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### Parish Bulletin

**5th/6th January 2019**  
**Feast of The Epiphany C)**

**Today's Liturgy** Eucharistic Prayer III

**Readings**

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.

**Next Sunday**

The Baptism of the Lord

**Times of Mass and Services**  
**7th—13th January 2019**

**Tuesday** Mass in St Columba's at 10 am (Requiem)

**Wednesday** Mass in St Andrew's at 10 am

**Thursday** Mass in St Columba's at 7 pm

**Friday** Mass in St Andrew's at 10 am

**Saturday** Mass in St Andrew's at 10 am

**Saturday Morning:** Mass confessions and exposition on the 1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays will be in St Teresa's and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays in St Andrew's.

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

**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

**Holyday 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**

Eucharistic Service at 10 am followed by tea/coffee

**First Saturday of the month**

Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima, 5 pm in St Andrew's



**The Epiphany of the Lord**

The Christ Child has come into the world, not just for his own people but for all people of all time.

**Father Gerald's Mass intentions for this week**

Tuesday: `Isabella Wells  
 Wednesday: `Copland family intention  
 Thursday: `Isabella Wells  
 Friday: `Smith family intention  
 Saturday: `Alex Borland anniversary  
 Sunday: `For the Parish

**Please remember in your prayers those who are sick**  
*everyone on the family prayer ministry prayer requests.*  
**and all those whose needs are not known to us.**

Michael Clark      Nora MacDonald  
 Joan Jeavons      Elizabeth Elliot

**Sick and housebound**

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.

[www.virc.at](http://www.virc.at) This website provides the readings for the Mass in many languages.

**Pope Francis' prayer intention for January 2019**  
**Young People and the Example of Mary**

That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

**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](mailto: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.

### **Justice and Peace Commission**

There is a second collection at all Masses this weekend for the work of the Justice and Peace Commission.

### **Polish Community Mass.**

The local community will celebrate Mass in the Polish language at St Teresa's this Sunday 6th January 2019 at 2.15pm.

### **Younger Parishioners**

Any younger parishioners or young adults who wish to participate more fully at Mass and in the life of the Church can be accommodated. There is a variety of ways of helping and serving the parish, readers, Eucharistic Ministers, altar servers, sacristans. The children working towards their Pope Francis award scheme often volunteer for parish ministries. Please give some thought to serving the parish. Teachers and parents please encourage and lead by example as well.

### **Altar Servers**

Anyone who had made their First Holy Communion (Primary 5 and above) and wishes to be an altar server should speak to Fr Gerald and training will be arranged.



### **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from the 1st-8th July 2019.**

Booking forms are now available. If you know of anyone who would benefit from being an assisted Pilgrim please inform Fr Gerald.

*We wish all our school pupils and teachers a successful term as they return to classes.*

## **Saint Andrew's**

### **Coffee Rota**

The coffee rota for the first two months of the year is now on the board. If any group wishes to drop out or any new groups wish to join please let Mary Buckley know as soon as possible and the full rota will be done in January.

### **200 Club. December draw**

1	67	Margaret Keir	£10
2	44	Irene Gordon	£25
3	158	Philomena Woods	£50

### **Car Parking**

If you use the church car park could you please ensure that you park considerately and that the exits to the car park are left clear for emergency vehicles if they are needed

### **Weekly Collection**

The collection last week was £811.18. Including Christmas week, parishioners gave £257.48 to the St Vincent de Paul. The Jars of Hope stands at £237. Thank you.

### **Sacramental Preparation**

The Sacrament of Confirmation in the Diocese of Galloway is celebrated by children who have just begun Primary 4. There is a sacramental preparation programme in St Andrew's Primary and St Columba's Primary. If you are not at a Catholic school there is a programme in each parish. In St Andrew's please see Rebecca Crosbie and in St Columba's please see Pat McElhone. There can also be some children who are above P4 but have yet to make their Confirmation, again please let Fr Gerald and the parish catechists know.

As with the last two years the Diocese creates the Confirmation calendar. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in St Andrew's Dumfries for all the candidates from St Andrew's, St Columba's, St Teresa's, Holy Trinity and St Luke's on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7pm.**

The sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated by the same children later in the year at a date to be arranged.

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

Please keep up 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)). Suggestions include: coffee, Long life milk, pasta, cooking sauce, microwave rice, tinned meat, vegetables and potatoes.



## **Saint Columba's**

### **St Columba's PPC**

There is a meeting on Thursday 10th January after Mass.

### **Reverse Advent Calendar**

Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to this. Kate's Kitchen were delighted to receive our kind gifts which they said would be much appreciated by those to whom they distributed them. They send there thanks to the parishioners of St Columba's.

### **Christian Unity**

The week of prayer for Christian Unity is observed from 18th - 25th January 2019. Our local United Service will be held on Sunday 20th January at 6:30pm in Annan Old Parish Church. All Welcome.

### **December 100 Club Draw.**

The £50 winner is No. 54. Mrs. M O' Neil and Church Funds received £72.

### **Weekly Collection**

The collections last week, including Christmas, totalled £700.29. The SCIAF door collections raised £65.81. The Jars of Hope remains at 338. Thank you.

**Isabella Wells R.I.P.:** We pray for the repose of the soul of Isabella Wells who died just before Christmas. The Vigil reception is in St Columba's at 6pm on Monday and the Requiem Mass is on Tuesday at 10am. We remember her family at this time.