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Parish Bulletin

18th/19th November 2017

Thirty third Sunday of the Year (Year A)

Today's Liturgy Eucharistic Prayer III

Readings

Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Matthew 25:14-30

Spoken Psalm Response

O blessed are those who fear the Lord

Next Sunday

Feast of Christ the King

Times of Mass and Services 20th—26th 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

Father Gerald's Mass intentions for this week

Tuesday: Brian Caven
Wednesday: Margaret Riddell anniversary
Thursday: Stephen John Purthill
Friday: John O'Donnell
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	Joan Jeavons
Gavin Russell	Sandra Dobie
Elspeth McIvor	Rosa Maria Santos
Michael Clark	Andrew Monteith
Norah MacDonald	Anne Johnstone
Sarah Green	

and everyone on the family prayer ministry prayer requests.

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.



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.



Services in the Christmas Season We will post times for St Teresa's as soon as possible, and other events as they are arranged

Saturday 23rd - Normal Masses, 10 am and 6 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 24th - Masses at 10 am and 12noon as normal
Mass of Christmas at 8 pm in St Columba's

Monday 25th - Morning Mass of Christmas at 10 am in
St Andrew's and noon in St Columba's.

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.

Pastoral Visit

Bishop Nolan will be with us to celebrate Mass next weekend.

Events during the Advent Season

Sung evening Prayer for Advent

Evening Prayer of the Church will be sung to mark the beginning of Advent at St Margaret's Cathedral on Sunday 3rd December at 6 pm.

Diocesan Service of Readings and Carols

The annual service of readings and carols will take place on Wednesday 20th December at 7.30 pm in the Cathedral with mince pies in the hall afterwards. All are welcome.

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.

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

Saint Columba's

Weekly Collection

Last week's collection came to £314.98 and SCIAF door collection was ££44.39. The Jars of Hope stands at £360.

Reverse Advent Calendar

Please join us to help bring some festive joy to families in need this Christmas.

Each day, pop an item in a box or bag: it could be food, toiletries, chocolates, crisps, special treats, toys - whatever you can spare - then bring it to church on each Sunday during Advent. On Tuesday 19th December we hope to have a few hampers ready to be distributed by Kate's Kitchen.



ON SALE NEXT WEEKEND

Month of the Holy Souls

Mass for the Deceased of the Parishes

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.

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.*

Day for the Poor

Pope Francis has declared this 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.

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.

Saint Andrew's

Pope Francis Faith Award

Today we will present the candidates from St Andrew's Primary who will work for the Pope Francis Faith Award.

Meetings

The PPC meeting is on Tuesday 21st in the church house

The Ladies circle meets on Tuesday 21st at 7.30 where there will be a demonstration of Encaustic Art - pictures made from beeswax - by Lorraine Priestly. There may also be some items for sale.

Hymn singing practice on Wednesday in the hall

Seniors Christmas Dinner

December 13th - put the date in your diary now. Invitations are now at the back of the church. Please take yours, and take one to someone who is unable to get to Mass right now.

Standard Toy Appeal

We will be collecting for this appeal this year. Please bring your donations of toys to the Masses on the second Sunday of Advent, Unwrapped is best, or mark them for boy or girl.

200 Club

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. 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, so why not pop along and tick some of those gifts you need to buy of your shopping list.

Weekly Collection

Last week's collection came to £1227.81. Parishioners gave £53.22 to the SSVP. The Jars of Hope fund stands at £703. Thank you.

St Andrew's Christmas Fayre

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

