



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

*Parishes of the R C Diocese of Galloway -  
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**Times of Mass and Services  
16th-21st December 2019**

**Tuesday** Mass in St Columba's Primary School at 10am  
**Wednesday** Mass in St Andrew's at 10am  
**Thursday** Mass in St Columba's at 10am  
**Friday** Mass in St Andrew's at 9.30am  
**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 Saturday of the month, St Andrew's**

Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima, 5 pm

**14th/15th December 2019**

**3rd Sunday of Advent (Year A)**

**Readings**

Isaiah 35: 1-6. 10  
James 5: 7-10  
Matthew 11: 2-11

**Psalm Response**

Come, Lord, and save us.

**Today's Liturgy** Eucharistic Prayer III

**Next Sunday** 4th Sunday of Advent (year A)

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

John the Baptist again takes centre stage but in a different mood from last week -in prison, he wants to know if Jesus is the one they are awaiting. Jesus' answer is enigmatic. John is told to read the signs for himself.

**Father Gerald's Mass intentions for this week**

Tuesday:	Intention
Wednesday:	Gene Egan
Thursday:	Isabella Wells
Friday:	Jean Baxter
Saturday:	Mary McGeehan
Sunday:	For the Parish

**Please remember in your prayers**

Michael Clark	Elizabeth Elliot
Joan Jeavons	Betty Fulton
Norah MacDonald	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](http://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](mailto: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.

### Timetable in the week ahead

Please note the timetable for **Penance Services** in the week ahead.



Please also note that there are changes in the timings and venues of Masses in the coming week.

### First Holy Communion

The celebration of First Holy Communion in St Andrew's and in St Columba's will take place on **Sunday 14th June 2020** at the 10am and 12noon Masses respectively.

**NB Father Gerald's direct e-mail address:**  
[dumfries.standrew@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:dumfries.standrew@gallowaydiocese.org.uk).

### 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](http://www.sciaf.org.uk/realgifts) or call 0141 354 5555.

### Dumfries Christian Network (DCN)

There are notices at the back of the church with details of Christmas services and events in the local, member churches and about the surplus food which will be available at the River of Life Centre on Christmas Eve, as well as about the open-invitation Christmas service and dinner there on Christmas Day for those who would otherwise be alone. Helping volunteers are welcome. Further information is available at the DCN website : [www.dumfrieschurches.org.uk](http://www.dumfrieschurches.org.uk).



### St Andrew's Meetings

The next **Ladies' Circle** gathering is on **Tuesday 21st January** for a Spiritual Afternoon.

The **Society of St Vincent de Paul** will meet on **Thursday 19th December** in the Church House.

### Ministries at Christmas

There is a sheet on the noticeboard for Eucharistic Ministers over the Christmas Masses. Please sign up if you are able to help out.

### Christmas Fayre

A big thank you to all who contributed in any way. A grand total of £1582 was raised for parish funds. Many thanks again and Merry Christmas from Carol and team!

### Fairtrade



The Fairtrade stall will be open next weekend, on 21st and 22nd December.

### Coffee Proceeds

The £73.82 raised at last week's coffee and bacon rolls will be donated to "Educate the Kids". St Andrews are funding the school to open in order to provide the children with a meal on Christmas day! Many thanks!

### Weekly Collection

The collection for last week amounted to £1024.36. St Vincent de Paul collected £155.04. The Jars of Hope has gone up to £414. Thank you.

### 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

**Carols at 5.30pm and Vigil at 6pm** St Teresa's  
**Christmas Eve Vigil 6pm** St Columba's  
**Carols at 8.30pm and Vigil at 9pm** St Luke's, Moffat  
**Carols at 9.30pm and Vigil at 10pm** St Andrew's

**Christmas Day 9.30am** Holy Trinity, Lockerbie  
**10am** St Andrews  
**11.30am** St Teresa's  
**12 noon** St Columba's

### PFA Carol Service

**Tuesday 17th December at 7pm** in St Joseph's College Chapel followed by festive refreshments in the assembly hall. You are invited to bring a donation for the local food bank.



### Big Sing

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

### St Mary's, New Abbey

"Preparation for Christmas". On **17th December at 7pm** in the Church of Scotland.

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

### Pizza and Panto night



The diocesan Youth Ministry Team are running a free "Pizza and Panto" night to which all young people of all ages are invited. It's in St Margaret's Cathedral, John St, Ayr (KA8 OBS) on Sunday 29th Dec from 6pm to 9pm and is an evening of food, fun and a lovely night prayer to end. Contact Fr Jim on 01387 252603 for more information.

### St Columba's Mince pies, coffee....

... (or sherry) will be served after 12 noon Mass on Sunday 22nd December. Come and enjoy some Christmas cheer!

### Appeal for greenery

The Parish flower arrangers would be grateful for donations of greenery (holly, ivy, fir for example) to help decorate the church for Christmas. Any donations can be handed in to the Church kitchen before Mass next Sunday 22nd December.



### 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 £283.10 and £32.10 was collected for SCIAF. Thank you.