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and St Columba's, Annan**

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Parish Bulletin

21st/22nd January 2017
Third Sunday of the Year
(Year A)

Today's Liturgy

Preface for Sundays III
Eucharistic Prayer III

Readings

Isaiah 8:23—9:3
1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
Matthew 4:12-23

Spoken Psalm Response

The Lord is my light and my help.

Readings for Next Sunday

Fourth Sunday of the Year
Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13
1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Matthew 5:1-12

Spoken Psalm Response

How happy are the poor in spirit;
Theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Pope Francis' prayer for January

Please make Pope Francis' prayer for January your own. That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

Times of Mass and Services
23rd - 29th 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

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

Fr Gerald's Mass intentions this coming week

Tuesday – Audrey Lennon ; *Wednesday* – Anne Mitchell; *Thursday* – Derek Botterill ;
Friday – John Bradley; *Saturday morning* – Roy Wilson;
Sunday 10 am and *Sunday 12 noon* – for the parishes.

*When you ask Fr Gerald to say a Mass for you or your intentions
please give him a written note of the name of the intention with your offering.*

What's happening?



Pilgrimage to Lourdes 3rd —10th July 2017

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

Pilgrimage to Rome 10th—17th September 2017

If you would like to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome, (with a day trip to Assisi) booking forms are available from Alba Tours Ltd, 40 Chestnut Grove, Motherwell, ML1 3JF. The cost is £925 for a 7 night, half board in Rome at the Hotel Olympic. Please see the notice for more information.



Galloway Lourdes Hospitalite Diocesan World Day of Prayer for the Sick

The Diocesan World Day of Prayer for the Sick Mass will be held on Sunday 5th February at 4 pm in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr. The Hospitalite looks forward to welcoming you, if you wish to be anointed please make yourself known to a member of the Hospitalite team on the day. Mass will be followed by refreshments in the hall and the Galloway Lourdes Hospitalite AGM.

***There is still time to sign up to be a volunteer!!!
Please join us, you won't regret it!!***

Before Mass will be the pilgrimage volunteers sign-up and PVG session from 2pm - 3.30 pm in the cathedral hall; if you wish to come to Lourdes as an adult helper please come along to find out more and complete applications.



Rite of Enrolment

The Rite of Enrolment for children from St Andrew's will take place during the 10 am Mass and for St Columba's at the noon Mass on Sunday 19th February.

Confirmation

Bishop Nolan will confirm the children from St Andrew's and St Columba's, on Friday 24th February.

First Reconciliation

The children from St Andrew's Primary School will make their first Reconciliation on Tuesday 7th March at 7 pm.

Celebration of First Holy Communion

The children from St Andrew's will make their First Holy Communion during 10 am Mass and the children from St Columba's during the noon Mass on Sunday 11th June.

Please remember all these children in your prayers.

Music Workshop

Galloway Music Network are organising a music workshop on Saturday 25rd February at Our Lady of Mount Carmel's Church, Onthank, Kilmarnock from 10.30 am - 3 pm. There will be three sessions during the day - on choosing hymns for Mass, music for Lent, and the use of technology. There will be plenty of opportunities for discussion and the sharing of ideas. The event is being organised for anyone with an interest in parish music. A light lunch will be provided. Booking forms are available from the diocesan web site (www.gallowaydiocese.org.uk), or from your parish priest or parish musician. For more information contact Nicola Lawrence on 0141 886 7963.

Communion to the sick and housebound or hospital in-patients

If there is anyone you know of who would appreciate or need a visit at home, who is unable to get to Mass, please let me know. This applies to short term illness or temporary inability to get out to Mass.

Deacon Willie Hiddleston does a great job informing the priests of parishioners who are in hospital, but if you know of someone in hospital again please let me know. I would rather be told twice about someone than not at all.

Thank you as always to those who bring communion to the sick and housebound, it is greatly appreciated.

Theological Reflection Meeting

Sally Russell (Church of Scotland), William McFadden (Roman Catholic Church) and Gordon Mursell (Scottish Episcopal Church) invite you to join them for the next Theological Reflection Meeting ("Church and the Academy") here in Dumfries and Galloway on Tuesday 7th February 2017 from 12.30 to 2 pm, in the Maxwell Rooms of St Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Dalbeattie, (please note that there is very good disability access as well). The speaker will be the Revd Dr John McPake, the Church of Scotland's Ecumenical Officer, speaking about the recent Columba Declaration agreed between the Church of Scotland and the Church of England. Everyone is warmly welcome to come to this meeting.

Saint Andrew's

Meetings

The Ladies Circle meet on Tuesday 24th January for a talk by Anne Strahle.

Dumfries Christian Network

Dumfries Christian Network Service of Christian unity will be held this Sunday 22 January 2017 at 9.15am in The Crichton Memorial Church, Bankend Road, Dumfries, (please enter by the side door). All are welcome.

Children's reading Rota

Every week, usually on a Friday when we write the bidding prayers, they are sent by email to the children who read them so well at the Sunday morning Mass, in order that they can prepare for the reading. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED THEM RECENTLY it means that we do not have your email address. Could you please send an email to the parish address if you do not routinely receive these bidding prayers and you will be added to the group. Thank you.

