



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

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### Parish Bulletin

**4th/5th March 2017**

#### First Sunday in Lent

*(Year A)*

##### Today's Liturgy

Preface of First Sunday of Lent  
Eucharistic Prayer I

##### Readings

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7  
Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11

##### Spoken Psalm Response

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned

#### Readings for Next Sunday

*Second Sunday in Lent*

Genesis 12:1-4  
2 Timothy 1:8-10  
Matthew 17:1-9

##### Spoken Psalm Response

May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
As we place all our hope in you.

#### The season of Lent

The season of Lent summons us to turn our faces to the Lord and allow the gaze of his mercy to touch our hearts. We pray that, through the generosity of our Lenten observances, our hearts may be more loving towards our neighbours.

#### Times of Mass and Services 6th—12th March 2017

##### Tuesday

Mass in St Columba's at 10 am  
First Reconciliation in St Andrew's at 7 pm

##### Wednesday

Mass in St Andrew's at 10 am  
First Reconciliation in St Columba's at 11.30 am  
Stations of the Cross in St Andrew's at 7 pm

##### Thursday

Mass in St Columba's at 10 am  
Stations of the Cross at 11 am followed by Lenten lunch

##### 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

##### 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:* James Rae, *Wednesday:* Peter McGinn,  
*Thursday:* Peter McGinn, *Friday:* Sheila Lavery,  
*Saturday:* the Stevenson family, *Sunday:* 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?

### ***Not In Our Name Oppose the abortion up-to-birth Bill on March 13th***

Diana Johnson MP is introducing an Abortion (Decriminalisation) Ten Minute Rule Bill into Parliament on Monday 13th March. This would mean that abortion can be carried out up until birth. Below is a link which people can use to sign a petition which goes directly to her.

<http://citizengo.org/en-gb/lf/41644-stop-diana-johnson-mp-abortion-up-to-birth-bill?m=5>

There is also a link with which parishioners can e-mail their MP.

[Not In Our Name - Oppose the abortion up-to-birth Bill on March 13th](#)

### ***Pilgrimage to Lourdes 3rd-10th July.***



There are booking forms in the sacristy. Please give additional thought if you or a member of your family would consider going as an "Assisted Pilgrim". 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.



### ***St Patrick's Celebrations***

St Teresa's parish are organising a trip to Downpatrick, in the footsteps of St Patrick on Monday 20th March. It costs £35. There is a sheet on the board for names. More details from Fr Hayes

### ***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](http://www.first-base.org)). One item each every week will make a huge contribution to this project.

### ***Saturday Morning***

Please note there is no morning Mass this Saturday.

### ***Catholic Education Commission Open Forum Developing as a community of learning***

On Saturday, 11th March there will be an open forum on the theme of 'Developing as a Community of Faith and Learning' in St. Margaret's Cathedral Halls. This will take place between 10.00am and 1.00pm and will begin with Mass celebrated by Bishop Nolan. This is an important occasion and affords the opportunity for parents, teachers, students and clergy to come together with leading professionals involved in the development of Catholic schools to meet to share views on how we may contribute even further to the development of the Catholic ethos in our schools through greater integration of home, school, and parish links. We will also have the opportunity to be informed of some of the most recent developments in Catholic education. This is an important initiative which deserves our support. See poster for further details.

### ***First Reconciliation***

Although not one of the Sacraments of Initiation, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is an important step on a child's faith journey. It is celebrated in Primary 3. It will be celebrated in St Andrew's on Tuesday 7th March at 7pm and in St Columba's on Wednesday 8th March at 11.30am

### ***Celebration of First Holy Communion***

To complete Christian Initiation is First Holy Communion. This is a parish occasion and it will be celebrated in St Andrew's and St Columba's on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June when the worshipping community gathers together.

### ***Confirmation***

Have a look at the photographs on the board and look out for them on the web site and Facebook pages soon. Thank you to Deacon Willie for taking them.

### ***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.

## Saint Andrew's

### *Lrnt 2017*

This year's Lenten Lunches in aid of Christian Aid will be held in St John's Church Hall, Lovers Walk, every Friday between 3rd March and 7th April from 12 noon - 1.30 pm. St Andrew's will host the lunch on 7th April.

### *Stations of the Cross*

We will have Stations of the Cross at 7 pm on Wednesdays in Lent, beginning this week, 8th March. If you would like to lead this service please speak to Fr Gerald as soon as possible.

### *Meetings*

**The Ladies Circle** meets on Tuesday 7th March at 7.30 for a Quiz Night.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** There will be a meeting of the PPC on WEDNESDAY 22nd March at 7.00 pm in the church house. Please note change of date so as to accommodate the Catholicism series.

### *200 club*

The names of the members are on the notice board. If your name is missed please contact Andre. There is still time to join the 200 club — application forms are in the porch.

### *Winners from February draw*

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| 1 | Yvonne Copland | £10 |
| 2 | George Murray  | £25 |
| 3 | Emma Robbins   | £50 |

### *Collection Envelopes*

The collection envelopes are now available in the porch. Please take yours home. If you wish to make your weekly contribution to the Church by envelope and you are not already using them, 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. If you wish to cancel your envelopes please let us know too. If you already use this form of offering you need take no action.

### *Weekly Collection*

Last week's collection came to £945.67. Parishioners gave £77.76 to the St Vincent de Paul. The Jars of Hope fund remains at £333. Thank you.

### *'Catholicism The Pivotal Players'.*

Thank you to all who attended the first session on St Francis of Assisi.

The series covers six figures who have shaped the Church and changed the course of civilisation including St Thomas Aquinas, St Francis of Assisi and St Catherine of Siena. Please see the poster on the noticeboard for details. The films will be shown in the church hall on Thursdays at 7.00pm and there will be an opportunity for discussion and sharing after each film.

The second episode: St Thomas Aquinas, The Theologian, will be shown on Thursday 9th March at 7.00pm. All welcome.

## Saint Columba's

### *Lent 2017*

Every Thursdays during Lent beginning this week, 9th March we will have Stations of the Cross at 11am followed by a Lenten lunch in the Ninian room at St Columba's.

### *Mad Hatter's Tea Party*

Annandale Churches Together will be hosting this event on Saturday 11th March 10am to 12 noon in Market Hall Annan. St Columba's will be running the Tombola stall so any donations for this would be most welcome. There will be a box at the back of the Church for donations. All proceeds will go to The Adult Resource Centre in Annan



### *100+Club.*

The £50 winner was No. 42. Mr. T Reilly. Church Funds benefited by £102.00.

### *Weekly Collection*

Last week's collection came to £352 and the SCIAF door collection was £62.87. The jars of hope fund remains at £270 Thank you.

## *St Columba's Primary School News*

### *Café Columba*

Café Columba is an enterprising venture organised by senior pupils and staff at St Columba's Primary School. A special event to mark Fairtrade Fortnight is coming soon. The FAIRTRADE CAFE afternoon at St Columba's RC Primary School will be on Friday 10th March 2017 at 1.30pm to 3pm. The pupils will be happy to take orders and serve you with a full range of fairtrade products on the menu. All most welcome. Please support the work of your local primary school if you can.



### *Can you help?*

Mr McIntyre Head Teacher is looking for volunteers from within the parish of St Columba's to give a little time to help children with reading and simple number work. Anyone interested can contact the school and ask to speak with Mr McIntyre 01461 202752. This follows on from his appeal during Catholic Education Sunday Mass.



