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Parish Bulletin

13th/14th May 2017 Fifth Sunday of Easter

(Year A)

Today's Liturgy

Preface of Easter season
Eucharistic Prayer IV

Readings

Acts 6:1-7
1 Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12

Spoken Psalm Response

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

Readings for Next Sunday

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
1 Peter 3:15-18
John 14:15-21

Spoken Psalm Response

Cry out with joy to God all the earth

Pope Francis' intention for May For Christians in Africa

That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice and peace.

Missal reading in many languages

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

Times of Mass and Services 15th—21st May 2017

Tuesday

Mass in St Columba's at 10 am

Wednesday

Mass in St Andrew's at 10 am

Thursday

Mass in St Columba's at 10 am

Friday

Mass St Andrew'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

Holydays of Obligation

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

Mass at 11.30 am in St Columba's Primary School
(in St Columba's Church outside term time)

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: Alice Panczak, Wednesday: Nan and Gordon McEwan anniversary, Thursday: Bridie O'Donnell,
Friday: Tommy Donnelly anniversary, Saturday: Eddie Shannon Anniversary Sunday: For all Parishioners

*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.*

What's happening?

SCIAF Wee Box

Please bring any remaining Wee Box back **as quickly as possible** so that we can send our contribution to SCIAF continue their important work.

Ascension Thursday, 25th May

Ascension day is a Holyday of Obligation and Mass will be celebrated in St Andrew's at 9.30 am and 7 pm and in St Columba's at 11.30 am.

Celebration of First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion will be celebrated in St Andrew's and St Columba's on Sunday 11th June when the worshipping community gathers together.

Cor et Lumen Christi, St Cuthbert's, Wigton

Please note that the Encounter weekend on 20th-21st May 2017 has had to be cancelled.

Lay leaders

Due in no small part to the effects of Embracing Change Fr Willie McFadden has already held some courses to train lay Leaders in conducting funeral rites and it is hoped to hold additional courses in the Dumfries area in June and September. If you feel that you might be able to take on this duty please get in touch with Fr Gerald. More details to follow.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 3rd-10th July.

There are still a few places available on this year's pilgrimage and booking forms are 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



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.

Fr Gerald's Holidays

As I mentioned a couple of weeks ago, I do like to be "up front" regarding holidays and time out of the parish.

In the calendar year 2017 I will be away on the following weekends. April 29th/30th, holiday; July 8th/9th Galloway Pilgrimage to Lourdes; July 15th /16th holiday; September 16th /17th, holiday and October 14th/15th, holiday. The last weekend is a "bonus" due to the Appeal Weekend from the Columbian Fathers. I do not tend to take extended holidays preferring shorter breaks and realise that for me to away means extra work for Fr Jim and Fr Willie in the deanery. I also tend to be a creature of habit and do the same things at the same time every year be it sporting or musical interests. I thank all parishioners for their cooperation and patience.

For those of you who like to plan these things Fr Frederick is planning to visit between 28th June and 23rd July.

Carfin Day

Our next day pilgrimage to Carfin will be on Saturday 27th May. A bus will leave St Columba's at 8.30 am and St Andrew's at 9 am, returning around 5 pm. The cost per head is £10 and there is a list on the notice board. If you want to go please add your name THIS WEEKEND



A ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE PRODUCTION

20th - 23rd JUNE 7.30 pm
THE THEATRE ROYAL DUMFRIES
TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE MIDSTEEPLE
BOX OFFICE AND ONLINE AT
WWW.THEATREROYALDUMFRIES.CO.UK
CHILD: £5 ADULT: £8 FAMILY: £20 (2 ADULTS + 2 CHILDREN)
Book and Lyrics by HOWARD ASHMAN - Music by ALAN MENKEN
Based on the film by Roger Corman. Screenplay by Charles Griffith
Originally produced by the WPA Theatre (Kylie Renick, Producing Director)
Originally produced at the Orpheum Theatre, New York City by the WPA Theatre,
David Geffen, Cameron Mackintosh and the Shubert Organization
This amateur production is presented by arrangement with
JOSEF WEINBERGER LTD. On behalf of MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL OF NEW YORK

Little Shop of Horrors

Tickets are from the Midsteeple Box Office,
theatroyaldumfries.co.uk, Ticketmaster and
Ticketweb

Saint Andrew's

Church Shop

The church shop has lots of cards and gifts for First Communion. It is open before and after Mass at weekends.

Meetings

On 16th May, Aileen Orr, author of 'Wojtek the Bear' is coming to talk to *the Ladies Circle* about the story of Wojtek.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the PPC and the parish is on Thursday 25th May after the Mass of the Ascension. Reports from the various groups are at the back of the church this week for you to read in advance of the meeting. Please bring them with you if you come to the meeting (to cut down on printing!)

First Holy Communion

There is a meeting for parents in St Andrew's school on Tuesday 23rd May at 6pm to discuss arrangements for the First Communions which are on Sunday 11th June at 10am Mass.

Nairn Caravan

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society have a caravan in Nairn which can now be booked for slots in 2017. Priority is given to families with children during the school holidays. If you would like further information please contact Steve Cotter on Dumfries 252193

Commemorative Cards

Celebrating 400 years of Vincentian Spirituality: the first Vincentian organisations dedicated to service of the poor were conceived or established in 1617 and laid the foundations for all the other Vincentian organisations to come, including the St Vincent de Paul Society. A commemorative card has been produced and is available for you to take from the back of the Church.

