



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

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Parish Updates & Livestream Info

Week beginning 3rd May 2020

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The 4th Sunday of Easter is always the day we pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We pray especially for vocations to our own diocese of Galloway. We are given the example of the Good Shepherd. May that be the model for those considering their vocation.



Livestream

Livestream Mass from St Andrew's will continue at 10am every day this week. See links for this, information about Livestreams from other diocesan parishes and other updates at the parish website and Facebook pages.

First Holy Communion

The celebration of First Holy Communion was due to take place on Sunday 14th June. We will keep the date in the diary at the moment and move to later in the year if there is no resumption of public worship in mid-June.

Children's Prayer Intentions

St Andrew's Primary School are taking up Bishop Nolan's idea that children send drawings of their priest or someone they want to pray for and Father Gerald will stick them to the pews so that he can see them when he's saying Mass. The first, lovely pictures from P2 will be there from this weekend. Keep them coming!

Thanks from St Andrew's St Vincent de Paul...

Donations can be marked for SSVP and handed in to the Parish House or made online: **Sort code:** 80-11-60 **Acct number:** 00613268 **Acct name:** SSVP GW03001.

200 Club Winners-April Draw.

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| 1. | 38 | Mary Gribben | £10 |
| 2. | 34 | Andrew Endreddy | £25 |
| 3. | 13 | David Buckley | £50 |

From Father Gerald: " I hope that all parishioners are managing to stay safe and healthy. We remember especially our older parishioners and particularly those who live alone. We remember also parishioners who are Key workers doing crucial jobs."

Pope Francis' prayer intention for May 2020

For Deacons: We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and to the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

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

2nd/3rd May 2020

4th Sunday of Easter (Year A)

Readings

Acts of the Apostles 2: 14.36-41

First letter of St Peter 2 : 20-25

John 10 : 1-10

Psalm Response

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

Today's Liturgy Eucharistic Prayer I

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter (Year A)

4th Sunday of Easter

We are used to thinking of Jesus as the good shepherd, leading his flock to safety. In today's Gospel he also refers to himself as the gate of the sheepfold. It is through Him that we reach the safety of life with His Father and our salvation.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

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| Monday: | Marie Collins |
| Tuesday: | Cathie Bell |
| Wednesday: | Sarah Joyce |
| Thursday: | Intention |
| Friday: | Intention |
| Saturday: | Intention |
| Sunday: | For the Parish |

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.

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| Michael Clark | Betty Fulton |
| Francis Clington | Betty Finnan |
| Elizabeth Elliot | Janet Whitefield |

Sick and Housebound

I will be available for the reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion in the most extreme cases. If any parishioner requires assistance or just needs to talk, please phone me on the Parish number, **01387 254281.**

Firstbase will continue to pick up Foodbank items or financial donations from the Parish House on Friday mornings.

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

Reflection from Father Gerald

4th Sunday of Easter, Year A

The fourth Sunday of Easter every year is known as Good Shepherd Sunday because we hear the gospel of the Good Shepherd from John's gospel. It is also the day we pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Since the Second Vatican Council there has been a rediscovery of the "Universal Call to Holiness" of all the Baptised and the notion that each of us has a vocation. We still however pray for the particular vocation to the priesthood and religious life. The recent television programme, "Priest School", was very good and informative about the Scots' College in Rome. It was very helpful in showing that vocations, and indeed priests, don't come from elsewhere or "out there". They are a product of their families, background, life story and a love of God and Jesus. Don't think God is calling someone else... He could be calling you. Pray and ask God how he is calling you.

