



*Parish Bulletin of
St Andrew's, Dumfries
and
St Columba's, Annan*

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**Times of Mass and Services
16th-21st March 2020**

Tuesday Mass in St Columba's at 10.15am
(Stations of the Cross at 10am)
Wednesday Mass in St Andrew's at 10am
Stations of the Cross at 7pm
Thursday Mass in St Columba's at 7pm
Friday Mass in St Andrew's at 10am
Saturday Mass in St Teresa's at 10am
Saturday Morning: Mass, confessions and
exposition on the 1st and 3rd and 5th Saturdays will be in St
Teresa's and on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays in St Andrew's.
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: Mass in St Teresa's at 10am

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 Mass on Thursday and on Saturday morning
Between 5-5.30 pm Saturday
and on request at any other suitable time

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

After Mass on Thursday evening and Saturday morning

Holydays of Obligation

Mass in St Andrew's at 9.30 am and 7 pm
Mass in St Columba's at 11.30 am

First Friday of the month, St Columba's

Eucharistic Service at 10 am followed by tea/coffee

First Saturday of the month, St Andrew's

Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima, 5 pm

Pope Francis' prayer intention for March 2020

Catholics in China:

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its
faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

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

Please turn off your mobile phone in church



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.

**14th/ 15th March 2020
3rd Sunday of Lent (Year A)**

Readings

Exodus 17 : 3-7
Romans 5 : 1-2. 5-8
John 4 : 5-42

Psalm Response

O that today you would listen to his voice:
"Harden not your hearts"

Today's Liturgy Eucharistic Prayer II

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent (year A)

3rd Sunday of Lent

As we approach the halfway point of our Lenten journey,
we hear in today's Gospel how Jesus was also in the
middle of a journey. He knew what it is to feel helpless,
 parched and weary. Understanding human need, Jesus
offers an experience of God's spirit to quench our
deepest longings.

Father Gerald's Mass intentions for this week:

Tuesday: Brian Lowe
Wednesday: Cecilia Robertson
Thursday: George Connelly
Friday: Joan Jeavons
Saturday: Catherine Mitchell
Sunday: For the Parish

Please remember in your prayers

Michael Clark Betty Fulton
Francis Clingon Betty Finnan
Elizabeth Elliot Janet Whitefield

*those who are sick, everyone on the family prayer
ministry requests and all those whose needs are not
known to us.*

Sick and Housebound

If there is anyone who would appreciate a visit or who is
unable to get to Mass, please pass on details.
I will visit the sick and housebound in the week ahead. If
there is anyone who would appreciate a visit, or who is
unable to get to Mass, please pass on details.

Hospital Visiting Policy

If a patient wishes a visit from a priest or deacon
text or message the RC Chaplain on 07 591 230
828 or email rcchaplain.hospital@yahoo.com

Coronavirus Precautions

From this weekend preventive measures will be implemented in both parishes in line with the Diocesan Stage 2 advice which you can see at the Diocesan and St Andrews websites and Facebook pages. The advice is also on noticeboards and doors for those who are not online.

Main actions to prevent virus spread include:

- *Everyone being responsible for maintaining good hygiene. Pending the acquisition of hand sanitisers, everyone should be responsible for their own hand hygiene. There is soap and running water available.*
- *Those with cold or flu symptoms should not attend*
- *Temporary suspension of hand-shaking, Holy Water stoups and the Chalice*
- *The Eucharistic Ministry will be suspended in favour of Father Gerald distributing the Host which must be taken in the hand.*
- *Collection rounds will be replaced by baskets/plates into which you can drop your offering on the way out or in*
- *Temporary suspension of Sunday Coffee/Tea*

The hope is that we can return to normal as soon as is possible and that we can be sympathetic and supportive towards vulnerable parish members in the meantime. Thank you for your forbearance and help.

St Andrew's Meetings

The next **Ladies' Circle** meeting is on *Tuesday 24th March* when Ann Hill will share her Quilting Memories.

The next meeting of the **Inter-Parish Pro Life Group** is on *Wednesday 25th March* at 7pm at St Teresa's.

