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Parish Bulletin

26/27th January 2019
Third Sunday of the Year C)

Today's Liturgy Eucharistic Prayer III

Readings

Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10
1 Corinthians 12: 12-30
Luke: 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

Spoken Psalm Response

Your words are spirit, Lord,
And they are life..

Next Sunday

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Third Sunday of the Year

Today we hear Christ proclaim "the good news to the poor" and celebrate the new law that he gave us. It unites us with him and inspires us to work for God's kingdom of love, peace and justice.

Father Gerald's Mass intentions for this week

Tuesday: Alexander Combe
Wednesday: Donald Coupland
Thursday: Gus Faller
Friday: Lynn Ward
Saturday: Michael Murray
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 Norah McDonald Betty Fulton
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 This website provides the readings for the Mass in many languages.

Times of Mass and Services

28th January - 3rd February 2019

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 7 pm
Friday Mass in St Andrew's at 10 am
Saturday Mass in St Teresa's'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: Mass in St Teresa's, 10 am

Thursday: Mass in St Teresa's, 12.30 pm

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, St Columba's

Eucharistic Service at 10 am followed by tea/coffee

First Sunday of the month, St Columba's
coffee after Mass

First Saturday of the month, St Andrew's

Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima, 5 pm

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

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.

Thinking About Diocesan Priesthood In 2019?

The Catholic Church in Scotland is now inviting enquiries from those considering applying for seminary. For more information please contact your Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. Martin Chambers (martinchambers@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) or e-mail Priests for Scotland (office@pfs.org.uk)

Independent review of the leadership culture and safeguarding practice within the Catholic Church in Scotland

This year our diocese has been chosen to be audited and will be reviewed by an external audit team from the Social Care Institute for Excellence/Children in Scotland, from 19 – 21 February. More information about this audit and a form for those who would like to talk to this independent team are available.

Please visit: www.gallowaydiocese.org.uk

Saint Andrew's

Tabernacle

Some time ago we held an open meeting to discuss the position and style of the tabernacle which had been moved from the back of the church to the sanctuary. Eventually, after much deliberation, the working group decided to purchase a tabernacle to better fit the space at the side of the sanctuary and to commission a sanctuary lamp holder from a local artist.

The tabernacle has now arrived from Italy and there is a little bit of work to be done to make the space ready. The new tabernacle will be installed as soon as possible thereafter. I am sure it will be a fitting addition to our beautiful church and to the liturgy.

Meetings

The Parish Pastoral Council meets on Tuesday at 7pm
The SSVP Conference will meet on Thursday 31st January at 7:30pm in the church house.

The **Inter-Parish Pro-Life Group** will meet on Wednesday 30th January at 7 pm in St Teresa's church (baptistry meeting room).

Collection Envelopes

If you wish to make your weekly contribution to the Church by envelope and you are not already doing so, now is the time to make a request for the envelopes, starting in April. Please complete a Weekly Collection Envelope form available in the porch (or on the website) and return it to the church house as soon as possible. The envelopes will be available from mid February. If you already use this form of giving you need take no action.

If you are a tax payer and wish to **Gift Aid** your contribution there is a wee form for that too. The church benefits from a 25% contribution from the tax man, at no cost to you.



FAIRTRADE Fair Trade on sale today

Weekly Collection

The collection last week was £961. Parishioners gave £111.71 to the St Vincent de Paul. The Jars of Hope remains at £280. Thank you.

Christian Institute 'Update - Do not be silent'

Dumfries Baptist Church Centre (Gillbrae Road),
Monday 28th January, 7:30pm

Nigel Kenny, Scotland Officer for The Christian Institute, will give a talk on current ethical and freedom issues facing our nation. Places will be limited, so please give your name by Sunday 27th January (9pm) to Nigel Kenny on 07713 374713 or nigel.kenny@christian.org.uk

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

The group will stay at the Hotel Chapelle et Parc. Flights are from Prestwick and the price is £795. Booking forms are now available. See the poster for more details.



If you know of anyone who would benefit from being an assisted Pilgrim please inform Fr Gerald.

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.

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 26th February 2019 at 7pm.**

First Reconciliation

The date for the celebration of First Reconciliation for St Andrew's parish is Tuesday **12th March** at 6.30pm in St Andrew's First Reconciliation is celebrated in Primary 3.

First Holy Communion Sunday 16th June

St Andrew's Dumfries will celebrate First Holy Communion at the 10am Mass.

St Columba's Annan will celebrate First Holy Communion at 12noon Mass.

Saint Columba's

Coffee after Mass

We will start to serve coffee after Mass on the first Sunday of each month starting on Sunday 3rd February. There is a list of dates at the back of the church for anyone who wants to help.

Weekly Collection

The collection last week was £457.25. The SCIAF door collection raised £32.44. The Jars of Hope remains at £38. Thank you.