



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

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Parish Bulletin

9th/10th September 2017

Twenty third Sunday of the Year

(Year A)

Today's Liturgy

Eucharistic Prayer II

Readings

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Romans 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20

Spoken Psalm Response

O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Readings for Next Sunday

24th Sunday in Ordinary time

Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35

Spoken Psalm Response

The Lord is compassion and love,
Slow to anger and rich is mercy



Pope Francis' intention in September for Parishes.

that our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

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

Amalia Tamburrini
Gavin Russell
May Pratt
Elspeth McIvor
Michael Clark
Norah MacDonald

Joan Jeavons
Sandra Dobie
Eileen Rome
Rosa Maria Santos
Andrew Monteith
Anne Johnstone

and everyone on the family prayer ministry prayer requests.

Times of Mass and Services 11th—17th September 2017

Tuesday

Mass in St Columba's Primary School at 10 am

Wednesday

Mass in St Andrew's at 10 am

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

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: Maureen Graham
Wednesday: Dean Morris
Thursday: Intention

Missal reading in many languages

www.virc.at This very good 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.

What's happening?

Retired Priests Fund

There will be a special collection at all Masses this weekend, for the retired priests fund. This collection can be Gift Aided and the envelopes are at the back of the church.

Parish Ministries

The perpetual appeal is made for all ministries in the parish; Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist and Altar Servers. All young people (or indeed not so young!) who have made their First Communion are welcome to volunteer.

Ecumenical Songs of Praise

An Ecumenical Songs of Praise is planned on Sunday 15th October in the afternoon to mark 120 years since the dedication of the Crichton Memorial Church, Dumfries. It is hoped to form a band of musicians and singers for this event. Readers are also required for the Service. More details will follow but if you are interested have a word with Fr Gerald

Sick and housebound

Fr Gerald will visit the sick and housebound in the course of the week ahead. As always if there is someone you know who should be visited, 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.

Donating one **Can** of food **Can** make a difference

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.

Vocations Awareness Week

We pray especially for Vocations to the Priesthood, Permanent Diaconate and Consecrated Life. Please give some time, thought and prayer to asking if the Lord may be inviting you to a new and different vocation of service.

Sacramental Preparation

In the Diocese of Galloway the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion are celebrated by children in Primary 4. Preparation is done at home, and at school for those attending a Catholic school and provision is made in both parishes for those who do not attend a Catholic Primary. There is a meeting for parents of candidates on **Tuesday 19th September in St Andrew's Primary School at 6.30pm** for St Andrew's Parish and on **Sunday 24th September at 1pm (i.e. after Mass) in St Columba's Annan.**

Confirmation

The date for Confirmation is set by the Bishop and in this deanery will be **Tuesday 27th February 2018 at 7pm in St Teresa's Church.**



Mary's Meals Rags to Riches Campaign

the Rags to Riches clothing and textile collection van will come to **both churches** this weekend. As usual, for those who come to the Vigil Mass at St Andrew's, you can leave your donations in the hall on the Saturday evening.

Remember, textiles only, no shoes, books, bric a brac ...

Galloway Music Network



A music workshop is being arranged by Galloway Music Network on Saturday 23rd September at Our Lady of Mount Carmel's Church, Onthank, Kilmarnock from 10.30am to 3 -pm. They will be looking at new music with workshops on hymns that are guitar friendly and hymns that are organ friendly. Anyone with an interest in parish music, musicians and singers is welcome, a light lunch will be provide.

For more information please call Nicola Lawrence on 0141 886 7963, see the notice on the board, or check the web site www.gallowaydiocese.org.uk



Saint Andrew's

Meetings

Ladies Circle recommences on Tuesday 12th September at 7.30pm, new members very welcome.

Choir Practice

There will be hymn singing practice on Wednesday 13th September at 7pm in the hall. Existing choir members and anyone who is interested in singing in church are asked to come along. All welcome.

Weekday Mass liturgy Rota

Following the recent meeting of the liturgy group it was decided to form a rota for readers and Eucharistic Ministers for the weekday Masses. Please let Fr Gerald know if you wish to be included in either rota. The more involved the better.

Ninian Club

The Ninian Club prepares the children who do not attend a Catholic School for the reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. Any children of primary four age must attend this Club in order to be considered for the Sacraments in 2018.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Children's Liturgy of the word has resumed after a Summer break. If you wish to lend a hand with the Liturgy please speak to Ana Price.

Teas and Coffees

Teas and coffees are offered in the hall after Mass on Sunday mornings, please come along. If you are new to the parish come and meet new friends among the parish community. All visitors to the parish are welcome.

Weekly Collection

Last week's collection came to £995.16. Parishioners gave £123.82 to the St Vincent de Paul. The Jars of Hope fund stands at £545. Thank you.

St Andrew's Nursery News Stay and Play Sessions

Fancy a bit of messy play with your child, while making some new friends. St Andrew's Nursery are holding Stay and Play Sessions for children aged birth to 3 years in the Upper Hall, Brooke Street. on **Fridays** for a block of 7 weeks, 9.30 to 11 am. The cost is £21.00 for this block. If interested contact Fiona Douglas on 07759571198 or 07817636212

love the 80's DISCO

love the 80's DISCO is being held by St. Andrew's (Brooke St) Nursery in the Church Hall on Saturday 30th September from 8 pm to midnight. So look out your leg warmers, fluorescent beads, shoulders pads and shell suits ... it's time to party. There is a prize for best dressed male and female. Tickets are priced at £5, this includes entry into a prize draw. They can be purchased by contacting Fiona Douglas on 07817636212, through our Facebook Page or by popping in to Nursery.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

St. Andrew's Nursery is hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29th September in the Church Hall from 10.30 to 12 noon. Please pop along and support this worthwhile cause. Everyone is welcome.