Collection Envelopes

If you wish to make your weekly contribution to the Church by envelope and you are not already using them, now is the time to make a request for the envelopes starting in April. Please complete a Weekly Collection Envelopes form in the porch (or on the web site) and return it to the church house as soon as possible. The envelopes for all users will be available next month. If you already use this form of offering you need take no action.

Weekly Collection

Last week's collection came to £792.93. Parishioners gave £92.62 to the St Vincent de Paul. The Jars of Hope fund increased by £20 to £280. Thank you.

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.

Saint Columba's

The week of prayer for Christian Unity

runs until 22nd January. This year's theme is 'Reconciliation - the love of Christ Compels us'. Our local service this year will take place in Annan United Reformed Church today at 6:30 pm. All Welcome.

Weekly Collection

Last week's collection came to £316.50 and the SCIAF door collection was £46.82. Thank you.

Fr Dan Kamanga

Some of you will remember Fr Dan who celebrated Mass with us on New Year's day. We received a lovely message from him this week:

Greetings from Collegio Sacerdotale Altomonte. Hope you are fine and in the very best of form. I write to thank you for the nice welcome you accorded me at your parish. I felt at home with your abundant kindness and care. Thank you very much and extend my regards to the parishioners.

Thank you and best wishes
Fr Dan

Parish Pastoral Councils

The Parish Pastoral Council is a body to assist the Parish Priest in the management of the parish. The parish pastoral councils for both St Columba's and St Andrew's will meet in the next couple of weeks. St Columba's will meet on Tuesday 24th January at 7pm in the committee room in the Church. St Andrew's will meet on Wednesday 1st February at 7pm in St Andrew's parish house. Initially membership will be those who were on the previous parish councils in the two parishes.



Youth For Lourdes Curry Night Fund Raiser



St Joseph's College pupils Caitlin Wilson, Harry McGowan (St Andrew's Parish) and Joseph McGlynn (St Columba's Parish) would like to invite both sets of parishioners and friends to their Fundraising Curry Night which will be held in St Andrew's Church Hall, Brooke Street, Dumfries at 7pm on Saturday 11th February 2017. The event is unlicensed so Bring Your Own Bottle. Tickets will be on sale after Masses for the next three weeks. Tickets are £15 per person and includes a tasty authentic 3 course Indian Meal, raffle and other fun activities. Tickets can also be purchased by calling 07775 537506 or 0779 9887829.

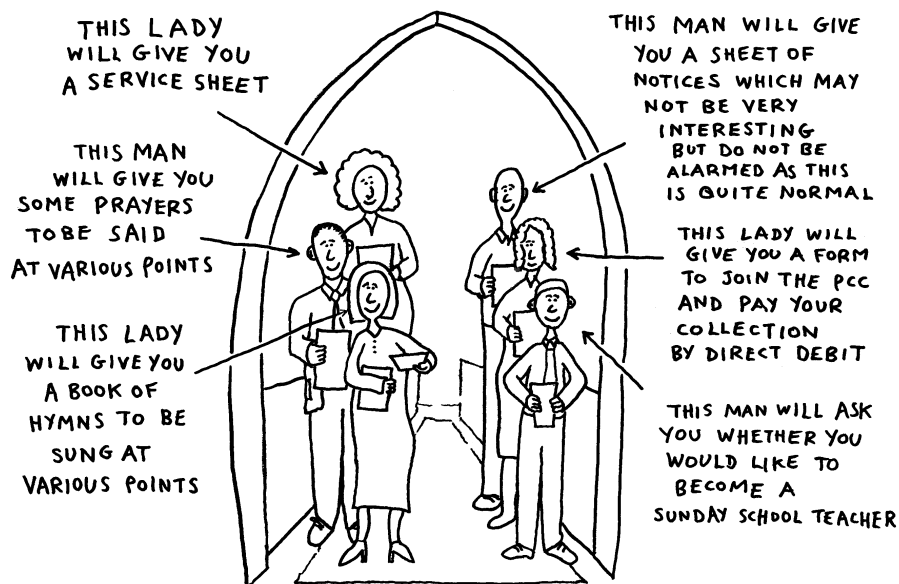


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Ordinary Time.

After the seasons of Advent and Christmas we return to what is called “Ordinary Time”. This can be a bit misleading. It does not mean Ordinary in the sense of mundane or every day. It is in the sense of Ordinal numbers, the Sundays are designated by numbers rather than feast days or titles. The whole of the liturgical year is the unfolding of God’s love in the person of Jesus Christ. There is nothing ordinary about that. There is nothing ordinary about God’s continual love for each one of us and his desire for what is best for each one of us. We participate in the liturgical year constantly aware of God’s extraordinary involvement in our lives.

THINGS YOU WILL BE GIVEN



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

Amalia
Tamburrini
Gavin Russell
Kathleen Wallace

Fr Ted Holmes
May Pratt
Gavin Russell
Elsbeth McIvor

Michael Clark
Norah MacDonald

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.

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.