



*Parish Bulletin of
St Andrew's, Dumfries
and
St Columba's, Annan*

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Times of Mass and Services

24th-29th February 2020

Tuesday Mass in St Columba's at 10am
Wednesday Mass in St Andrew's at 9.30am
Mass in St Columba's at 11.30am
Mass in St Andrew's at 7pm
Thursday Mass in St Columba's at 10am
Friday Mass in St Andrew's at 10am
Saturday Mass in St Teresa's at 10 am

Saturday Morning: Mass, confessions and exposition on the 1st and 3rd and 5th Saturdays will be in St Teresa's and on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays in St Andrew's.

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: Mass in St Teresa's at 10am

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 on Saturday morning
Between 5-5.30 pm Saturday
and on request at any other suitable time

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

After Mass on Thursday evening and Saturday morning

First Friday of the month, St Columba's

Eucharistic Service at 10 am followed by tea/coffee

First Saturday of the month, St Andrew's

Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima, 5 pm

22nd/23rd February 2020

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Readings

Leviticus 19:1-2. 17-18

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

Psalm Response

The Lord is compassion and love.

Today's Liturgy Eucharistic Prayer III

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent (year A)

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our mission is to become holy; it begins in this world and is brought to completion in eternal life.

Father Gerald's Mass intentions for this week

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday:

Sunday: For the Parish

Please remember in your prayers

Michael Clark

Joan Jeavons

Norah MacDonald

Francis Clington

Elizabeth Elliot

Betty Fulton

Betty Finnan

Janet Whitefield

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

Sick and Housebound

If there is anyone who would appreciate a visit or who is unable to get to Mass, please pass on details.

I will visit the sick and housebound in the week ahead. If there is anyone who would appreciate a visit, or who is unable to get to Mass, please pass on details.

Hospital Visiting Policy

If a patient wishes a visit from a priest or deacon text or message the RC Chaplain on 07 591 230 828 or email rcchaplain.hospital@yahoo.com

www.virc.at This website provides the readings for the Mass in many languages.

Please turn off your mobile phone in church



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.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 26th February is Ash Wednesday. The school communities of St Andrew's Primary and of St Joseph's College will join us at 9.30am Mass. St Columba's Primary will come to the 11.30am Mass. (NB Please note that SCIAF "Wee Boxes" and Lenten "My Day by Day" booklets are available for you to pick up this weekend.)



First Holy Communion

The celebration of First Holy Communion in St Andrew's and in St Columba's will take place on **Sunday 14th June 2020** at the 10am and 12noon Masses respectively.

St Andrew's Meetings

The next **Ladies' Circle** meeting is on **Tuesday 25th February** for lunch at Casa Mia.

The **Liturgy Group** meets this **Tuesday 25th February** at 7pm in the Parish house.

The **Society of St Vincent de Paul** will meet on **Thursday 27th February** at 7.30pm in the Parish house.

The next meeting of the **Inter-Parish Pro Life Group** is on **Wednesday 25th March** at 7pm at St Teresa's.

Lenten Lunches

St Andrew's turn is on 3rd April. Carol is looking for soup makers and also for some home baking, plus helpers on the day and donations for cheese and other items. Please phone Carol on 264356.

St Mary's, New Abbey

Ruth Dickson has been staying at the Bagnall Centre on retreat and has written a booklet on the Holy Spirit while there. Her website is www.gihonpublishing.co.uk and her work may be downloaded for free!

Thursday 27th February, 11.30: Lectio Divina discussion on the gospel of the day followed by our shared lunch

Wednesday 25th March, 12 noon: Annunciation. Fr Mancini will say Mass followed by our meal as usual. Our friends from Kirkconnel will be with us. More details from Jo Kemp on 01387 850554.

Collection Envelopes

If you would like to make your weekly contribution to the Church by envelope and are not already doing so, please make a request now for the envelopes which start in April. Please complete a **Weekly Collection Envelope form** available in the porch or on the website and return it to the Church house as soon as is possible. If you already use the envelopes you need take no action other than pick up your new envelopes when they come to the table in Church in early March.

Please also consider filling in a **Gift Aid form** if you are a taxpayer. The Church benefits from a 25% contribution from the taxman at no cost to you.

200 Club Draw

The 200 Club year ends at the end of March. Envelopes are at the back of the Church for members to make their annual contributions of £12. There are no envelopes for anyone who has already paid in full. The club urgently needs new members so please consider signing up using an application form from the table at the back of the Church. Proceeds are put to good use in the Parish.



Fairtrade.... goods are on sale this weekend.

Weekly Collection

The collection for last week amounted to £840.54. St Vincent de Paul collected £117.64. The Jars of Hope total remains at £481. Thank you.

SPRED

SPRED is an organisation which caters for the spiritual requirements and religious education for people with special needs. It exists throughout our Diocese and country and it is hoped to start a SPRED group in Dumfries later in the year. Representatives will hopefully come to the Parish to give a more detailed description of their valuable work. If anyone is interested in forming such a group, please fill in the form which is available from today.



Across Pilgrimage to Lourdes by Jumbulance-April 2020

This pilgrimage leaves from Kilmarnock on **Thursday 23rd April-Saturday 2nd May**. Everyone on the pilgrimage has an essential role to play, from the assisted pilgrims to the chaplain, doctor, nurses and lay helpers.

The inclusive, full-board cost is £850 per person. Further information and application forms can be obtained by contacting the Group Leader, Alison Neil- Tel 07749555955; e-mail: Alison.neil@hotmail.co.uk or visit **Across** at www.across.org.uk or telephone 020 3542 1800.

ST. ANDREW'S NURSERY (BROOKE ST)...

... are enrolling children for Nursery on **Wed 26th** and **Thur 27th** Feb from 9 am to 2.30 pm. From August 2020 the entitlement for children will be raised from 600 hrs to 1140 hrs. **Our new business hours will be 8.30 am to 3.30 pm to accommodate this new entitlement.** If your child is born between 1st March 2016 and 28th Feb 2018 they are entitled to funded nursery places from the term after their third birthday. The new entitlement of 1140 hrs also allows for children to access one meal a day (lunch within our setting) and a snack. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact **Fiona Douglas on 07817636212.**

Dumfries Christian Network (DCN) AGM



Everyone is cordially invited to the DCN AGM on **Tuesday 25th February** at 6.45pm for pancakes or 7.30pm for the start of the meeting. The Guest Speaker is Renita Boyle who will be talking about Creativity and Christianity. Please see the poster on the noticeboard for more information about Renita or visit her website at www.renitaboyle.com.

St Columba's St Columba's PPC

The next meeting of the PPC has been postponed until **Thursday 5th March** to avoid a clash in Fr Gerald's diary.

World Day of Prayer

This year's World Day of Prayer, written by the Christian Women of Zimbabwe, takes place on **Friday 6th March**. Our local service will be held in Annan Old Parish Church Hall at 2pm. All welcome.

Kate's Kitchen

An invitation has been extended to all the church communities in Annan to attend the official opening of Kate's Kitchen's new High Street premises on **Friday 28th February**.

Annan Churches Together

Future meetings are on **Tuesdays 28th April and 8th September at 7 for 7.15pm.**

Weekly Collection

The collection for last week was £236.48 and the collection for SCIAF raised £34.57. The Jars of Hope total stands at £129. Thank you.