



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

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**Times of Mass and Services**

**17th-22nd February 2020**

**Tuesday** Mass in St Columba's 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 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

**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

**15th/16th February 2020**

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**

**Readings**

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20  
1 Corinthians 2:6-10  
Matthew 5:17-37

**Psalm Response**

They are happy who follow God's law!

**Today's Liturgy Eucharistic Prayer II**

**Next Sunday:** 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (year A)

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Today we hear about God's Law, that it is primarily about genuine love of God and love of others.

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

Tuesday:	Father Gerald
Wednesday:	is away Mon-Frid
Thursday:	
Friday:	
Saturday:	Sturgeon Family intention
Sunday:	For the Parish

**Please remember in your prayers**

Michael Clark	Elizabeth Elliot
Joan Jeavons	Betty Fulton
Norah MacDonald	Betty Finnan
Francis Clington	Janet Whitefield

*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 February 2020**

**Listen to the Migrants' Cries:**

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

[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**



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.

### Mass schedule

Please note some changes in the week ahead.

### Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 26th February is Ash Wednesday. SCIAF "Wee Boxes" and Lenten "My Day by Day" booklets will be available for you to pick up next weekend.



### 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.

### St Andrew's Meetings

The next **Ladies' Circle** meeting is on *Tuesday 18th February* at 1.30pm in the Church Hall when the speaker will be John Stewart from Shambellie House.

The **Liturgy Group** meets on *Tuesday 25th February* at 7pm in the Parish house.

The next meeting of the **Inter-Parish Pro Life Group** is on *Wednesday 25th March* at 7pm at St Teresa's.

### St Mary's, New Abbey

Ruth Dickson has been staying at the Bagnall Centre on retreat and has written a booklet on the Holy Spirit while there. Her website is [www.gihonpublishing.co.uk](http://www.gihonpublishing.co.uk) and her work may be downloaded for free!

*Thursday 27th February, 11.30:* Lectio Divina discussion on the gospel of the day followed by our shared lunch

*Wednesday 25th March, 12 noon:* Annunciation. Fr Mancini will say Mass followed by our meal as usual. Our friends from Kirkconnel will be with us. More details from Jo Kemp on 01387 850554.

### Music preparation

Christopher Watt will be with us on *Wednesday 19th February* at 7pm in the hall (NB return to usual starting time). We will continue to learn the Mass of Creation by Marty Haugen as well as hymns and psalms for mass. All Welcome!

### Collection Envelopes



If you would like to make your weekly contribution to the Church by envelope and are not already doing so, please make a request now for the envelopes which start in April. Please complete a **Weekly Collection Envelope form** available in the porch or on the website and return it to the Church house as soon as is possible. If you already use the envelopes you need take no action other than pick up your new envelopes when they come to the table in Church in early March.

Please also consider filling in a **Gift Aid form** if you are a taxpayer. The Church benefits from a 25% contribution from the taxman at no cost to you.

### 200 Club Draw

The 200 Club year ends at the end of March. Envelopes will be at the back of the Church from this Saturday, 15th February for members to make their annual contributions of £12. There will be no envelopes for anyone who has already paid in full. The club urgently needs new members so please consider signing up using an application form from the table at the back of the Church. Proceeds are put to good use in the Parish.

### Weekly Collection

The collection for last week amounted to £586.84. St Vincent de Paul collected £66.48. The Jars of Hope total remains at £481. Thank you.

### SPRED



SPRED is an organisation which caters for the spiritual requirements and religious education for people with special needs. It exists throughout our Diocese and country and it is hoped to start a SPRED group in Dumfries later in the year. Representatives will hopefully come to the Parish to give a more detailed description of their valuable work. If anyone is interested in forming such a group, please fill in the form which is available from today.



### Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Once again the Diocese will be travelling to the Holy Land to walk in the footsteps of our Lord. This year's pilgrimage takes place from October 12th-19th and we will stay in Bethlehem and Tiberias. Father Gerald has booking forms. Please see the poster on the noticeboard at the back of the Church or contact Fr David Borland for more information: [david.borland@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:david.borland@gallowaydiocese.org.uk).

### Across Pilgrimage to Lourdes by Jumbulance-April 2020

This pilgrimage leaves from Kilmarnock on *Thursday 23rd April-Saturday 2nd May*. Everyone on the pilgrimage has an essential role to play, from the assisted pilgrims to the chaplain, doctor, nurses and lay helpers.

The inclusive, full-board cost is £850 per person. Further information and application forms can be obtained by contacting the Group Leader, Alison Neil— Tel 07749555955; e-mail: [Alison.neil@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Alison.neil@hotmail.co.uk) or visit *Across* at [www.across.org.uk](http://www.across.org.uk) or telephone 020 3542 1800.

### ST. ANDREW'S NURSERY (BROOKE ST)...

... are enrolling children for Nursery on **Wed 26th** and **Thur 27th** Feb from 9 am to 2.30 pm. From August 2020 the entitlement for children will be raised from 600 hrs to 1140 hrs. **Our new business hours will be 8.30 am to 3.30 pm to accommodate this new entitlement.** If your child is born between 1st March 2016 and 28th Feb 2018 they are entitled to funded nursery places from the term after their third birthday. The new entitlement of 1140 hrs also allows for children to access one meal a day (lunch within our setting) and a snack. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact **Fiona Douglas on 07817636212.**



### Dumfries Christian Network (DCN) AGM

Everyone is cordially invited to the DCN AGM on *Tuesday 25th February* at 6.45pm for pancakes or 7.30pm for the start of the meeting. The Guest Speaker is Renita Boyle who will be talking about Creativity and Christianity. Please see the poster on the noticeboard for more information about Renita or visit her website at [www.renitaboyle.com](http://www.renitaboyle.com).

### St Columba's St Columba's PPC

The next meeting of the PPC has been postponed until *Thursday 5th March* to avoid a clash in Fr Gerald's diary.

### Annan Churches Together

Future meetings are on *Tuesdays 28th April and 8th September* at 7 for 7.15pm.

### Weekly Collection

The collection for last week was £313.37 and the collection for SCIAF raised £42.26. The Jars of Hope total stands at £129. Thank you.