



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

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Parish Updates & Livestream Info
Week beginning 10th May 2020

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

We will keep 14th June in the diary at the moment and move to later in the year if there is no resumption of public worship in mid-June.

Schools

We remember and pray for our schools in the Parish, St Andrew's and St Columba's Primaries and St Joseph's College. We pray for the pupils, teachers, staff and parents at this very difficult time of working from home. Many thanks to the children of St Andrew's Primary for their pictures and prayers for all those they are remembering at this time. Please keep sending them in! An album of the pictures is on Facebook.

Weekly Offerings

Why not think about setting up a standing order for your weekly offering? Please contact Father Gerald for a form or check out the website.

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.

Remember the Foodbank—it still needs you

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

From Father Gerald: "I hope that all parishioners are managing to stay safe and healthy. We continue to remember especially our older parishioners and particularly those who live alone. We also keep in our thoughts and prayers 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.

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

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

9th/10th May 2020

5th Sunday of Easter (Year A)

Readings

Acts of the Apostles 6: 1-7

First letter of St Peter 2 : 4-9

John 14 : 1-12

Psalm Response

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

Today's Liturgy Eucharistic Prayer II
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter (Year A)

5th Sunday of Easter

In our second reading today, St Peter calls us to be living stones of the Church that Jesus promised to build.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Monday:	Brian Caven Intention
Tuesday:	Robert Cole
Wednesday:	Tom and John Jolly
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.

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**.

Sarah Parker RIP: We pray for the repose of the soul of **Sarah Parker** who died recently. We remember her family at this time and pray for their comforting. **May she rest in peace.**

Reflection from Father Gerald

5th Sunday of Easter, Year A

The Irish poet W.B Yeats has a lovely poem called “The Ballad of Father Gilligan”. It is about an old Irish priest who gets a call to an old dying man, however before he attends to him he falls asleep due to fatigue. The priest wakes up the next day, realises what has happened and rides out to see him. Mysteriously and miraculously the man’s wife says, “Father you come again”. Fr Gilligan realises that God has sent an angel to attend to the man while he slept. The man has been ministered to and he dies, “as merry as a bird”.

Our Gospel today, for this 5th Sunday in Easter, invites us “...to trust in God...” and to trust in Jesus whom he has sent. Usually when all is well and going along as it should be, this takes no great effort: we take work, health, contentment and happiness as signs of God’s favour and blessing. It is in adversity, personal or shared, that our trust is called into question. I once heard a saying that the opposite of “believing in something” isn’t believing in nothing but is rather “believing in everything”. In confusing and worrying times we can latch onto anything for peace of mind. “...trust in God still...”, John 14: 1.

