



## The Parishes of St Andrew's, Dumfries, and St Columba's, Annan

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### Parish Bulletin

**25th/26th November 2017**

#### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

(Year A)

**Today's Liturgy** Eucharistic Prayer IV

**Readings**

Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17  
1 Corinthians 15:20. 26. 28  
Matthew 25:31-46

**Spoken Psalm Response**

The Lord is my shepherd  
There is nothing I shall want

**Next Sunday**

First Sunday of Advent (year B)

#### Times of Mass and Services

**27th November - 3rd December 2017**

**Tuesday** Mass in St Columba's at 10 am  
**Wednesday** Mass in St Andrew's at 10 am (funeral)  
Mass in St Andrew's at 7 pm  
**Thursday** Mass in St Columba's at **10.15 am**  
Mass in St Andrew'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

**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: Mona Shandley  
Wednesday: Elizabeth Mary Paton  
Thursday: Dermot McCulloch  
Friday: Special Intention  
Saturday: Special Intention  
Sunday: For the parish

#### Please remember in your prayers those who are sick

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

and everyone on the family prayer ministry prayer requests.  
and all those whose needs are not known to us

**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



**Wednesday 6th** - Primary School Carol Service in at 6.30 pm  
**Sunday 17th** - Big Sing in St Andrew's Hall 3 - 4 pm  
**Friday 22nd** - Carol Service in St Mary's New Abbey at 7.30  
**Saturday 23rd** - Normal Masses, 10 am and 6 pm Vigil Mass  
**Sunday 24th** - Masses at 10 am and 12 noon as normal  
Mass of Christmas at 8 pm in St Columba's  
Carols in St Andrew's at 9.30 pm  
followed by Mass of Christmas at 10 pm  
**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**

We welcome Bishop Nolan who will celebrate Mass with us this 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. So come along and enjoy the magical atmosphere.

### **St Mary's New Abbey - Advent dates for the diary: joining 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  
*If anyone would like to take part in the service please contact Jo Kemp - 01387 850554 you will be greatly welcomed*

## **Saint Columba's**

### **Change to Mass times**

Mass on Thursday is at 10.15am to allow me to get to Annan after a Service in St Andrew's Primary at 9am.

### **Advent Candles**

are now available at the back of the Church- £2 each. All proceeds to Lifeline, a pregnancy counselling and care charity.

### **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: food, toiletries, chocolates, crisps, special treats, toys - whatever you can spare - then bring it to church on each Sunday during Advent.

On Tuesday 19th we will have a few hampers ready to be distributed by Kate's Kitchen.

### **Weekly Collection**

The amounts will be reported next week.



**Sarah Green, R.I.P.:** please pray for the repose of the soul of Mrs Sarah Green (Marjorie Mitchell's daughter) who died last week. Her body will be brought to St Andrew's church on Tuesday at 6.30 pm and her Requiem Mass is on Wednesday at 10 am.

We have heard of the death of former boarder of St Joseph's College (1941-1946) **Professor George Giarchi**, in hospital in Plymouth on Wednesday at an age of 86. He was a truly inspirational man working as a lecturer at Plymouth University well into his early 80's. A loving Husband, Father, Grandfather and Uncle, Brother and dear friend to many.

**May they rest in peace**

## **Saint Andrew's**

### **Mass for the Deceased of the Parishes**

There will be a Mass for the deceased of the parish, and in particular the dead of the year gone by, this Wednesday 29th November at 7pm.

### **Feast of St Andrew**

Thursday is the Feast of Andrew, the patronal Feast of the Parish and National Patron Saint. Please come along to Mass on Thursday at 7 pm.

### **Parish Social Night**

Sincere Thanks to all who came along to the Parish Social night and to all those who helped set up the hall and provided and served the food. A cheque for £650 has been sent to Galloway Lourdes Hospitalite

### **Day for the Poor**

Thank you to those who came along to the afternoon Exposition last Sunday. We continue to keep the intention of care for all the poor in our prayers and actions.

### **Meetings**

**The SSVP** will meet on Wednesday 29th November at 7:30pm, in the Church House.

**Hymn singing practice** will resume in December at a date to be announced.

### **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.

### **Fair Trade and Rice Challenge**

St Andrew's is taking part in the 90kg rice challenge. A farmer needs to sell 90kgs of rice to pay for one year's secondary schooling. Please help to make this possible. The Malawian Kilombero rice will be on sale after both Masses next weekend at £3 per kg.

**Fairtrade is on sale this weekend and again on the weekend of 16/17th December.**

### **200 Club**

The 200 Club year will commence in April and run through to March. The collection envelopes will be put out in March next year. The first draw will be held in April 2018.

### **Tales from the Crypt**

You may have noticed a bar across the entrance to the crypt in the car park. On Friday 13th and again at Halloween we were 'visited' by youths who, it seemed, decided to make a YouTube video - who knew!! All secure now.

### **Weekly Collection**

Last week's collection came to £1047.72. Parishioners gave £143.73 to the SSVP: (last week's total was £92.92) . The Jars of Hope fund stands at £703. Thank you.

### **St Andrew's 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. Donations of bottles, unwanted gifts welcome in the box in the church and home baking on the day. Call Carol on 264356 if you can help.



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