



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

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### Parish Bulletin

**6th/7th January 2018**

**The Epiphany (Year B)**

**Today's Liturgy** Eucharistic Prayer III

**Readings**

Isiah 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

#### Epiphany of the Lord

The wise men went in search of the light of the world, realising as they travelled that it was God, the maker of the stars, who was actually leading them by the light of the star.

**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.**

Amalia Tamburrini  
Elspeth McIvor  
Michael Clark  
Marion Costello  
Joan Jeavons

Sandra Dobie  
Rosa Maria Santos  
Andrew Monteith  
Anne Johnstone  
Nora MacDonald

#### Sick and housebound

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

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

Tuesday: Special Intention  
Wednesday: Anne Smith's family  
Thursday: Alan Mitchell  
Friday: Betty Bradshaw  
Saturday: Anne Mitchell anniversary  
Sunday: For the parish

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.

#### Times of Mass and Services 8th—14th January 2018

**Tuesday** Mass in St Columba's at 10 am  
**Wednesday** Mass in St Andrew's at 10 am  
**Thursday** 10am St Andrew's **Requiem**  
Mass in St Columba's at 7pm  
**Friday** Mass in St Andrew's at 10 am **Requiem**  
**Saturday** Mass in St Andrew's at 10 am  
**Monday** Mass in St Teresa's at 11am (note change of time)  
**Tuesday, Thursday** Mass in St Teresa's at 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 Saturday  
Between 5-5.30 pm Saturday  
and on request at any other suitable time

#### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

After Mass on 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

#### 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, 5 pm in St Andrew's

#### St Margaret's Adoption Society

The support of the Catholic community allows the society to develop and extend their services. In past years we have always had a crib collection. This year the society has produced a box for your donations. Please return them as soon as possible. Thank you.

#### Pope Francis' intention for January For religious minorities in Asia

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.



#### Missal reading in many languages

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

### Special collection

There will be a special collection at all Masses this weekend for the Justice and Peace Commission.

#### Rite of Presentation

The candidates for Confirmation will celebrate the Rite of Presentation on **Sunday 14th January** at 10 am Mass in St Andrew's and 12 noon Mass in St Columba's.

#### Sacrament of Confirmation

The date for Confirmation is set by the Bishop and will be Tuesday **27th February 2018** at 7 pm in St Teresa's church.

#### Sacrament of Initiation

Please note that we will celebrate the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on **Sunday 10th June 2018** at 10 am in St Andrew's and 12 noon in St Columba's.

#### Parish Ministries

We can always use more volunteers for all ministries in the parish; Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist and Altar Servers. All young people (or indeed not so young!) who have made their First Communion are welcome to volunteer. Please speak to Fr Gerald if you are interested.

#### 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](http://www.first-base.org)).

*Please keep them in mind at this time of year.*



**Feeding the Community**

## Saint Andrew's

#### Meetings

**The Ladies Circle** meet on Tuesday 9th January for their 'Spiritual Evening'.

#### Transport needed—no volunteers yet

Is there any parishioner who lives reasonably near Glencaple and could give a lift to Sunday Mass to someone who has no transport. It could be either the Saturday 6.00 pm Vigil Mass or the 10.00 am Sunday Mass. Unfortunately there are no Saturday evening or Sunday buses to and from Glencaple. If you can help please contact Fr Gerald or Nick Kemp (tel 850554) or any other member of the SVP.

#### St Mary's, New Abbey

About 70 people attended the Carol Service before Christmas in St Mary's church in New Abbey. Many thanks to Anne and Star Murdy and to the readers, not forgetting behind the scenes workers who brought refreshments and tidied up afterwards. As usual the collection was for Friends of the Holy Land, it came to £125.25 on the night and £200 was sent.

#### Teas and Coffees

Please come along to teas and coffee after Mass on Sunday mornings, If you are new to the parish come and meet new friends among the parish community. All visitors to the parish are welcome.

#### Altar Servers training

We would like to get some new servers trained so there will be another session soon.

#### 200 Club December draw

1	94	Carol McQueen	£10
2	121	Carolyn Priestley	£25
3	70	Mary Kelly	£50

The 200 Club year will commence in April and run through to March. The first draw will be held in April 2018 and the collection envelopes will be put out in March. New members are both welcome and needed. Application forms are on the table at the back of the church.

#### Weekly Collection

Last week's collection and the Christmas collection, totalled £2021.89. Parishioners gave £99.82 to the SSVP. The Jars of Hope fund increased by £16 and now stands at £494. Thank you.

#### Mass in Polish

There will be a Mass in Polish on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 2.15 pm in St Teresa's Dumfries.

#### New Hospital Visiting Policy

Please note that there are new regulations regarding clergy visiting patients in the new hospital (and all other NHS hospitals). Patient lists will no longer be given out to clergy. If a patient wishes a visit from a priest or deacon the patient must expressly make that known to staff. Only after express permission is given can a visit take place. If there is any change to this policy it will be communicated to parishioners.

Text or message the RC Chaplain on 07 591 230 828. There is also a new email address to inform the chaplain of inpatients: [rcchaplain.hospital@yahoo.com](mailto:rcchaplain.hospital@yahoo.com)

Please take a leaflet or see the notice on the board and on the web site and Facebook.

#### Rest in Peace

**Alan Mitchell, R.I.P.:** His funeral is on Thursday 11th January at 10 am in St Andrew's. His body will be brought to the church on Wednesday at 6.30 pm

**Winifred (Win) Carson, R.I.P.:** Her Funeral is on Friday 12th January in St Andrew's.

**Molly Leslie, R.I.P.:** We pray for the repose of the soul of Molly Leslie who died this week. Her funeral will be on Tuesday 16th January at 10 am in St Columba's.

*We pray for the the repose of their souls and for the comforting of their families. May they rest in peace.*

## Saint Columba's

#### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The joint service will be held at St Andrew's Church of Scotland, Annan, on Sunday 21st January at 6.30 pm.

#### 100 Club, December draw

The £50 winner was number 31, G. Baxter. £42 was given to Church Funds. The annual Total Church Funds is £1140.

#### Weekly Collection

Last week's collection came to £318.77. The SCIAF door collection was £47.71. Thank you.