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Parish Bulletin

31st December 2016/1st January 2017

Mary, Mother of God

(Year A)

Today's Liturgy

Preface proper of the season
Eucharistic Prayer III

Readings

Numbers 6:22-27
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:16-21

Spoken Psalm Response

O God, be gracious and bless us.

Readings for Next Sunday

The Epiphany of the Lord
Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

Spoken Psalm Response

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.



*A happy and
peaceful New Year to
all parishioners,
family and friends.*

Times of Mass and Services 2nd—8th January 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 (funeral)

Mass St Andrew's at 10 am

Saturday

Mass in St Andrew's at 10am

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 Saturday and Thursday mornings

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

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

Amalia Tamburrini May Pratt
Gavin Russell Gavin Russell
Kathleen Wallace Elspeth McIvor
Fr Ted Holmes

The list has not been revised for some time so, to be sure we have everyone on the list, we ask you to 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.

Mary, Mother of God

We celebrate on Sunday New Year's day. The church however does not acknowledge the New Year as such other than noting that it is the 1st of January. Instead it celebrates the Feast of Mary the Mother of God. Again as we have seen, the Church uses the season of Christmas to look at many aspects of Mystery of the Incarnation and we acknowledge Mary as the Mother of God. We pray for and acknowledge the vocation of motherhood. It is also the day we pray for Peace throughout the world. There are no shortage of examples of the places in the world where peace and therefore justice are lacking and we will pray for those places in our Masses this weekend.



Pilgrimage to Lourdes 3rd —10th July 2017

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

Next weekend is the feast of the Epiphany.

There will be a Second Collection at all Masses next weekend for the work of the Justice and Peace Commission.

Peace Vigil

In previous years we have held a Peace prayer vigil on Hogmanay. Given that this year it falls on a weekend prayers for peace will be incorporated into the Vigil and morning Masses.

St Margaret's Adoption Society

Every year we have a collection at the crib in aid of the St Margaret's Adoption Society. This year they have asked if you would fill a box with loose change (similar to the Wee Box scheme). These boxes are now available for you to take home and return them next week, the feast of the Epiphany.

Pope Francis Faith Award

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

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). One item each every week will make a huge contribution to this project. This is even more important at this time.

Saint Andrew's

Welcome

Fr Mancini will celebrate Mass on Wednesday as Fr Gerald has to attend a funeral in Ayr.

200 Club - subscriptions now due

Those of you who are members of the 200 Club, or who have submitted an application form please take your envelope from the table at the back of the church. New members still welcome - pick up an application form at the back of the church.

200 Club December 2016

1	104	Sean McColm	£10
2	45	Maire Crawford	£25
3	45	Maire Crawford	£50

The next meeting of the SSVP will be on Wednesday 4th January at 7.30 pm in the Church House.

Jars of Hope

We have today made a donation from the Jars of Hope to SCIAF for their Yemen appeal. After 20 months of fighting over three million people have fled their homes, leaving 14 million, including hundreds of children, struggling to find enough food to eat. SCIAF is receiving donations to get food, clean water and shelter to as many people as they can.

Weekly Collection

Last week's collection came to £1953.91. Parishioners gave £192.37 to the St Vincent de Paul. The Jars of Hope now stands at £152. Thank you.

Saint Columba's

Weekly Collection

The collection information will be included in the bulletin in two weeks.

Catherine (Renee) Wood, R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Renee Wood of Mavis Grove who has died. Her funeral is still to be arranged.

Anne Mitchell R.I.P.: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anne Mitchell who died recently. Her body will be brought to the Church on Thursday 5th January at 6 pm and her Requiem Mass is on Friday 6th January at 10 am.
rec 6 pm Th 5th and Mass fr 6th 10am

Fr George Thompson, R.I.P.: Fr Thompson's funeral is at 11 am on Friday 6th January in St Teresa's Dumfries.

May they rest in peace.

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.