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Parish Bulletin

8th/9th September 2018

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)
Vocations Awareness Week

Today's Liturgy Eucharistic Prayer III

Readings

Isaiah 35:4-7
 James 2:1-5
 Mark 7:31-37

Spoken Psalm Response

My soul. Give praise to the Lord!

Next Sunday

24th Sunday of the Year

Times of Mass and Services
11th—17th September 2018

Tuesday Mass in St Columba's at 10 am
Wednesday Mass in St Andrew's at 10 am
Thursday Mass in St Columba's at 7pm,
Friday Mass in St Andrew's at 10 am
Saturday Mass in **St Teresa's at 10 am**
 (No morning Mass in St Andrew's)

Morning Mass confessions and exposition **on Saturdays** now alternate between St Andrew's and St Teresa's. Mass on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays will be in St Teresa's and Mass on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays in every month will be in St Andrew's.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Mass in St Teresa's, 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 on Saturday morning
 Between 5-5.30 pm Saturday
 and on request at any other suitable time

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

After Mass on Thursday evening and Saturday morning

Holydays of Obligation

Mass in St Andrew's at 9.30 am and 7 pm
 Mass in St Columba's at 11.30 am

First Friday of the month

Eucharistic Service at 10 am followed by tea/coffee

First Saturday of the month

Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima, 5 pm in St Andrew's

Vocations Awareness Week

This weekend see the beginning of Vocations Awareness Week. It is one of a number of occasions when we pray for and think about vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We also think about our wider vocation to live out our Baptism. As we hear in our second reading from James the link between our faith and good works and lives of service. Where do I see my vocation? Could God be inviting me to be a priest? For more information or to discuss the issue further see Fr Gerald or contact the Diocesan vocations Director, Fr William Boyd at St Mary's Irvine. As with all things nowadays the internet is a resource and all religious orders and congregations have websites for information.

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick
everyone on the family prayer ministry prayer requests.
and all those whose needs are not known to us.

John Turner Joan Jeavons Elizabeth Elliot
 Michael Clark Nora MacDonald

Sick and housebound

I will visit the sick and housebound in the week ahead. If there is anyone who would appreciate a visit, or who

Father Gerald's Mass intentions for this week

Tuesday: Tony Tuff
 Wednesday: Peter Conlan
 Thursday: Frances Walsh
 Sunday: For the Parish

Pope Francis' intention for September

Young People in Africa

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

www.virc.at This website provides the readings for the Mass in many languages.

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.

Appeal Next Weekend

There is an Appeal next weekend by the Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) at all Masses with a second collection.

Annual Diocesan Education Mass

Bishop William Nolan will celebrate the Annual Diocesan Education Mass in Saint Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr on Tuesday, 11th September at 7.00 pm. All education staff from the diocese are warmly invited and welcomed. After Mass, there will be a light buffet in the hall and a chance to socialise.

St Teresa's Diamond Jubilee Mass

The celebration of the 60th anniversary of the formation of the parish will take place at 11.30 am Mass on Sunday 30th September followed by a reception in the parish hall to which all are invited.

Head Teacher, Mount Carmel Primary, Kilmarnock

Applications are invited for the full-time permanent post of Head Teacher of Mount Carmel Primary School, Kilmarnock. Closing date is 23rd September 2018. Full details at www.myjobscotland.gov.uk

Hospital Visiting Policy

If a patient wishes a visit from a priest or deacon text or message the RC Chaplain on 07 591 230 828 or email rcchaplain.hospital@yahoo.com

Saint Andrew's

Meetings

.the Ladies Circle recommences on Tuesday 11th September at 7.30 pm. New members welcome.

Altar Servers

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

Thank you very much

A big thank you to all who contributed in any way to the coffee morning last week. £900 was raised for the Women and Children of the Holy Land.

Diary Dates

Friday 14 September 12noon – 1.30pm St John's Church Hall – Friday Soup Lunches resume in aid of First Base Food Parcels.

Saturday 15 September 10am – 12noon Christian Aid annual coffee morning in The Usual Place.

Weekly Collection

The collection for the last two weeks totalled £1655.06. Parishioners gave £130.27 to the SSVP. The Jars of Hope fund remains at £248. Thank you.

Coffee Morning

St Andrew's Nursery (Brooke St) are supporting Macmillan Cancer by holding a Coffee Morning on Friday 28th September in the Church Hall from 10.30 until 12 noon, everyone is welcome. The children will be busy baking so why not come along and sample some of their bakes while supporting a good cause. No entry fee ... just a donation.

Sacramental Preparation

The Sacrament of Confirmation in the Diocese of Galloway is celebrated by children who have just begun Primary 4. There is a sacramental preparation programme in St Andrew's Primary and St Columba's Primary. If you are not at a Catholic school there is a programme in each parish. In St Andrew's please see Rebecca Crosbie and in St Columba's please see Pat McElhone. There can also be some children who are above P4 but have yet to make their Confirmation, again please let Fr Gerald and the parish catechists know.

As with the last two years the Diocese creates the Confirmation calendar and the date has already been fixed. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in St Andrew's Dumfries for all the candidates from St Andrew's, St Columba's, St Teresa's, Holy Trinity and St Luke's on **Tuesday 26th February 2019 at 7pm**

The sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated by the same children later in the year at a date to be arranged.

Mobile Phones

Please switch them off in Church ...



Bulletin Preparation

Next week we will be preparing the bulletins for the next **two** weeks. All items must be with Masry by **Thursday** morning for inclusion. Thanks.

35 years - A night of reflection, celebration and vision- Dumfries Baptist Church

It is now 35 years since Bethany Christian Trust was founded with the Mission "To relieve the suffering and meet the long-term needs of homeless and vulnerable people".

Parishioners are invited to join a celebration evening on Wednesday 26th September as they reflect on their journey so far, celebrate God's provision across the organisation and share our vision for the future to eradicate homelessness. This is a free event but for catering purposes we invite you to register attendance on Eventbrite—please visit: bit.ly/2L7U4ky

Saint Columba's

Meetings

St Columba's Parish Pastoral Council meets on Thursday evening after Mass

The Ninian Club,

The Ninian Club, for children of P4 upwards who wish to prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion and who do not attend a Catholic school, will begin last week. Lessons take place every Sunday after 12noon Mass until 2pm in the meeting room in church.

August 100 Club.

The £50 winner is No. 46. Mrs M Wilson. £80 was given to Church Funds.



Coffee Morning

St Columba's Coffee Morning is in The Market Hall from 10am until 12 noon on Saturday 29th September.

Weekly Collection

The collection last week totalled £392.30, the SCIAF door collection was £35.70. Thank you.