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Parish Bulletin

29th/30th July 2017

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year A)

Today's Liturgy

Preface of Sunday
Eucharistic Prayer II

Readings

1 Kings 3:5. 7-12
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52

Spoken Psalm Response

Lord, how I love your law!

Readings for Next Sunday

Transfiguration of the Lord

Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14
2 Peter 1:16-19
Matthew 17:1-9

Spoken Psalm Response

The Lord is King, mist high above all the earth

Pope Francis' intention in July for Lapsed Christians.

That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life



Times of Mass and Services 31st July—6th August 2017

Tuesday

Eucharistic Service in St Columba's at 10 am

Wednesday

Mass in St Andrew's at 10 am

Thursday

Eucharistic Service in St Columba's at 10 am

Friday

Mass in St Andrew's at 10 am

Saturday

Mass in St Andrew's at 10 am

Monday, Tuesday and 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 morning Mass on Thursday and Saturday
and on request at any other suitable time

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

After Mass on Thursday and 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
at 5 pm in St Andrew's

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

Amalia Tamburrini
Gavin Russell
May Pratt

Elsbeth McIvor
Michael Clark
Norah MacDonald

Joan Jeavons
Sandra Dobie
Eileen Rome

Rosa Maria Santos
Andrew Monteith
Anne Johnstone

*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*

What's happening?

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The pilgrimage was a tremendous success for all the Pilgrims. We were led by Bishop Nolan and all the Masses and liturgies were very prayerful events. There were visits to the baths and other places in the Domaine for the Assisted Pilgrims and we were able to celebrate Mass in the Grotto joined by Clogher Diocese in Ireland. The medical team ably assisted the Pilgrims in the Welcome Centre, helped by male and female helpers and, of course, the Youth for Lourdes team who were outstanding as always. Plans for a return in 2019 were being made even before we got home!

URGENT - Please help to save lives.

A Bill is being considered at Westminster to decriminalise abortion up to 24 weeks, and there is a movement towards a similar change in Scotland. The BMA has just voted to support this policy. This would make abortion possible for any reason at all, including aborting babies who are the "wrong" sex. Please sign the petition which is available online.

www.citizengo.org/en-gb/lf/71407-bma-must-not-support-abortion-birth

Mary's Meals Rags to Riches Campaign

Advance notice - the Rags to Riches clothing and textile collection van will come to **both churches** on the weekend of 9/10th September.

Saint Andrew's

Fr Frederick

Fr Frederick is leaving for home on Wednesday—if anyone could give him a lift to the airport in the morning please let Fr Gerald know today.

the next St Vincent de Paul meeting will be in the Church House on 2nd August at 7:30pm.

Teas and Coffees

Teas and coffees in the hall after Mass on Sunday mornings, please come along. If you are new to the parish come in and meet new friends among the parish community. Teas and coffees continue during the school holidays. All visitors to the parish are welcome.

Thank You

In April/May, the Librarian asked parishioners if they could donate spare children's books to the Library. Since then, we have added over a dozen children's books *and* some notable books for grown-ups! This is *very* generous, and the Library is much the better for it. Thank you! (Donations will continue to be gratefully received for as long as there is space)

Weekly Collection

Last week's collection came to £898.30. Parishioners gave £106.16 to the St Vincent de Paul. The Jars of Hope fund stands at £514. Thank you.

Masses and services this week

We welcome Fr Jim Hayes who will celebrate the 12 noon Mass at St Columba's today while I say the 11.30 at St Teresa's. This will give me just enough time to catch the boat to Ireland in the afternoon (pray for no holdups on the A75!)

Fr Ralph Mancini will celebrate Mass in St Andrew's on Wednesday and Friday morning; we thank him for saying these Masses.

There will be a Eucharistic Service in St Columba's on Tuesday and Thursday.

Fr Joe is not very well at the moment - please remember him in your prayers and we all hope for a quick return to his normal self.

150th Anniversary of Our Lady and St Patrick's,

Bishop Nolan has kindly agreed to celebrate Mass at the original church in Auchinleck on Sunday 20th August at 2.30 pm to mark the 150th anniversary. There will be refreshments in the church hall afterwards and a warm welcome is extended to all.

Vocations Promotion

At this time of the year, when ordinations have been taking place all over Scotland it is worth remembering the importance of vocations in our own diocese. Kevin Rennie is already studying for the priesthood and there are two others considering their vocation and another preparing for the Permanent Diaconate. There is a short film available on YouTube entitled "Why I choose to be a Priest" (also a link from Facebook) for anyone interested or considering a vocation.

Please continue to pray for our present and future seminarians.

Saint Columba's

Weekly Collection

Last week's collection came to £306.34 and the SCIAF door collection raised £61.61. The Jars of Hope fund stands at £268.

The coffee morning in May raised over £780.

Lady Mary Herries (Mumford)

A memorial service for Lady Mary Herries of Terregles who died earlier this year will be held on Wednesday 9th August at 2:30pm. All parishioners will be made very welcome.

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.



**FAIRTRADE
ON SALE THIS
WEEKEND**