



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

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**Times of Mass and Services
30th December 2019-4th January 2020**

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 Saturday of the month, St Andrew's

Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima, 5 pm

28th/29th December 2019

The Holy Family (Year A)

Readings

Ecclesiasticus 3: 2-6. 12-14
Colossians 3: 12-21
Matthew 2: 13-15. 19-23

Psalm Response

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!

Today's Liturgy Eucharistic Prayer I

Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord (year A)

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

The feast of the Holy Family invites us to eavesdrop into the life of the Holy Family and learn from their life of love and devotion, especially in times of uncertainty and fear.

Father Gerald's Mass intentions for this week

Tuesday:	Donald Finnan
Wednesday:	Harry Rutherford
Thursday:	Donald Finnan
Friday:	Sr Kathleen Intention
Saturday:	Mary Dick 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.

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.

Timetable in the week ahead

The Mass timetable in the week ahead returns to normal.

New Year's Day

Wednesday is the 1st January. It is the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God. It is also the World Day for Peace. There is a Mass in St Andrew's at 10am. There are also Masses in Holy Trinity, Lockerbie, at 9.30am and in St Teresa's at 11.30am.



Justice and Peace Scotland
Ceartas agus Sìth

Feast of the Epiphany

Next weekend is the Feast of the Epiphany. There will be a second collection at all Masses for the work of the ***Scottish Justice and Peace Commission***, which advises the Scottish Bishops' Conference in matters relating to social justice, international peace and human rights, and promotes action in these areas. You can find more information about the Commission at the website, justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk.

Ministries at Mass—help needed

An appeal is made for parishioners in both St Andrew's and St Columba's to seriously consider serving in one of the ministries at Mass. There is a need for more readers and Eucharistic ministers and we also need more people for the music ministry, particularly organ or keyboard. If you can help please speak to Fr Gerald or a member of the PPC.

Family Prayer Ministry

Remember St Andrew's has a family prayer ministry where you are asked to pray for intentions asked by parishioners anonymously - the names of those to be prayed for known only to God. Every month the prayer requests are placed in an envelope on the Lady altar. Prayer cards and request sheets are on the table at the back of the church - just taking a prayer card and saying the prayer every day will ensure your participation.

Prayer is a powerful tool - let us make sure our prayers are heard and make sure our prayers can help those in need.

If you have someone in need of prayer—or if there is something happening in your life that you are worried about, fill in a prayer request slip and direct the power of prayer to it.

St Andrew's

Meetings

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

Fairtrade



The Fairtrade stall is open this weekend, on 28th and 29th December.

Weekly Collection

The collection for last week amounted to £1273.09. St Vincent de Paul collected £138.96 on 21st, 22nd December and £149.92 on 24th, 25th. The Jars of Hope total remains at £414. Thank you.

Sacramental preparation

First Reconciliation is celebrated in P3 and Confirmation in P4. If you do not attend a Catholic school please see Fr Gerald or Rebecca Crosbie in St Andrew's or Pat McElhone in St Columba's as soon as possible. Don't leave it until just before the celebrations. If you were not baptised in the parish, please make sure you provide a certificate of Baptism. **Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop Nolan on Thursday 6th February in St Teresa's, Dumfries.**

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.

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*Very Happy, Blessed and Peaceful
New Decade
to all parishioners, family and
friends!*



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.

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.

First Base Agency Food Bank

Please keep up your donations of non-perishable foodstuffs for the Food Bank. Suggestions include: coffee, long life milk, pasta, cooking sauce, microwave rice, tinned meat, vegetables and potatoes.

St Columba's

Weekly Collection

The collection for last week amounted to £424.27 and £47.40 was collected for SCIAF. The Jars of Hope total remains at £46. Thank you.