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Parish Bulletin

11th/12th March 2017 Second Sunday in Lent (Year A)

Today's Liturgy

Preface of Second Sunday of Lent
Eucharistic Prayer II

Readings

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.

Readings for Next Sunday

Third Sunday in Lent
Exodus 17:3-7
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-42

Spoken Psalm Response

O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Pope Francis' intention for March

The pope asks us to pray for and remember
all persecuted Christians around the world

Times of Mass and Services 13th—19th March 2017

Tuesday

Mass in St Columba's at 10 am

Wednesday

Mass in St Andrew's at 10 am (funeral)
Stations of the Cross in St Andrew's at 7 pm

Thursday

Mass and Stations of the Cross in St Columba's
at 11.15 am followed by Lenten lunch

Friday (feast of St Patrick)

Mass St Andrew's at 10 am
Mass in St Columba'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

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: Charlie McGarvey, *Wednesday:* Annie Bradley, *Thursday:* Joan Todd,
Friday: Sheila Lavery, *Saturday:* Nessie Williamson, *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 this 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](#)

Feasts of St Patrick and St Joseph

Friday 17th March is the Feast of St Patrick. There is Mass in St Andrew's as normal. Fr Joe Holmes will also say Mass in St Columba's. Because Sunday is the 19th of March, the Feast of St Joseph has been moved to Monday 20th. There will be Mass in St Andrew's and St Columba's at 10am. These are not Holydays of Obligation.

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 11th 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. Thank you to Deacon Willie for taking them.

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



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

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.



**Come for Bite to Eat and a Blether
on the**

18th March 2017

11am-2pm

The Lambholm Lassies are having a

Soup and Sweet Lunch

At Kirkmichael Hall (A701)

North of Parkgate

Tickets £4.00 and includes

Soup, Sweet and Coffee



Fundraiser to Help the Helpers travel to Lourdes

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 until 7th April from 12

noon -1.30 pm. St Andrew's will host the lunch on 7th April when we will need donations of cheese etc. and soup makers.

As before there will be a sales table but as some of the churches have had to drop out we need even more help than before. Donations of baking and craftwork will be welcome, but no bric-a-brac or books please. If you can help in any way please call Carol on 264356. Please come along and support this cause, raising much needed funds for Christian Aid.

Stations of the Cross

We will have Stations of the Cross at 7 pm on Wednesdays in Lent. If you would like to lead this service please speak to Fr Gerald.

Church Shop

The church shop has lots of cards for St Patrick's day and Mother's day and cards and gifts for Easter. It is open before and after Mass at weekends.

Meetings

The next meeting of the **SSVP** will be on Wednesday 15th March at 7.30 pm in the Church House.

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.

Collection Envelopes

There are still a few collection envelopes to be collected. 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, and please consider the Gift Aid scheme.

Weekly Collection

Last week's collection came to £1036.40. Parishioners gave £83.48 to the St Vincent de Paul. The Jars of Hope fund increased by £27 and now stands at £360. Thank you.

Sunday Coffee

We could really do with more volunteers for Sunday Coffee duties; the more volunteers, the less frequently any team has to take a turn. Perhaps you could lend a hand putting the tables and chairs away. Don't leave it

Saint Columba's

Lent 2017

Every Thursday during Lent we will have Stations of the Cross followed by Mass at **11.15am** followed by a Lenten lunch in the Ninian room at St Columba's. PLEASE NOTE change of time.

Daffodil Tea

Annan United Reformed Church Friday Fellowship Group extend a warm invitation to members of St Columba's Church to join them for their Daffodil Tea.



This will be held on Friday 17th March at 2pm in their Church Hall. The entertainment for the afternoon will be provided by members of Annava Choir.

Weekly Collection

Last week's collection came to £336.74 and the SCIAF door collection was £54.30. The jars of hope fund remains at £270 Thank you.

St Columba's Primary School News

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.

'Catholicism The Pivotal Players'

The series covers six figures who have shaped the Church and changed the course of civilisation. Please see the poster on the noticeboard for details. The films will be shown in St Andrew's church hall on Thursdays at 7.00pm and there will be an opportunity for discussion and sharing after each film.

Thank you to all who attended the first two sessions. The third episode: *St Catherine of Sienna, the Mystic*, will be shown on Thursday 16th March at 7.00pm. All welcome.

John Keily, R.I.P.: We pray for the repose of the soul of John Kiely. The Vigil Reception is in St Andrew's on Tuesday 14th March at 6 pm and the Requiem Mass is on Wednesday 15th March at 10am. *May he rest in peace.*

The Season of Lent

Lent is a forty day journey. We travel with Christ to Jerusalem to be with him in his suffering and death in order to be with him in his resurrection to glory. In the course of our Lenten journeys we are called to three disciplines; prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We make each of these a feature of our Christian lives during Lent. It is a season also when we think of SCIAF. There are Lenten materials - "The Wee Boxes" are still available. Please take one and bring one to anyone you visit or to your place of work.

Reflection for Lent

For there are three ways of performing
an act of mercy:
The merciful word,
By forgiving and by comforting;
Secondly, if you can offer no word,
then pray - that too is mercy;
And thirdly, deeds of mercy.
And when the last day comes,
we shall be judged from this,
and on this basis we shall receive
the eternal verdict.

St Mary Faustine Kowalska (1905-1938)

My Day by Day

There are still a few of these popular little booklets, with a prayer and reflection for every day in Lent at the back of the church. Please take one if you can use it.

Powering our Common Home

By swapping fossil fuels, like coal or gas, for clean energy like wind, solar or hydro, we can power our homes without harming our sisters and brothers in countries like Zambia and the planet we share. Please join SCIAF's campaign calling on Members of the Scottish Parliament to support the move to clean energy by filling in the campaign card that came with your Wee Box.



SCIAF Wee Box

Please take your Sciaf Wee Box home with you today and help the charity transform thousands of lives.

Something extra for Lent?

In scripture we are told: There should be prayers offered for everyone - petitions, intercession and thanksgivings - and especially for kings and others in authority, so that they may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right. **Timothy 1-4**

There is a need to pray for parts of God's world where his peace does not reign.

There is a need to pray for world leaders and governments, in our own county and others.

We also have our own parish and our own needs.

We will meet on Friday mornings after Mass in St Andrew's for a short time of prayer.

The season of Lent

Jesus is truly God and truly human. The Father reveals his identity in front of the disciples and, in turn, shows us who we are as beloved members of Christ's body.



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

Amalia Tamburrini
Gavin Russell
Fr Ted Holmes
May Pratt
Gavin Russell

Elspeth McIvor
Michael Clark
Norah MacDonald
Joan Jeavons
John Kiely

Sandra Dobie
Eileen Rome
Rosa Maria Santos

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.