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Parish Bulletin

3rd/4th June 2017 **Pentecost Sunday**

(Year A)

Today's Liturgy

Preface of the solemnity
Eucharistic Prayer III

Readings

Acts 2:1-11
1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23

Spoken Psalm Response

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
And renew the face of the earth

Readings for Next Sunday

Trinity Sunday

Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9
2 Corinthians 13: 11-13
John 3: 16-18

Spoken Psalm Response

To you glory and praise for evermore

Pope Francis' intention

**In June, for
National Leaders.**

That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimizes so many innocent people.



Times of Mass and Services 5th - 11th June 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 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 6.00 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 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

Fr Gerald's Mass intentions this coming week:

Tuesday: Father Edward Holmes, *Wednesday:* Gribben, intention, *Thursday:* Michael McCole, anniversary,
Friday: Christine Barrett, *Saturday:* Esther Uphill), *Sunday:* For all Parishioners

*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.*

What's happening?

Pentecost Sunday



The Holy Spirit is given to enable the disciples to overcome division. In John this is the division from God, from one another, even estrangement from our own true selves which we call sin. In the Acts account, the division is ethnic and linguistic, with Pentecost now reversing the disaster of Babel. Can we let the Spirit do its work?

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 3rd-10th July.

This is probably your last chance to join this year's pilgrimage to Lourdes. There are still a few places available on this year's pilgrimage and booking forms are in the sacristy. Remember also, Galloway Lourdes Hospitalite exists look after the assisted pilgrims in Lourdes. For more information on Assisted Pilgrims contact Ms Janie Agnew on 07739399222.

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.



Lay leaders

Due in no small part to the effects of Embracing Change Fr Willie McFadden has already held some courses to train lay Leaders in conducting funeral rites and it is hoped to hold additional courses in the Dumfries area in June and September. If you feel that you might be able to take on this duty please get in touch with Fr Gerald. More details to follow.

Missal reading in many languages

www.virc.at This very good website provides the readings for the Mass in many languages.

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. Please make a special effort during the summer months.



Liturgy for Pentecost

This is the day when the Church was born, brought to life by the gift of the Holy Spirit, May our lives, each one of us and together, be renewed this day.

Celebration of First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion will be celebrated in St Andrew's and St Columba's next Sunday, 11th June. Please note that there will be some seats reserved for the children and their families, please respect these seats, even if it is your 'favourite' !

Galloway Diocese News

The Pentecost edition of the Galloway News is now available for you to take home. There are lots of photographs of the Confirmation services held in February and a great article by our own 'Rome Correspondent', Kevin Rennie on how it felt to be part of the Easter Vigil in St Peter's, serving the Pope.



The Whithorn Crozier comes home



The magnificent Whithorn Crozier is on display at a special exhibition at the Whithorn Trust until October 2017. Full story on the back page.

New Diocesan Facebook Page

For those of you who use Facebook, the Diocese has recently launched its new Facebook page, keeping you up to date with goings on in the diocese and with the bishop. Search Galloway Diocese when you log on and 'like' the page. And don't forget the St Andrew's and the St Columba's pages.

Saint Andrew's

Church Shop

The church shop has lots of cards and gifts for First Communion. It is open before and after Mass at weekends.

Annual General Meeting

Thank you to all who attended the Parish Annual General Meeting. The minutes are on the notice board and the web site and a short report appears on the back page of the bulletin. Remember the Parish Pastoral Council exists to support the parish priest and the parish—if you have something that you wish them to consider please approach one of the members. The next meeting is on 6th September.

Found at the Easter Vigil

After the Easter vigil a gold coloured bracelet with green stones was found in the church. It is a very pretty thing and someone must be missing it. If you think it may be yours please see Mary Hairstains in the shop.

Friday Soup Lunches

St John's & St Michael's & South invites you to the Friday Soup Lunches in St John's Church Hall Lovers Walk, on Friday 9th June 12noon to 1.30pm. Come and enjoy a bowl of home-made soup and a friendly chat whilst helping to raise much needed funds for the Food Bank Project run by The First Base Agency

Commemorative Cards

Celebrating 400 years of Vincentian Spirituality: the first Vincentian organisations dedicated to service of the poor were conceived or established in 1617 and laid the foundations for all the other Vincentian organisations to come, including the St Vincent de Paul Society. A commemorative card has been produced and is available for you to take from the back of the Church.

St Vincent de Paul: the next meeting will be on Wednesday 7th June at 7:30pm in the Church House.

Saint Columba's

Christian Aid Sponsored Walk



Sponsored Walk

Colette will be taking part in a Sponsored walk for Christian Aid on Saturday 10th June. Donations of Sponsorship would be greatly appreciated. A form is available at the back of the Church for anyone wishing to make a donation to the continuing work of Christian Aid.

Meeting for First Communion

There will be a meeting this Sunday after Mass for the parents of children making their First Communion.

100+ Draw, May 2017

The £50 winner is No 9, M Buckley, and £80 went to church funds.

