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Parish Bulletin

29/30th September 2018

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Today's Liturgy Eucharistic Prayer II

Readings

Numbers 11:25-29

James 5:1-6

Mark 9:38-43. 47-48

Spoken Psalm Response

The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

Next Sunday

27th Sunday of the Year

26th Sunday of the Year

Being called disciples means that we recognise we are called by the Lord. It also means that we should recognise the gifts of others, especially if they are not "one of us."

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 is unable to get to Mass, please pass on details..

Father Gerald's Mass intentions for this week

Sunday Patrick and John Durnin
Tuesday: Sheila Ainger
Wednesday: Noreen Lilly intention
Thursday: Tommy Sludden
Friday: George Tait
Saturday: Peter Gray intention
Sunday: For the Parish

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

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

**Times of Mass and Services
1st-7th October 2018**

Tuesday Mass in St Columba's at 10 am

Wednesday Mass in St Andrew's at 10 am (Requiem)

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

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



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.

Galloway Diocese News

The St Ninian edition of the GDN is now in the churches—please take your free copy home with you.

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.

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). Recycling these materials generates money to help feed hungry children. 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.

Saint Andrew's

Meetings

The SSVP will meet on Wednesday 10th October 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.

An Evening for Ministries Wednesday 3rd October 7pm.

Anyone who exercises a ministry in the parish is expected to undergo "in service" training. With this in mind there will be an evening for all those who have a ministry; welcomers, readers, Eucharistic ministers, sacristans, musicians. Please make every effort to attend.

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.

Weekly Collection

The collection for the last two weeks was £1681.57 and the special collection for the Holy Ghost Fathers was £940. Over the two weeks parishioners gave £189.95 to the St Vincent de Paul. £19 was added to the Jars of Hope bring the fund to £167. Thank you.

John Higgins R.I.P.: We pray for the repose of the soul of John Higgins. John, formerly of Millburn Avenue died peacefully in Charnwood Lodge Nursing Home on 21st September. His funeral Mass is on Wednesday at 10am in St Andrew's. We remember his family at this time.

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. 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.

First Base Agency Food Bank

Please keep up your donations of non-perishable foodstuffs for the Food Bank run by The First Base Agency (www.first-base.org). Suggestions include: coffee, Long life milk, pasta, cooking sauce, microwave rice, tinned meat, vegetables and potatoes.

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.

Nourish for Women

Saturday 10 November 2018

Dumfries Baptist Church Centre, Dumfries

Nourish is a time for women to gather to fellowship with the Lord and His people. Cost: £10/£8 Concessions. See the poster for more details.

Healing retreat

A Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held north of Glasgow on Tuesday 9th – Thursday 11th October 2018. This confidential, supportive retreat is powerful for anyone who has been affected by their own or someone else's abortion experience. For more information, please call Sr Andrea on 07816 942824 or email Marene via the enquiry form on the website www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk

Saint Columba's

Weekly Collection

The collection for the last two weeks was £680.88 and the special collection for the Holy Ghost Fathers was £380.84. The SCIAF door collections totalled £35.59. Thank you.