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Parish Bulletin

11th/12th November 2017

Thirty second Sunday of the Year

(Year A)

Today's Liturgy Eucharistic Prayer II

Readings

Wisdom 6:12-16
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

Spoken Psalm Response

For you my soul is thirsting. O God. My God.

Father Gerald's Mass intentions for this week

Tuesday: Raymond Kerr (anniversary)
Wednesday: Paul McQueen
Thursday: Faithful Departed
Friday: Robert Siddons (anniversary)
Saturday: Faithful Departed
Sunday: For the parish

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

Arman Ali	Marion Costello
Amalia Tamburrini	Teresa Borland
Gavin Russell	Joan Jeavons
Elsbeth McIvor	Sandra Dobie
Michael Clark	Rosa Maria Santos
Norah MacDonald	Andrew Monteith
Sarah Green	Anne Johnstone

and everyone on the family prayer ministry prayer requests.



Pope Francis' intention in November

For Christians in Asia.

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

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 13th—19th November 2017

Tuesday Mass in St Columba's at 10 am
Wednesday Mass at 10 am in St Andrew's
Thursday Mass in St Columba's at 7 pm
Friday Mass in 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 pm
Mass in St Andrew's at 10 am
Mass in St Columba's at 12 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation

After Mass on Thursday and Saturday
Between 5-5.30 pm Saturday
and on request at any other suitable time

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

After Mass on Saturday morning
Sunday 19th from 3-4pm

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, 5 pm in St Andrew's

St Mary's New Abbey - Dates for the diary:

As last year we are cooperating with the Church of Scotland during Advent

Wednesday 6th December at 7pm, prayer and reflection in the New Abbey Church of Scotland

Friday 15th December at 7pm, prayer and reflection at St Mary's New Abbey

Wednesday 20th December at 7pm, prayer and reflection at New Abbey Church of Scotland

Friday 22nd December at 7pm, Carol Service in St Mary's New Abbey, followed by seasonal refreshments in the house
Please join us to anticipate the celebration of the birth of our Saviour.

If anyone would like to take part in the service please contact Jo Kemp – 01387 850554 you will be greatly welcomed

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.

Remembrance Sunday

We remember the dead from all wars and conflicts in our Mass this weekend.



Day for the Poor

Pope Francis has declared next Sunday 19th November "The Day for the Poor". It is an opportunity to pray for the poor and to examine our commitment to the poor as individuals and as parish and Church. There will be an opportunity for prayer and reflection next Sunday with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 3-4pm.

Sick and housebound

I will visit the sick and housebound in the week ahead. If there is anyone you know of who would appreciate a visit, or who is unable to get to Mass, please pass on details. Perhaps their need for a visit is short term and they recover to resume coming to Mass at a later date, even so, please pass on details.

Weekday Thoughts on the Sunday Readings by Bishop Maurice Taylor

The book is a modest attempt at evangelisation, trying to get Catholics interested in knowing more about the gospel passages which they will hear (or have heard) at Mass on Sundays – information, explanation, reflection, suggestion, resolution. It may be useful, therefore, for individual or communal use, for small groups' discussion or for anyone interested in spending more time with the weekly gospel reading, either before or after hearing it read at Sunday Mass. The cost is £10.00 and is available from Bishop Taylor's website. www.bishopmauricetaylor.org.uk and Amazon

Saint Andrew's



Pope Francis Faith Award

Enrolment for the P6 children who are doing their Pope Francis Faith Award will be at 10am Mass on November 19th

Meetings

Hymn singing practice on Wednesday in the hall

St Vincent de Paul

Thank you all for the extremely generous response to our appeal for donations to "kick start" the SVP's new Fund for International Solidarity. The collections totalled £382.89. It is gratifying to know that our parishioners have such kindness of spirit toward people less fortunate than themselves. The money is much appreciated and will be put to good use. God Bless.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 15th November at 7:30pm in the Church House (next to the Hall). Anyone interested in joining the Conference would be very welcome to come.

200 Club October Draw

Following discussion at the AGM it has been decided that the 200 Club year will commence in April and run through to March. This is to take the subscription payments away from the expensive Christmas period. Accordingly the collection envelopes will be put out in March next year. The first draw will be held in April 2018.

St Andrew's Nursery are holding a Candle Party

on Sunday, 19th November from 2 to 5 pm in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend and items purchased shall be with you for Christmas, so why not pop along and tick some of those gifts you need to buy of your shopping list. Refreshments will be on offer.

Weekly Collection

Last week's collection came to £1249.51. The Jars of Hope fund stands at £703. Thank you.

Month of the Holy Souls

November is the month when we remember our relatives and friends who have died. Envelopes and lists are now in the church for you to remember the deceased.

Masses for the Deceased of the Parishes

November is the month we remember and pray for our beloved dead. There will be a Mass for the deceased of the parish, and in particular the dead of the year gone by, in St Andrew's on *Wednesday 29th November* at 7pm and in St Columba's on *Thursday 16th November* at 7pm.



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.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

St Joseph's College Christmas Market 2017

St. Joseph's College will be running a Christmas Market at the school on Tuesday 28th November between 6.30 pm and 9 pm. There will be various stalls selling hand crafted goods and foods of every description. Santa will be in his Grotto and his Elves will be putting finishing touches to gifts in the Workshop. There will be a Christmas Tea room and music provided by the School Band, Staff and Pupil Choir. Everyone is also welcome at Buskers' Corner. So come along and enjoy the magical atmosphere. For further information please check Facebook or the school website

Saint Columba's

Weekly Collection

Last week's collection came to £313.73 and Sciaf door collection was £55.12. The Jars of Hope stands at £360.

St Andrew's Christmas Fayre

There will be a Christmas Fayre in the hall on Sunday 3rd December during and after coffee—from 11-1.30. Bacon rolls with your coffee, all the usual stalls. Carol McQueen would welcome any donations of bottles, unwanted gift and home baking. There will be a box in the church from next weekend. Call Carol on 264356 for more information or if you can help.



**THIS
WEEK**

**Tickets
on sale
in the
shop**



Parish Social Night

"Folk from Girvan Entertain"
Friday 17th November 7.30 pm in
St Andrew's hall.

Friends of Fr Gerald are coming
down to Dumfries for an evening
of song and music.

Tickets £5 to include nibbles with all
proceeds going to Galloway Lourdes Hospitalite.

Bring your own refreshments, instrument

— and voices!