



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

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Times of Mass and Services

6th-11th January 2020

Tuesday Mass in St Columba's at 10am

Wednesday Mass in St Andrew's at 10am

Thursday Mass in St Columba's at 7pm

Friday Mass in St Andrew's at 10am

Saturday Mass in St Andrew'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

Holydays of Obligation

Mass in St Andrew's at 9.30 am and 7 pm

Mass in St Columba's at 11.30 am

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

4th/5th January 2020

The Epiphany of the Lord (Year A)

Readings

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6

Matthew 2: 1-12

Psalm Response

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Today's Liturgy Eucharistic Prayer II

Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord (year A)

The Epiphany of the Lord

Today we celebrate the revealing of God's plan to the Gentile nations: the magi represent those non-Jewish peoples who accept the Gospel of Jesus, and with the magi we can give thanks that we have been included in the offer of the Good News.

Father Gerald's Mass intentions for this week

Tuesday: Betty Bradshaw

Wednesday: Turner and Mallinder
family intention

Thursday: Donald Finnan

Friday: Jim Murray

Saturday: Mary Elphick

Sunday: For the Parish

Please remember in your prayers

Michael Clark

Elizabeth Elliot

Joan Jeavons

Betty Fulton

Norah MacDonald

Betty Finnan

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.

Pope Francis' prayer intention for January 2020

Promotion of World Peace

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

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

Please turn off your mobile phone in church



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

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.



Happy Birthday!

Hearty happy birthday greetings to Father Ralph whose 90th birthday is on the 10th January.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This begins on Saturday 18th January. There is a Christian Unity Service on *Sunday 19th January at 6.30pm* in St John's Episcopal Church.



Feast of the Epiphany

This weekend is the Feast of the Epiphany. There is a second collection at all Masses for the work of the **Scottish Justice and Peace Commission**, which advises the Scottish Bishops' Conference in matters relating to social justice, international peace and human rights, and promotes action in these areas. You can find more information about the Commission at the website, justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk.

Ministries at Mass—help needed

An appeal is made for parishioners in both St Andrew's and St Columba's to seriously consider serving in one of the ministries at Mass. There is a need for more readers and Eucharistic ministers and we also need more people for the music ministry, particularly organ or keyboard. If you can help please speak to Fr Gerald or a member of the PPC.

Family Prayer Ministry

Remember St Andrew's has a family prayer ministry where you are asked to pray for intentions asked by parishioners anonymously - the names of those to be prayed for known only to God. Every month the prayer requests are placed in an envelope on the Lady altar. Prayer cards and request sheets are on the table at the back of the church - just taking a prayer card and saying the prayer every day will ensure your participation.

Prayer is a powerful tool - let us make sure our prayers are heard and make sure our prayers can help those in need.

If you have someone in need of prayer—or if there is something happening in your life that you are worried about, fill in a prayer request slip and direct the power of prayer to it.

St Andrew's Meetings

The next **Ladies' Circle** gathering is on *Tuesday 21st January* for a Spiritual Afternoon.

200 Club Draw (December)

1	36	Catherine Donnelly	£10
2	10	P A Bell	£25
3	82	Elizabeth McColm	£50

Weekly Collection

The collection for last week amounted to £2092. St Vincent de Paul collected £184.03. The Jars of Hope total remains at £414. Thank you.

Sacramental preparation

First Reconciliation is celebrated in P3 and Confirmation in P4. If you do not attend a Catholic school please see Fr Gerald or Rebecca Crosbie in St Andrew's or Pat McElhone in St Columba's as soon as possible. Don't leave it until just before the celebrations. If you were not baptised in the parish, please make sure you provide a certificate of Baptism. **Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop Nolan on Thursday 6th February in St Teresa's, Dumfries.**

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 Margaret's

Children and Family Care Society

As is usual, the monies collected at our Crib/Nativity will be donated to St Margaret's, the only Catholic Adoption Agency in the UK and one which achieved the highest possible grades in their recent inspection. This is a vital source of income for the charity which provides a number of services for adoptive families as well as recruiting, training and supporting new adopters. There is more information on posters on the board. Please give whatever you can.

Burns Concert - Friday 24th January - 7.30pm

Venue - St Andrew's Parish Hall

Entry- £5.00

Bring your own liquid refreshments - a light buffet will be provided.

An evening of Scottish songs and music in aid of the inter-parish Pro Life group.

Raffle Prizes gratefully accepted. Tickets on sale from next weekend 11th/12th January. All welcome.



NB Father Gerald's direct e-mail address: dumfries.standrew@gallowaydiocese.org.uk.

St Columba's

Annan Churches Together

Annual General Meeting followed by an Ordinary Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 14th January at 7.15pm in Kate's Kitchen, High Street, Annan.

100 Club Draw December

The £50 winner is No. 35, Mrs J Lewis, and £74 was added to Church funds.

Weekly Collection

The collection for Christmas amounted to £502.17 and for last Sunday was £217.99. £136 was collected for SCIAF. The Jars of Hope total remains at £46. Thank you.

Rest in Peace

Roy Kirkpatrick and John Ross: We pray for the repose of the souls of **Roy Kirkpatrick** and **John Ross**. The funeral for **Roy Kirkpatrick** is on Thursday 9th January at 12.45pm. The funeral for **John Ross** is on Wednesday 15th January at 12noon. We pray for their families at this sad time.