

November Mass for the Deceased of the Parishes

The annual Mass for the deceased will be held in St Andrew's on Wednesday 21st November and in St Columba's on Thursday 22nd November at 7 pm.

Books of Remembrance

You can enter the date of death of family and friends in this book so that, as a parish community, we can remember them on the day of their death. These books will be updated for the month of the Holy Souls.

Mary's Meals, Rags to Riches Campaign

Mary's Meals will be collecting your textiles from both churches on Sunday 21st October. You can assist their work by donating any unwanted clothing or household textiles (except pillows and duvets). Last year this appeal raised more than £160,000. Those who come to the Vigil Mass can bring their donations on the Saturday evening and we will open the hall.

The Singing Children of Africa



are coming to Dumfries as part of their UK tour. They will be here for three days and will give will give a concert on St Teresa's church on Monday 29th October and in St Andrew's on Tuesday 30th October at 7 pm. Entry is free but donations are gratefully accepted.

Please can we remind you that if you would like to host 2, 3 or 4 of the children please contact Maire Crawford on 01387 264264 for more details. They are a joy to have.

St Columba's Primary

Mass this Tuesday is in the school at 10am and we would like to invite the parish to join us.

We are hosting the Singing children of Africa in school on the afternoon of Tuesday 30th October. There will be a 45 minute concert in the school starting at 3pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Doors open at 2.45pm.

St Andrew's Primary

Primary 6 would like to invite Parishioners to our Food for Our Neighbour Mass on Wednesday 10th October at 10am in our school hall. Refreshments will be served after Mass. We are also collecting donations of dried food and drink products which we will then take to a local food bank. We look forward to seeing you there.

Saint Andrew's

Meetings

The Ladies Circle meets on Tuesday 9th at 7.30.

The SSVP will meet on Wednesday 10th at 7:30pm in the Church House (postponed from 3rd)

Altar Servers

Anyone who has made their First Holy Communion (P 5 and above) and wishes to be an altar server please let Fr Gerald know and training will be arranged.

New Abbey News

Tom McCartney is giving a fascinating talk on 'Standing Stones around the country, especially those in D&G', on Saturday 20th October at 2.30pm in Shambellie House, New Abbey. Tea/coffee cakes. Entry is £5 Places are limited so please contact Jo Kemp to book. 01387 850554 Plans for Shambellie will be on view

Advance Diary Date

On St Andrew's night it is hoped to have a musical evening to raise funds for the St Vincent De Paul Society. Songs and laughter and Carol's meringues - what more could anyone want in way of entertainment. 'Talent' from both parishes have promised their services. Further details to follow.

200 Club, September draw

1	104	Mrs Irene Murray	£10
2	108	Mrs Cathie O'Connor	£25
3	58	Mr Tom Holmes	£50

Weekly Collection

The collection last week was £786.62. Parishioners gave £98.98 to the St Vincent de Paul. £25 was added to the Jars of Hope and £150 was donated to SCIAF for the Tsunami relief, bringing the fund to £42. Thank you.

Safeguarding Statement

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland has issued a statement regarding Safeguarding Issues which will be read at all Masses this weekend. This weekend is chosen because it is the weekend nearest to the Feast of the Guardian Angels.

Special Collections.

A special collection was meant to have been taken last weekend for the Retired Priests' Fund of the Diocese but it wasn't taken, apologies for forgetting. This collection will be taken NEXT weekend; 13th/14th October. Mission Sunday is a national event and has a special collection for the work of the Missions. This will be taken on the weekend of the 20th/21st October. I realise that this means two second collections in consecutive week so apologies for that also.



Turn off your mobile phones please

Saint Columba's

Children's Liturgy

There will be no Children's Liturgy session this Sunday since no one on the rota is available. It has never happened in the twenty odd years that we have all been doing it but will be back up and running after the October holidays.

Weekly Collection

The collection last week was £257.17. The SCIAF door collections totalled £38.39. Thank you.