



*Parish Bulletin of
St Andrew's, Dumfries
and
St Columba's, Annan*

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**Times of Mass and Services
2nd-7th December 2019**

Tuesday Mass in St Columba's at 10am
Wednesday Mass in St Andrew's at 10am
Thursday Mass in St Columba's at 7pm
Friday Mass in St Andrew's at 10am
Saturday Mass in St Teresa's at 10 am
Saturday Morning: Mass, confessions and exposition on the 1st and 3rd and 5th Saturdays will be in St Teresa's and on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays in St Andrew's.
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: Mass in St Teresa's at 10am

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, St Columba's

Eucharistic Service at 10 am followed by tea/coffee

First Sunday of the month, St Columba's

Coffee after Mass

First Saturday of the month, St Andrew's

Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima, 5 pm

30th November/1st December 2019

1st Sunday of Advent (Year A)

Readings

Isaiah 2: 1-5
Romans 13: 11-14
Matthew 24: 37-44

Psalm Response

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
"Let us go to God's house".

Today's Liturgy Eucharistic Prayer I

Next Sunday 2nd Sunday of Advent (year A)

1st Sunday of Advent

At the beginning of the Advent season, we consider the coming of the Lord at the end of time. This is because Advent is the experience of all the year round. Every time we pray in the Lord's prayer, "thy kingdom come", we are living the power of Advent. Christ will come again.

Father Gerald's Mass intentions for this week

Tuesday:	Hugh Sherry
Wednesday:	Ella Morgan
Thursday:	Suzanne Bonner
Friday:	William Morgan
Saturday:	John Devery intention
Sunday:	For the Parish

Please remember in your prayers

Michael Clark	Elizabeth Elliot
Joan Jeavons	Betty Fulton
Norah McDonald	Donald & Betty Finnan

those who are sick, everyone on the family prayer ministry requests and all those whose needs are not known to us.

Sick and Housebound

If there is anyone who would appreciate a visit or who is unable to get to Mass, please pass on details. 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.

Pope Francis' prayer intention for December 2019

The Future of the Very Young

That every country takes the measures necessary to prioritise the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

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

Please turn off your mobile phone in church



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

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.

Galloway Diocese News

The Advent edition of the Galloway Diocese News is now available. Please take your free copy home today.

General Election 2019

Further to the Scottish Bishops' letter, the Inter Parish Pro Life Group contacted every candidate in both constituencies and asked them for their response on two issues. Their responses are available for parishioners after Masses this weekend.

Real Gifts that Change Lives



SCIAF's Christmas Real Gifts make great presents for family and friends while helping people in poverty to build a better future. The SCIAF catalogue is available at the back of the church or you can visit

www.sciaf.org.uk/realgifts or call 0141 354 5555.

Christmas Fayre

Today, Sunday 1st December after Mass. Usual stalls. Come and enjoy bacon rolls and goodies. Come and support this very warm, festive event. **All are welcome!**



St Andrew's *Meetings*

The **Liturgy Group** will meet on *Tuesday at 7pm* in the Church House.

The **Ladies' Circle** is having a Tea Party on *4th December. All welcome.*

The **Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul** will meet on *Thursday 5th December at 7.30pm* in the Church House.

"My Day by Day" Advent Booklets...

...are available at the back of the Church. Please take one for your use through Advent.

Readers' and Ministers' Rotas

The rotas are now on the table at the back of the Church; please take your copy or check your e-mail. They are a little earlier than normal, so keep them safe! Thank you to all of our readers and ministers. Keep up the good work.

Senior Parishioners' Christmas Dinner

The annual dinner is on *Wed 11th December, 6 for 6.30pm*, in the hall. Please pick up invitations at the back of the church and return them to the church house.



Dumfries Standard Toy Appeal

As always we will be collecting for the Standard Toy Appeal. Unwrapped toys for girls and boys can be brought to Mass next weekend on Sunday 8th December. Thank you.

200 Club Draw (November)

1	136	Margaret Turner	£10
2	148	Jean Machin	£25
3	149	Kate Mackay	£50

Weekly Collection

The collection for last week amounted to £843.53. St Vincent de Paul collected £115.93. The Jars of Hope has donated £100 to "Educate the Kids" and now stands at £304. Thank you.

Graffiti on St Andrews Church

At some point on Wednesday night there was graffiti written on the Church wall. The police have been informed and it is hoped that this is a very isolated incident. That someone would do this is a source of anger to us all. Sincere thanks to all those who are helping with the clear-up process.

Dumfries Christian Network (DCN)

Everyone is welcome to join the Network for annual Carol Singing in the Loreburn Centre, just outside M&S, between 11am and 12 noon. No musical skill required-just bring a smile! You can also visit the DCN website for information about Christmas services and events in the local, member churches.

Advent and Christmas Services and Events

Advent Penitential Services

Monday 16th December 7pm St Columba's
Wednesday 18th " 7pm St Teresa's
Thursday 19th " 7pm St Andrew's



Christmas

Christmas Eve Vigil 7pm St Columba's
Carols from 9.30pm St Andrew's
Midnight Mass 10pm St Andrew's
Christmas Day 10am St Andrew's
12 noon St Columba's

St Andrews Primary Carol Service

This is in the church on *Tuesday 10th December at 6.30pm* and followed by hot drinks in the hall. All parishioners are very welcome.

Big Sing

Sunday 22nd December, 3-4pm in the church hall. Come for traditional carols, mulled wine, a hot drink and Christmas baking.

St Mary's, New Abbey

Wednesdays at 7pm- "Preparation for Christmas". On *4th* and *18th* December in Church of Scotland and on *11th* December at St Mary's.

Friday 20th December, 7pm-Carol service at St Mary's followed by refreshments in the Bagnall Centre. All welcome.

St Columba's

St Columba's Sacramental Meeting

There is a meeting for parents of children who will be confirmed in February next Sunday, 8th December, after Mass. It is important to attend these meetings.

Reverse Advent Calendar

Please join us to help bring some festive joy to families in need this Christmas. Each day pop an item in a box/bag. It could be food, toiletries, chocolates, crisps, special treats, toys.....whatever you can spare. Then bring it to church on each Sunday during Advent. We hope to have a few hampers ready to be distributed by Kate's Kitchen, to whom we have donated for the past two years.



Weekly Collection

The collection for last week amounted to £255.43 and £23.75 was collected for SCIAF. Thank you.