



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

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Parish Bulletin

16/17th September 2017

Twenty fourth Sunday of the Year

(Year A)

Today's Liturgy

Eucharistic Prayer III

Readings

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

Readings for Next Sunday

25th Sunday in Ordinary time

Isaiah 55:6-9

Philippians 1:20-24. 27

Matthew 20:1-16

Spoken Psalm Response

The Lord is close to all who call him



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 18th—24th September 2017

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 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

Welcome and Thank you

We welcome Canon Pat McSorley to the parish who will be saying all the Masses this weekend. We thank him for his help and assistance.

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.

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. 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

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.

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

Saint Andrew's

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.

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

This week's amount will be reported in next week's bulletin

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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 £5, this includes a prize draw. TContact 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.

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.**

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

Vicky Lavery R.I.P.: please pray for the repose of the soul of Vicky Lavery of Dumfries who has died. Her funeral was last week in Roucan Loch Crematorium. *May she rest in peace.*

Saint Columba's

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 meetings 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!

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