



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

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Parish Updates & Livestream Info
Week beginning 31st May 2020

Livestream

Livestream Mass from St Andrew's will continue at 10 am every day this week.

Although there is now a national committee meeting to see how any return to public Masses and other liturgies would look, there is still no change in the guidelines. I know how frustrating this is and I thank all parishioners for their continued patience.



First Holy Communion

There seems little likelihood of public Masses by 14th June, **therefore we are formally postponing the First Holy Communion in both parishes** until the resumption of public worship. First Holy Communion is a very joyful occasion and we look forward to celebrating at the earliest opportunity.

Schools

We remember and pray for our schools in the Parish. Look out on Facebook and the website for the staff and pupils from St Columba's Primary saying the rosary. Many thanks also to the children of St Andrew's Primary for all of their pictures and prayers. Both are being much appreciated!

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.

Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals are devising safe ways to distribute food to children now that schools are closed. Please continue to support and remember them in your prayers.

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

Prayer Intention

We pray at this time for all those suffering from Coronavirus and their loved ones. We pray also for the resilience of those who are caring for those affected. We give thanks for the work of those whose work allows others to live as normally as is possible during this pandemic. We pray for the wellbeing of our own families and of all of those in our faith communities. We further pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died. Amen

Cecilia Skelton RIP: We pray for the repose of the soul of **Cecilia Skelton** of Gretna. Her funeral is on the 3rd June at Rigg Cemetery. We pray for her family at this time. **May she rest in peace.**

30th/31st May 2020

Solemnity of Pentecost (Year A)

Readings

Acts of the Apostles 2: 1-11

1 Corinthians 12: 3-7. 12-13

John 20 : 19-23

Psalm Response

Send forth your spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.

Today's Liturgy Eucharistic Prayer I

Next Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity (Year A)

Solemnity of Pentecost

Today we celebrate the wonderful birthday of our Church. This is the feast when we recall the Holy Spirit being given to the disciples, enabling them to speak the word without fear.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Monday:	Ann Riley
Tuesday:	John Riley
Wednesday:	Margaret Gilbert
Thursday:	Kathleen Tierney
Friday:	Intention
Saturday:	Bunty Bradley
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 **01387 254281.**

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.

Reflection from Father Gerald

Solemnity of Pentecost, Year A

The Feast of Pentecost brings to a conclusion all of the Easter season and celebration. It is the Feast of the Holy Spirit and the Feast of the Birthday of the Church. The Church and its members are charged with the continuation of the work of Christ. We have already seen this during the Easter season readings. In the Acts of the Apostles we see many events, words and phrases that directly mirror those of Christ. Peter's and John's healings in the Temple and Stephen's words on being stoned to death are almost replicas of those of Christ in the Gospels. What we can say about Pentecost is that it is both an end and also a beginning; it is this handing over of the baton. That baton is being handed on to us and faithful members of the church. We are called through our Baptism to imitate Christ with our lives. A daunting prospect but again, as we have seen in this Easter season, we are helped and assisted by the Advocate, sometimes referred to as "the Paraclete", who is on our side and desires that we carry out the Mission entrusted to us. Again, despite the uniqueness of this entire Easter period, we rejoice in the outpouring of the Spirit and seek to continue the work entrusted to us.



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The latest edition of the Galloway Diocese News has now been published. Because we cannot distribute it to parishioners it is a digital version only and is available to read or download from <http://www.gallowaydiocese.org.uk>

Features include the photographs of the Confirmations in February, help from Father Martin on praying alone, a collection of Pope Francis' thoughts and Bishop Nolan looking forward to a new normal - and you can watch and listen to Bishop Nolan and Father William through a video link. In addition, this edition is illustrated throughout with some of the lovely drawings sent by primary children to the Cathedral and other churches. We hope you enjoy this special edition.