.30 pm. Tickets are priced at £2.50 which includes nibbles/buffet. This is an adult only event as there will be a bar. Teams will be made up of no more than 4 people. If you don't have enough people for a team don't let that put you off, we will group people together on the night. Contact Fiona Douglas for tickets 07817636212 or 07759571198. Tickets can also be purchased on the door.

#### ***TALENT NIGHT***

Did you start your learning journey at St Andrew's Nursery, Brooke Street? Have you grown up to have an amazing talent you want to share with the world? We are hoping to hold a "St Andrew's has got Talent" type event on 25th March 2017 and we would love to hear from you if you would like to shine on our stage!

This event is open to any and all talents, from musical magic to delightful dancing to a fantastic flair for fancy talking.

Please contact Mrs Fiona Douglas ASAP at the nursery on 07759 571198 or at [standrewsnursery@hotmail.com](mailto:standrewsnursery@hotmail.com) - we can't wait to hear from you!

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***Please remember in your prayers those who are sick  
and all those whose needs are not known to us, especially...***

Amalia Tamburrini	May Pratt	Norah MacDonald
Gavin Russell	Gavin Russell	Joan Jeavons
Kathleen Wallace	Elsbeth McIvor	John Kiely
Fr Ted Holmes	Michael Clark	

Please let Fr Gerald know, in person or by email, of anyone you want to be included and they will be added in the weeks to come.

*and everyone on the family prayer ministry prayer requests. If you wish yourself or a loved one to be prayed for please let Fr Gerald know and please also let him know if anyone can be taken off the list because they are better.*

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.