



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

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**Times of Mass and Services
23rd-28th December 2019**

Tuesday Mass in St Columba's at 10am
Mass in St Columba's at 7pm
Mass in St Andrew's at 10pm
Wednesday Mass in St Andrew's at 10am
Mass in St Columba's at 12 noon
Thursday Mass in St Columba's at 7pm
Friday Requiem Mass in St Columba's at 10am
Saturday Mass in St Andrew'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

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

21st/22nd December 2019

4th Sunday of Advent (Year A)

Readings

Isaiah 7: 10-14

Romans 1: 1-7

Matthew 1: 18-24

Psalm Response

Let the Lord enter!

He is the King of glory.

Today's Liturgy Eucharistic Prayer IV

Next Sunday: The Holy Family (year A)

4th Sunday of Advent

We come together as the people of God, knowing that God is with us and that He walks with us through life. With a deep sense of trust, we gather to offer our thanks and praise to the Lord.

Father Gerald's Mass intentions for this week

Tuesday:	Buckley Family Intention
Wednesday:	Alan and Catherine Marshall
Thursday:	Intention
Friday:	Intention
Saturday:	Intention
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.

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

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



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.

Christmas Day

Although already a day we naturally associate with coming to Mass, Christmas Day is a Holyday of Obligation.

Timetable in the week ahead

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



Christmas Wishes

Father Gerald wishes all parishioners and their families and friends a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

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.

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.



St Margaret's
Children and Family Care Society

As is usual, the monies collected at our Crib/Nativity will be donated to St Margaret's, the only Catholic Adoption Agency in the UK and one which achieved the highest possible grades in their recent inspection. This is a vital source of income for the charity which provides a number of services for adoptive families as well as recruiting, training and supporting new adopters. There is more information on posters on the board. Please give whatever you can.

St Andrew's Meetings

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

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.

Fairtrade



The Fairtrade stall is open this weekend, on 21st and 22nd December.

Weekly Collection

The collection for last week amounted to £800.29. St Vincent de Paul collected £117.46. The Jars of Hope remain at £414. Thank you.

Advent and Christmas Services and Events



Christmas Eve

Carols at 5.30pm and Vigil at 6pm St Teresa's
Christmas Eve Vigil 7pm 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

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.

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 today, Sunday 22nd December. Come and enjoy some Christmas cheer!



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.

Jars of Hope

A donation of £100 has been sent to the SCIAF Syrian Appeal and £100 has been sent to Friends of the Holy Land. The total now stands at £46.

Weekly Collection

The collection for last week amounted to £284.83 and £32.40 was collected for SCIAF. Thank you.

Rest in Peace

Donald Finnan R.I.P.: We pray for the repose of the soul of Donald Finnan who has died and we remember his family at this sad time. The Vigil reception for Donald is at 6.30pm on Thursday in St Columba's and the Requiem Mass is at 10am on Thursday. May he rest in peace.