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Parish Bulletin

20th/21st May 2017

Sixth Sunday of Easter

(Year A)

Today's Liturgy

Preface of Easter season
Eucharistic Prayer I

Readings

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

Readings for Next Sunday

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:12-14

1 Peter 4:13-16

John 17:1-11

Spoken Psalm Response

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
In the land of the living

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

22nd-28th May 2017

Tuesday

Mass in St Columba's at 10 am

Wednesday

Mass in St Andrew's at 10 am

Thursday (Feast of the Ascension)

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

Mass in St Columba's at 11.30 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

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: Doreen Murphy anniversary, *Wednesday:* John Bradley *Thursday:* Michael Keating,
Friday: John and Joan Friar anniversary, *Saturday:* Denis Deeney (Glasgow), *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

Thanks to your generosity we sent a total of £2,448 to SCIAF from the Wee Boxes.

Ascension Thursday, 25th May

Thursday is the Feast of the Ascension and is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will be joined by the school communities of St Andrew's Primary and St Joseph's College at the 9.30am Mass in St Andrew's and by the St Columba's Primary school community at the 11.30am Mass at St Columba's.

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.

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 the notice for more information.



Communication Sunday

Communication Sunday is next weekend, 28th May and there will be a special collection at all Masses that weekend. This collection can be gift aided and envelopes are now available.

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—last chance.



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. 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.

Election Hustings

Dumfries and Galloway Chamber of Commerce is holding a General Election hustings event on Wednesday 24th May, in the Easterbrook Hall. It's free to register and the organisers are looking for wide and varied questions to be submitted beforehand, by those willing to ask them. This is a great opportunity to submit questions relating to Christian freedoms, ethics, morals and values. You can register and submit questions via: <http://portal.dgchamber-rubi.co.uk/eventdetails.aspx?eidQS=7421D62F-368E-4795-9944-A78F12C01588>

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.



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

The next meeting of the **SSVP** will be on Wednesday 24th May at 7.30 pm in the Church House.

The Ladies Circle meets on Tuesday 30th May for the AGM. They would like to say thank you for the donations of 44 teddy bears which Aileen Orr was delighted with.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the PPC and the parish is this 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 this Tuesday, 23rd May at 6pm to discuss arrangements for the First Communions which are on Sunday 11th June at 10am Mass.

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 £1153.86. Parishioners gave £115.02 to the St Vincent de Paul. The Jars of Hope fund remains at £13 to £408. Thank you.

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!

Fr Edward Holmes CSSp: Fr Edward Holmes, Holy Ghost Father, died on Friday 19th May at the Holy Ghost Fathers' house in Carfin, Lanarkshire. We pray for the repose of his soul and the comforting of his family. *May he rest in peace.*

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.

Saint Columba's



Our next Coffee Morning will be held this 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 £463.40 and the door collection for SCIAF raised £28.40. The Jars of Hope fund stands at £226. Thank you.

Attention all who use Envelopes

Some of you are putting money into orange gift aid envelopes without a number on them. If you intend your contribution to be counted as gift aid could you please contact either Linda Jardine or Margaret Galbraith. If you do not require GA envelopes, there are white ones available.

Communion to the sick and housebound or hospital in-patients

Fr Gerald will visit as many of the sick and housebound as possible in the week ahead.

If there is anyone you know of who would appreciate or need a visit at home, who is unable to get to Mass, please let me know. This applies to short term illness or temporary inability to get out to Mass.

Deacon Willie Hiddleston does a great job informing the priests of parishioners who are in hospital, but if you know of someone in hospital again please let me know. I would rather be told twice about someone than not at all.

Thank you as always to those who bring communion to the sick and housebound, it is greatly appreciated.



St Andrew's Nursery (Brooke St)



We are holding an **80's NIGHT DISCO** on **Saturday 10th June** in Brooke Street Church Hall from **8pm to Midnight** to raise funds for St Andrew's Nursery. The cost per ticket is £5.00 and this includes entry into a prize draw. There will be a bar so no under 18's please.

Dress to impress ... fluorescent beads, shell suits or shoulder pads, prize for best dressed male / female. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Fiona Douglas on 07817636212, by popping into nursery or through Facebook.



Mary's Meals Backpack Project

On behalf of Primary 6, Leah Brown, Lauren McLean, Shannon Smith and Hannah Stewart would love to say a huge thank you for all your generous donations towards the Mary's Meal's Backpack Project. We really appreciate your contributions. Primary 6 have been

working hard in school filling the backpacks. We have already filled 18 backpacks and still have lots of donations to make up more bags. We will let you know the final number when our project is completed. Thank you again

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 contact Steve Cotter on Dumfries 252193

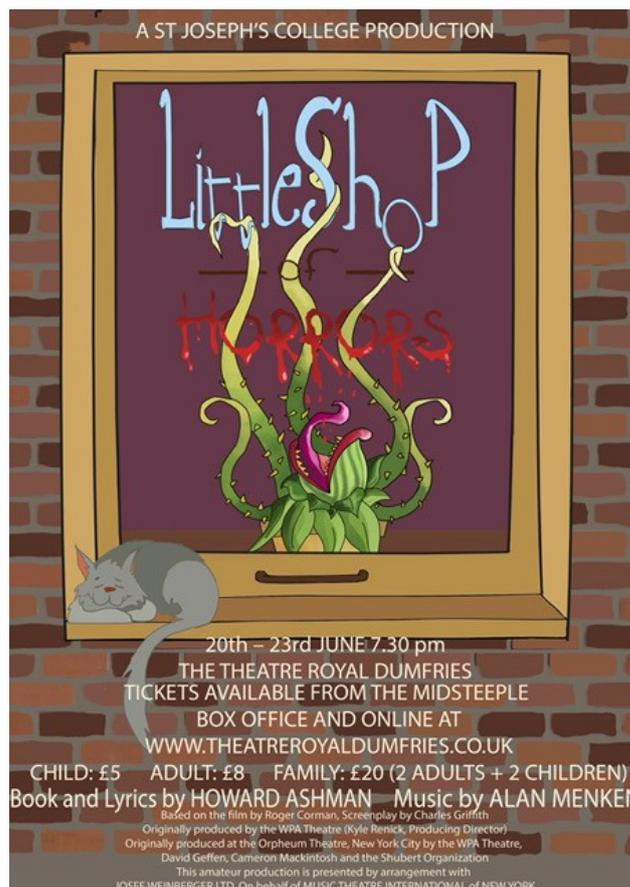
Marist 200 Bicentenary Celebration 28 May 2017

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 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. 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 Bishop William Nolan, 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. 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.

If you would like any other information about the event, please call the school on 01387 252893 or e mailing grp-dgmarist200@glowschools.org.uk.



Little Shop of Horrors

20—23rd June

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

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick and all those whose needs are not known to us, especially...

Amalia Tamburrini
Gavin Russell
May Pratt

Gavin Russell
Elspeth McIvor
Michael Clark

Norah MacDonald
Joan Jeavons
Sandra Dobie

Eileen Rome
Rosa Maria Santos

Andrew Monteith
Anne Johnstone

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.