Weekly Collection

I don't have the details for this week's collection - it will be reported next week.

Samuel Loy R.I.P.: please pray for the repose of the soul of Samuel Loy of Dumfries who has died. His funeral will be held in Jardine's funeral parlour then to Roucan Loch crematorium on Tuesday at 2 pm. *May he rest in peace.*

200 club draw, May 2017

1	77	Patricia Linden	£10
2	98	Robert McTurk	£25
3	152	Margaret Turner	£50

Weekly Collection

Last week's collection came to £746.66 and the special collection for Communications Sunday was £493.45. Parishioners gave £80.74 to the St Vincent de Paul. The Jars of Hope fund increased by £15 to £436. Thank you.



Carfin

The parish pilgrimage to Carfin last week was a lovely occasion, graced with good weather and good friends. Thanks to all who attended..

New Abbey Gardens Safari

Sunday, 25th Jun 2 pm - 6 pm in aid of Lochend and New Abbey Church and Christian Aid. Over 20 gardens in and near the village will be open Collect all-inclusive ticket and location map for Gardens' viewing (£5) at the Village Hall beside the Abbey. Teas (£2.50) and Plant Stall at Village Hall. Please see the poster for more details.

St Andrew's Parish Pastoral Council
Notes of the Annual General Meeting Thursday 25th May 2017

Fr Gerald opened the meeting with a prayer and Trish Clyde, the chair of the PPC welcomed the 26 parishioners to the meeting who heard reports from the various parish organisations.

Gerald McGill noted that the **parish accounts** recorded a deficit of £16,982 against a surplus last year of £37,622. There was a large expenditure on repairs and maintenance, due in part to the painting of the church. The Gift Aid for this year was still to be received from the government. Gerald agreed that the parish was in a healthy financial position although we could not be complacent.

As always, the **200 club** could do with more members and that there would be mentions in the bulletin to encourage new members. Some felt that asking people for £12 or more in January could be difficult and Andre will consider a suggestion that annual subscriptions might run from April.

Kevin Jones presented the **Liturgy report** and proposed the idea of workshops for all ministries, not in technique but prayer, meditation, spiritual aspects of their ministries. This idea was enthusiastically received and would be pursued by the liturgy group.

The **Children's liturgy** report highlighted the need for more volunteers and also noted the decline in the numbers of children attending the Children's liturgy.

Sales of the **Fairtrade** goods were declining and there is doubt as to whether this can continue in its present form - new ideas are welcome.

Three couples had sought **marriage preparation** this year and volunteers are needed to run the marriage preparation course.

Jo Kemp reported on a difficult year for the **Thomas Bagnall centre**; some members of the committee resigned, there was uncertainty over its future but they have rebuilt the committee and are looking forward. Bookings are more promising than last year, a wedding was held in the church and groups of army veterans have come to recuperate. They do need to replace the oil tank so fund raising will be next on the agenda!

Reports were also received about the Dumfries Christian Network, the Ladies Circle, Jars of Hope, Ninian Club, Safeguarding, Nursery and the secretary.

The elections to the PPC resulted in the undernoted members:

Fr Gerald, Trish Clyde, (chair), Kevin Jones, Gerald McGill, (all nominated persons), Edwina Cummings, Mary Frances Murray, Annette Barnett, Clare Reid, Maire Crawford, Shona Payne, Kate McKay (2 vacancies), the first meeting of the new PPC is Wednesday 6th September at 7 pm.

In **any other business** there was discussion on the position and style of the tabernacle which has been relocated to the niche at the side of the sanctuary and if the Blessed Sacrament chapel could now be re-designated the Sacred Heart chapel and the statue of the Sacred Heart reinstated there. The PPC to consider this at their first meeting.

The shortage of ministers and readers at the **Vigil Mass** is becoming more acute, especially during holiday periods. It was agreed that more success can be obtained by the direct approach and all were asked to think of anyone who might be interested in performing this duty. Training will always be given.

There were other items discussed and the **full minutes** and all of the reports are on the web site and the minutes are now on the notice board.

Email address

Would those of you who communicate with the church or with Mary by email please make sure that you no longer use the Tiscali address and delete it from contacts and group addresses. This email address ceased three years ago and can no longer be monitored so if anything is sent there it simply disappears into cyberspace!
The email address is
rcdumfriesannan@sky.com

St Joseph's College
presents

Little Shop of Horrors
20–23rd June

Tickets are going fast.
Get them from the
Midsteeple Box Office,
theatreroyaldumfries.co.uk,
Ticketmaster and Ticketweb

St Andrew's Nursery

80's NIGHT DISCO on **Saturday 10th June** in the Church Hall from **8pm to Midnight**. Ticket £5.00 and this includes entry into a prize draw. There will be a bar so no under 18's please. Dress to impress ... prize for best dressed male / female. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Fiona Douglas on 07817636212, or through Facebook.

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.

*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

Gavin Russell
Elspeth 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 and please also let him know if anyone can be taken off the list because they are better.