Weekly Collection

Last week's collection came to £794.85. Parishioners gave £94.40 to the St Vincent de Paul. The Jars of Hope fund increased by £13 to £408. Thank you.

Specs for Vision Aid Overseas

Thank you to everyone who has donated their old spectacles over the years for this charity but could you please note that we cannot accept any more. This service has now been taken over by Specsavers so please donate them there.

Mary's Meals Rags to Riches Campaign

Advance notice - the Rags to Riches clothing and textile collection van will come to both churches on the weekend of 19/20th September. Start looking out your old clothing, curtains, bedding now!

Saint Columba's

Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid week is 14th - 20th May. A United Service to mark the start of this week will be held in St Andrew's Church, Annan, this Sunday 14th May at 6:30pm. Mary Mulligan, Church Development Officer for Christian Aid will lead the service. All Welcome.

Coffee Morning

Our next Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 27th May in The Market Hall Annan from 10am - 12. Donations for Tombola, Raffle and Cake Stall will be greatly appreciated along with your support on the day.



Weekly Collection

Last week's collection came to £343.87 and the door collection for SCIAF raised £33.48. The Jars of Hope fund stands at £226. Thank you.

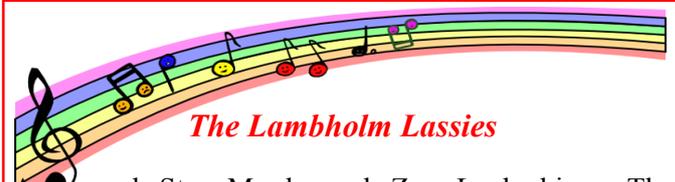
Mr Carthage Dunn, R.I.P.: please pray for the repose of the soul of Charlie Dunn who died last week, one day short of his 80th birthday. His funeral service will be held at 11am on Thursday 18th May at All Saints Church, Gretna. *May he rest in peace.*

First Base Agency Food Bank



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.

Please make a special effort during the summer months.



Anne and Star Murdy and Zoe Lockerbie - The Lambholm Lassies - and Friends are hosting an afternoon of entertainment to raise funds to help the helpers for Lourdes TODAY - Sunday 14th May at 2.30 pm in St Andrews Church Hall, Tickets £5. Refreshments provided. Good fun, good food and good music. What more do you want on a Sunday afternoon.

Communication Sunday

Communication Sunday is 28th May and there will be a special collection at all Masses that weekend. This collection can be gift aided.



St Columba's Primary School, Annan is hosting a Charity Race Night and Saturday 20th May 4pm to 7pm. Tickets are £1 adults and accompanying children are free (tickets available at the door). There will be a bar and a variety of food on sale including hotdogs for £1.50. Children's drinks are free. All profits will help The Friends of Saint Columba's Primary School as they endeavour to create a new outdoor classroom. Our target is £1,000. If you would like to sponsor a race for £10 or buy a horse for £2 please contact Mrs Brown at the school office on 01461 202752. This will be a Race Night with a difference. All races will be live. The jockeys will be the children themselves. Minimum bet 50 pence. There will also be a raffle. Raffle prizes kindly received on the night or before hand. Thanks for any support you can offer!

Mr McIntyre, Head Teacher.

Marist 200 Bicentenary Celebration 28 May 2017

It seems that our local event will be the only opportunity in Scotland to acknowledge the contribution made by the Marist Order to education in this country. Members of the Marist Order first came to Scotland in 1855 and built schools in Dundee, Glasgow, Largs and Dumfries. Sadly there are very few Brothers left in Scotland though the Order is still thriving in other parts of the world where a Marist Education is still recognised as outstanding.

We have been able to book the large room at the Easterbrook Hall and hope that old friends from across the country will take this chance to come together to pay their respects and reflect on their Marist legacy. The Brothers' final resting place is in Dumfries which was their adopted home, so it is appropriate that this special event is held nearby. Former and present pupils, families and staff members will be able to meet one another and share their experiences of the past and hopes for the future. We are also taking the opportunity to show off artefacts from over the many years of the lifetime of St Joseph's College.

In order to reproduce as closely as possible, the celebration held in nineteen seventeen, there will be a lunch at the Easterbrook Hall, Crichton Estate following Holy Mass which will be offered by His Lordship William Nolan, Bishop of Galloway at 12.00 noon. Lunch costs £40 and includes wine. Special dietary requirements will be accommodated and reduced price meals for children under the age of twelve are also available on request.

Afterwards there will be entertainment and displays of memorabilia to provoke old memories and new conversations. Pupils have been pouring over the Blue Books that served as an annual account of the school year when St Joseph's College was a private school. They are a font of historical information. They will be on display and there will be a souvenir blue book incorporating items of interest from across the decades up to the present date. There is a fabulous opportunity for businesses to advertise in the souvenir Blue book.

Your personalised Tickets can be bought from the school office or by sending a cheque payable to St Joseph's College or by bank transfer by calling the school for details. If you are unable to attend but would like to sponsor the event or donate a raffle prize please contact the school.

Please also share this invitation with family members and friends who have a connection to Marist education or Dumfries. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity Do not miss out.

If you would like any other information about the event or to advertise in the souvenir blue book, please call the school by telephoning 01387 252893 or e mailing grp-dgmarist200@glowschools.org.uk.

St Marcellin Champagnat Pray for us.

***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
Elsbeth McIvor

Michael Clark
Norah MacDonald
Joan Jeavons

Sandra Dobie
Eileen Rome
Rosa Maria Santos

Anne Johnstone
Andrew Monteith

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.