Saint Columba's

Mass this Tuesday ...

is in St Columba's Primary school. All parishioners are welcome to come along

Coffee Morning

Our next Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 16th September in the Market hall Annan from 10am - 12. Donations for Tombola, Raffle and Cake Stall will be greatly appreciated



along with your support on the day. If you are able to help in any way please add your name to the list the back of the church or see Geraldine.

Church cleaning can you help?

We are looking for volunteers to help with the church cleaning, can you help? We meet every second Wednesday from 10am until 11.30am. If we can get enough people involved we can set up a rota. Please contact Geraldine or Phyllis if you can help. Many thanks.



Christian Aid

Annan Christian Aid committee are holding their Annual Quiz Night on Wednesday 20th September at 7pm in Annan Old Parish Church Hall. £10 entry per team of four. Tea and refreshments included. Please let Colette know if you are interested.

Ninian Club.

Children of Primary 4 and above, who are not in attendance at a Catholic School and who wish to prepare for Confirmation and Holy Communion next year, should come along to the Ninian Club's first meeting this Sunday, 10th September. Lessons take place each Sunday during school term times, after the 12 noon Mass until 2pm. For further information contact Pat McElhone on 01461 203353.

100+ Club

New members are always welcome to join the 100 Club. It costs £2 per month and you get the chance to win £50—and help with church finds at the same time. Speak to Mary Reilly if you are interested, and good luck!

Weekly Collection

Last week's collection came to £282.54 and the SCIAF door collection raised £77.78. The Jars of Hope fund stands at £305.

Spectacles for Overseas

Please note that we can no longer accept your old specs for Vision Aid overseas. This good work is now being undertaken by local opticians. If you have old pairs of glasses please DO NOT leave them at the back of the church, take them to your local Boots Opticians or Specsavers. Thanks.

GALLOWAY DIOCESE 2017 SAFEGUARDING UPDATE FOR PARISHES

On behalf of our Diocese's Safeguarding Service I would like to take this opportunity as your Parish Safeguarding Coordinator to update you on the key themes and priorities for 2017.

The commitment set out in the response to the McLellan Commission report in August 2015 remains the message to be reinforced across our parish communities.

'We accept that Safeguarding is the responsibility of the whole church, all of the baptised as well as ordained, professed, those who are employed and those who volunteer, working together to create and maintain safe environments'

In promoting this there are key themes arising from the principal recommendations of the McLellan commission linked to the implementation plan agreed by the Bishops Conference of Scotland which will be the focus for our diocesan safeguarding service in 2017.

We recognize that our volunteers, Parish Safeguarding Coordinators, Advisers and Clergy need ongoing training and support to allow them to sustain their roles. Through 2017 the roll out of the national training programme reflecting the commitment to the development of undertaking regular and high quality training and continuous professional development as identified in McLellan's recommendations will offer a staged programme of opportunities for all involved in assuring Safeguarding in our parish communities.

'Support for the survivors of abuse must be an absolute priority for the Catholic Church in Scotland in the field of Safeguarding.'

Media would suggest that our church has not visibly progressed our engagement with survivors and although this essentially is misinformation it is recognised that we need to offer clearer and a more robust public information pathway for access to support including the National Counselling Service for those who have been abused in the Catholic Church.

Work continues ensuring a consistent approach to Safeguarding across all sectors of the church throughout Scotland. This will be seen in the roll out of both the national training programme the assurance of safe recruitment practices for all volunteers engaged in regulated work; internal and external scrutiny of process and practice through both the annual audit requirements and development of an independent review body to monitor the effectiveness of the delivery of the agreed implementation plan.

The resourcefulness of volunteers and Parish Safeguarding Coordinators supporting their Parish Priests is critical to the continued improvement of safeguarding practices across our diocese. However, as we thank and remember their continuing commitment we need to recognise that we, all of us also have a role to play.

Pope Francis in his letter on the Feast of The Innocents 28 December 2016 asks us to renew our complete commitment to ensuring that the atrocities that occasioned in our church in the past will no longer take place in our midst; that we find the courage needed to take all necessary measures so that such crimes may never be repeated.

Rebecca Copland and Anne Murdy
St Andrew's Parish Co-ordinators

Yvonne Panzack
St Columba's Parish Co-ordinator

Safeguarding Training for all Volunteers from St Andrew's Parish

Galloway Diocese is directing that all Parish Volunteers complete Level 1 safeguarding training therefore all Parish Volunteers are expected to attend one of the forthcoming sessions.

Mr John Lawson will provide that training over Sunday 1st and Sunday 8th October from 3-4.30pm in St Andrews Parish Hall Please indicate on the sheets at the back of the church, which session you will be able to attend. 15 places are available at each session.

Many thanks for your co operation.

*Rebecca Copland and Anne Murdy
St Andrew's Parish Co-ordinators*

Training for the volunteers of St Columba's parish will be arranged as soon as possible.