



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

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### Parish Bulletin

**28th/29th January 2017**

#### Fourth Sunday of the Year

*(Year A)*

##### Today's Liturgy

Preface for Sundays IV  
Eucharistic Prayer IV

##### Readings

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.

#### Readings for Next Sunday

*Fifth Sunday of the Year*  
Isaiah 58:7-10  
1 Corinthians 2:1-5  
Matthew 5:13-16

##### Spoken Psalm Response

The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

#### 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 30th January - 5th February 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

No morning Mass in St Andrew's

##### 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 on request at any other suitable time

##### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

After Mass on Thursday 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 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* – for the parish; *Wednesday* – Mary Kimmett; *Thursday* – Gabriela Antczak;  
*Friday* – Jean Moran; *Saturday* – Gertrude Simmons (anniversary);  
*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.



### ***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 at 7 pm.

### ***First Reconciliation***

The children from St Andrew's Primary School will make their first Reconciliation on Tuesday 7th March at 7 pm. There will be a meeting for parents of these children on Wednesday 8th February at 6.30pm in St Andrew's school

### ***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.*

### ***Pope Francis Faith Award***

The parish community welcomes the young people as they continue to develop in faith.



### ***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.

### ***Music Workshop***

Galloway Music Network are organising a music workshop on Saturday 25th 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](http://www.gallowaydiocese.org.uk)), or from your parish priest or parish musician. For more information contact Nicola Lawrence on 0141 886 7963.

### ***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.

### ***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

### *Saturday Morning Mass*

There will be no morning Mass, confessions or exposition this Saturday.

### *Saturday mornings at St Andrew's*

Just a reminder that St Andrew's church is open from 11 am to the vigil Mass; if you are in the area pop in for a few minutes quiet reflection, or just a minute or two away from the noise of the world.

### *Meetings*

*The Ladies Circle* annual dinner is on Tuesday 21st February at the Edenbank Hotel and they are also meeting the following Tuesday, 28th, with a visit to St Teresa's for a musical evening.

The next meeting of *St Vincent de Paul* will be on Wednesday 1st February at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE..

### *Dumfries Christian Network*

The poster for the Church of Scotland World Mission Conference in Dalbeattie on Saturday 25th March, which is open to ALL CHURCHES, is on the notice board. The programme is varied with most speakers lasting 15 minutes. This conference is open to the whole of Dumfries and Galloway and is an opportunity to meet other Christians and fellow churches throughout our region.

### *Coffee Rota*

One of the teams has had to drop out so we have had to make some amendments to the coffee rota so please look at the new rota which is on the notice board and on the web site.

### *200 club*

Would those of you who have not yet returned your subscriptions to the 200 Club for this year please do so as soon as possible so that you can be included in all the draws. We still have room for new members so if you still wish to join fill in and return an application form from the porch as soon as possible.

### *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 £843.07. Parishioners gave £105.22 to the St Vincent de Paul. The Jars of Hope fund increased by £36 to £316. Thank you.

## Saint Columba's

### *Weekly Collection*

Last week's collection came to £338.37 and the SCIAF door collection was £49.31. Thank you.

### *St Margaret's Crib Appeal*

We have today sent a cheque for £500 to St Margaret's Adoption Society as a result of the contributions from both churches to the crib appeal. Thank you.

### *Youth For Lourdes Curry Night Fund Raiser*

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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 are now on sale after Masses at £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.

### *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.

### *First Base Agency Food Bank*



## FEED THE HUNGRY

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)). One item each every week will make a huge contribution to this project.

## Back Page Reflection

### *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.

### *Nursery News*

#### ***NURSERY ENROLMENT***

St. Andrew's Nursery (Brooke Street) will be enrolling children for the new academic year August 2017 - June 2018 on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th February from 9.00 am - 3.30 pm. Why not come along prior to these dates and have a look around our nursery and see what we have to offer your child. Contact Mrs. Douglas on 07817636212 to book an appointment.

When enrolling please bring along a copy of your child's birth certificate and proof of address.

#### ***MEMORY LANE***

St Andrew's Nursery (Brooke St) are taking a trip down memory lane with a 80's QUIZ NIGHT on Saturday 25th February in the Church Hall from 7.30 pm. Tickets are priced at £2.50 which includes nibbles/buffet. This is an adult only event as there will be a bar. Teams will be made up of no more than 4 people. If you don't have enough people for a team don't let that put you off, we will group people together on the night. Contact Fiona Douglas for tickets 07817636212 or 07759571198. Tickets can also be purchased on the door.

#### ***TALENT NIGHT***

Did you start your learning journey at St Andrew's Nursery, Brooke Street? Have you grown up to have an amazing talent you want to share with the world? We are hoping to hold a "St Andrew's has got Talent" type event on 25th March 2017 and we would love to hear from you if you would like to shine on our stage!

This event is open to any and all talents, from musical magic to delightful dancing to a fantastic flair for fancy talking.

Please contact Mrs Fiona Douglas ASAP at the nursery on 07759 571198 or at [standrewsnursery@hotmail.com](mailto:standrewsnursery@hotmail.com) - we can't wait to hear from you!

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

Amalia	Fr Ted Holmes	Michael Clark
Tamburrini	May Pratt	Norah MacDonald
Gavin Russell	Gavin Russell	Joan Jeavons
Kathleen Wallace	Elspeth McIvor	John Kiely

Please 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.