



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

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**Parish Bulletin**

**11th/12th February 2017**  
**Sixth Sunday of the Year**  
(Year A)

**Today's Liturgy**

Preface for Sundays II  
Eucharistic Prayer II

**Readings**

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20  
1 Corinthians 2:6-10  
Matthew 5:17-37

**Spoken Psalm Response**

They are happy who follow God's law!

**Readings for Next Sunday**

*Seventh Sunday of the Year*

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18  
1 Corinthians 3:16-23  
Matthew 5:38-48

**Spoken Psalm Response**

The Lord is compassion and love.

**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**  
**13th—19th February 2017**

*There is a normal Mass timetable in the week ahead but there is a funeral to be arranged so a possibility of alteration.*

**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:* Marion Connelly (Glasgow), *Wednesday:* Peter and Lizzie Donnelly,  
*Thursday:* Pauline Saltmarsh, *Friday:* John Uphill,  
*Saturday:* Tina Bennedetti, *Sunday:* 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?

### *The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes*



The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is 11th February. It is an opportunity to think about our Pilgrimage to Lourdes this summer, 3rd-10th July. There are booking forms in the sacristy. Please give additional thought if you or a member of your family would consider going as an "Assisted Pilgrim". Galloway Lourdes

Hospitalite exists look after the assisted pilgrims in Lourdes. For more information on Assisted Pilgrims contact Ms Janie Agnew on 07739399222. Have a look at the short video on the web site and facebook page for more information.

### *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.



### *Catholic Education Sunday*

This will be celebrated next weekend in both parishes. We remember and pray for all those who work in the Catholic School sector. There is a second collection next weekend for the work of the Scottish Catholic Education Service.

### *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.

### *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*

We celebrate next Sunday, 19th February the Rite of Enrolment for the candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation. It will be held during the 10am Mass at St Andrew's and the noon Mass at St Columba's. It is important that all the candidates are present at the appropriate Mass. There will also be a brief rehearsal after Mass for the Confirmation the following Friday

### *First Reconciliation*

Although not one of the Sacraments of Initiation, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is an important step on a child's faith journey. It is celebrated in Primary 3. It will be celebrated in St Andrew's on Tuesday 7th March at 7pm and in St Columba's on Wednesday 8th March at 11.30am

### *Music Workshop*

Galloway Music Network are organising a music workshop on Saturday 25rd 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

### Meetings

**Parish Pastoral Council:** 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.

### Church Shop

The church shop has a good selection of cards for Confirmation. It is open before and after Mass at the weekend.

### 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 week. 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 £964.85. Parishioners gave £96.03 to the St Vincent de Paul. The Jars of Hope fund remains at £316. Thank you.

### 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 this Sunday 12th February for coffee and home baking. This is a fundraiser to help the helpers for Lourdes.

## Saint Columba's

### Weekly Collection

Last week's collection came to £337.54 and the SCIAF door collection was £37.81. Thank you.

### Baptisms

Congratulations to Valario Chierichi-Black and Natalie Little who were baptised last Sunday

### Email address

Please note that the Church email address is **rcdumfriesannan@sky.com** The old Tiscali addresses are no longer monitored and if you send an email to these addresses they may not be picked up. Please delete them from your address books and groups.



### Nursery News

#### 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 - we can't wait to hear from you!

**Derek Fulton R.I.P.** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Derek Fulton of Edinburgh Road, who died last week. His funeral service will be held at Roucan Loch Crematorium on Wednesday at 3 pm.

**Benita Pagani, R.I.P.** Please pray for the repose of the souls of Benita Pagani who died last week. Her funeral arrangements are still to be made.

*May they rest in peace.*

## 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.

### *St Joseph’s College—Marist 200 Bicentenary Celebrations*

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the Foundation of the Marist Order. One hundred years ago, in 1917, there was a grand lunch held at St Joseph's College. It is our intention to re-enact that event with the same menu. Past and present pupils, staff and family members are invited to attend Mass in the College Chapel. It will be followed by the lunch which will take place in the Easterbrook Hall on Sunday 28 May. There will be entertainment afterwards and displays of memorabilia including information about past pupils, the Marist order and St Joseph's College which was established in Dumfries in 1875.

We are seeking items and memories of the life and times of members of the school community. All will be catalogued and returned to owners in the same condition. If you would like to attend the lunch or come along afterwards to browse through the displays, sponsor the event, or donate a raffle prize please let us know by contacting us via social media Facebook @StJosephscollegeDfs or Twitter @StJosephsDfs or by e mail at [Marist200@stjosephscollege.co.uk](mailto:Marist200@stjosephscollege.co.uk). You may also call the school office on 01387 252893

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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  
Gavin Russell  
Kathleen Wallace  
Fr Ted Holmes  
May Pratt

Gavin Russell  
Elspeth McIvor  
Michael Clark  
Norah MacDonald  
Joan Jeavons

John Kiely  
Sandra Dobie  
Eileen Rome

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.