Readers' and Ministers' Rotas

Please take your copy from the table or check your e-mails.

Lenten Lunches



St Andrew's turn is on 3rd April. Carol is looking for soup makers and also for some home baking, plus helpers on the day and donations for cheese and other items. Please phone Carol on 264356.

St Mary's, New Abbey

Wednesday 25th March, 12 noon: Annunciation. Fr Mancini will say Mass followed by our meal as usual. Our friends from Kirkconnel will be with us. More details from Jo Kemp on 01387 850554.

Church Shop

The Church Shop has good stocks of cards for Easter; St Patrick's Day and Mothers' Day as well as cards and gifts for First Communion.



Easter

Collection Envelopes

Please complete a **Weekly Collection Envelope form** and return it to the Church house if you want to begin to use envelopes from April. If you already use the envelopes **please pick up your envelopes** from the table at the back. Thank you. Please also consider filling in a **Gift Aid form** if you are a taxpayer. The Church benefits from a 25% contribution from the taxman at no cost to you.

200 Club Draw

The 200 Club year ends at the end of March. Envelopes are at the back of the Church for members to make their annual contributions of £12. There are no envelopes for anyone who has already paid in full. Application forms for anyone new who wants to join are at the back of the Church. Proceeds are put to good use in the Parish.

Weekly Collection

The collection for last week amounted to £900.79. St Vincent de Paul collected £135.45. The Jars of Hope total remains at £493. Thank you.

Lenten Services: Stations of the Cross

In **St Columba's** on the **Tuesdays of Lent at 11am.**

This is followed by Mass at 11.15am and then Lenten Lunches for SCIAF at 12noon.



In **St Andrew's** on **Wednesday evenings at 7pm.**

There is a sign-up list on the noticeboard for anyone who would like to lead the Stations, perhaps sharing a set of Stations which are special to you.

Fr Benjamin Mkeri CSSp

Fr Benjamin Mkeri is a Spiritan Father who will be assisting in the Diocese. He will be coming here to St Andrew's and St Columba's imminently. We look forward to welcoming him to the Parish. He will be here for six months or so.

Special Collection

There is a special collection next weekend at all Masses for the work of SCIAF and other episcopal charities.

First Holy Communion

The celebration of First Holy Communion in St Andrew's and in St Columba's will take place on **Sunday 14th June 2020** at the 10am and 12noon Masses respectively.

News from Kevin Rennie re Scots College, Rome:

"..We were all sent home last Wednesday night following the closure of Universities and Schools throughout Italy..... it's been confirmed that we won't be back in Rome until at least Divine Mercy Sunday (19th April)....."

Classes continue whilst at home, some Professors are lecturing via video conference.....whilst others are sending out written lectures....it's not an ideal situation, but it's making the best of the situation we find ourselves in."

We wish Kevin, and anyone whose daily life is affected, well in all of their endeavours at this difficult time.

Across Pilgrimage to Lourdes by Jumbulance-April 2020

This leaves from Kilmarnock on *Thursday 23rd April-Saturday 2nd May*. Everyone has an essential role to play, from the assisted pilgrims to the chaplain, doctor, nurses and lay helpers. The inclusive, full-board cost is £850 per person. Further information and application forms can be obtained by contacting the Group Leader, Alison Neil- Tel 07749555955; e-mail: Alison.neil@hotmail.co.uk or visit [Across](http://www.across.org.uk) at www.across.org.uk or telephone 020 3542 1800.

St Columba's

St Columba's Diary Dates

The next **Parish Coffee Morning** is on *Saturday 23rd May*.

Lenten Lunches Suspended

Due to the preventive measures regarding Coronavirus, we will have to suspend the Lenten Lunches. **Please note that this means that Stations of the Cross moves to 10am with Mass at 10.15am.**

Annan Churches Together

Future meetings are on *Tuesdays 28th April and 8th September at 7 for 7.15pm.*

Weekly Collection

There are no figures as yet for last week's collections.

Rest in peace

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Joan Jeavons** and of **Norah MacDonald** who have died recently. The funeral arrangements for Norah MacDonald will be intimated in due course. **May they rest in peace.**