



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

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**Church Opening and Livestream Masses
23rd-28th March 2020**

Masses and Services

The difficult decision has been taken to suspend Holy Mass in public for the time being from Thursday 19th March.

For the celebration of **baptisms, funeral Masses and weddings**, we are advised that only close family attend.

There are **Livestream Masses** available via the websites for St Teresa's RC Church; for the Galloway Diocese and for the Vatican in Rome or you may find other resources. It is hoped that Pope Francis's celebration of the Triduum online will unite us in prayer with Catholics throughout the world.

Church Opening

St Andrew's will be open daily from 9am to 3pm for private prayer, other than when there is a funeral service.

St Columba's opening times are to be confirmed.

National Day of Prayer

The Scottish Bishops ask us to join with all Churches in a National Day of Prayer this **Sunday, 22nd March**, Mothering Sunday. As Catholics, we are asked to pray together the Rosary, the prayer of our Blessed Mother Mary, at 12 noon, asking her intercession for our country and our world in this time of need.

Updates

You can access updates and the full, 18th March **Pastoral Letter and Statement of the Scottish Bishops** at the Parish website and Facebook pages whose addresses are above, as well as at the Galloway Diocese website. Bulletins will also be posted weekly at both Churches.

Father Benjamin

Father Benjamin Mkeri's arrival is likely to be understandably delayed.

Message from Fr Gerald

If any parishioner requires assistance or just needs to talk, please phone me on the Parish telephone, on 01387 254281.

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, eg English.

21st/22nd March 2020

4th Sunday of Lent (Year A)

Readings

1 Samuel 16 : 1. 6-7. 10-13

Ephesians 5 : 8-14

John 9 : 1-41

Psalm Response

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Today's Liturgy Eucharistic Prayer III

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent (*year A*)

4th Sunday of Lent

How do we come to faith? It can be a gradual process for all of us, and often involves testing. But all of us are called to renew our faith especially during Lent.

Messages

Please donate to **SCIAF** online or by post if you can. All Parish meetings are now delayed, including *Ladies' Circle* and *IPPLG*.

Lenten lunches are cancelled. Carol has secured a donation of £100 from the Jars of Hope for Christian Aid.

"The programme of events at St Mary's New Abbey, including Mass on the Annunciation, is cancelled for the foreseeable future. Difficult times but if anyone would like a friendly chat on the phone please ring Nick and Jo on 01387 850554- self-isolation can be pretty lonely. God bless us all"

Please remember in your prayers

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

Michael Clark

Francis Clington

Elizabeth Elliot

Betty Fulton

Betty Finnan

Janet Whitefield

Sick and Housebound

I will be available for the reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion as and when they are needed, especially for the sick and housebound.



Please convey information and updates safely to anyone you know who is sick or housebound.

