



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

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**Times of Mass and Services
9th-14th March 2020**

Tuesday Mass in St Columba's at 11.15am
(Stations of the Cross at 11am)
Wednesday Mass in St Andrew's at 10am
Stations of the Cross at 7pm
Thursday Mass in St Columba's at 7pm
Friday Mass in St Andrew's at 10am
Saturday Mass in St Teresa's at 10am
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

Pope Francis' prayer intention for March 2020

Catholics in China:

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its
faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity .

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.

**7th/8th March 2020
2nd Sunday of Lent (Year A)**

Readings

Genesis 12:1-4
2 Timothy 1:8-10
Matthew 17:1-9

Psalm Response

May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

Today's Liturgy Eucharistic Prayer I

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent (year A)

2nd Sunday of Lent

Many biblical events happen on high mountains, like the
temptation of Jesus in last week's Gospel. Today Jesus
takes Peter, James and John up a high mountain where
they are given a glimpse of heavenly glory.

Father Gerald's Mass intentions for this week

Tuesday:	Ian McCormack
Wednesday:	Alice Yersz
Thursday:	Nando Lucchesi
Friday:	Dignity Family Intention
Saturday:	Una Hurley
Sunday:	For the Parish

Please remember in your prayers

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

*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

Coronavirus Precautions

From this weekend preventive measures will be implemented in both parishes in line with the Diocesan Stage 2 advice which you can see at the Diocesan and St Andrews websites and Facebook pages. The advice is also on noticeboards and doors for those who are not online.

Main actions to prevent virus spread include:

- *Everyone being responsible for maintaining good hygiene*
- *Those with cold or flu symptoms should not attend*
- *Temporary suspension of hand-shaking, Holy Water stoups and the Chalice*
- *The Eucharistic Ministry will be suspended in favour of Father Gerald distributing the Host alone*
- *Collection rounds will be replaced by baskets/plates into which you can drop your offering on the way out or in*
- *Temporary suspension of Sunday Coffee/Tea*

The hope is that we can return to normal as soon as is possible and that we can be sympathetic and supportive towards vulnerable parish members in the meantime. Thank you for your forbearance and help.

St Andrew's Meetings

The next **Ladies' Circle** meeting is on *Tuesday 10th March* on Guide Dogs for the Blind.

The **Society of St Vincent de Paul** meet on *Thursday 12th March* at 7pm in the Church House.

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

Lenten Lunches



St Andrew's turn is on 3rd April. Carol is looking for soup makers and also for some home baking, plus helpers on the day and donations for cheese and other items. Please phone Carol on 264356.

St Mary's, New Abbey

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.

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** and return it to the Church house as soon as is possible. If you already use the envelopes **please pick up your envelopes** from the table at the back. Thank you.



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 are at the back of the Church for members to make their annual contributions of £12. There are no envelopes for anyone who has already paid in full. Application forms for anyone new who wants to join are at the back of the Church. Proceeds are put to good use in the Parish.

Weekly Collection

The collection for last week amounted to £822.91. St Vincent de Paul collected £141.61. The Jars of Hope total remains at £493. Thank you.

Lenten Services: Stations of the Cross

In **St Columba's** on the **Tuesdays of Lent at 11am.**

This is followed by Mass at 11.15am and then Lenten Lunches for SCIAF at 12noon.



In **St Andrew's** on **Wednesday evenings at 7pm.**

There is a sign-up list on the noticeboard for anyone who would like to lead the Stations on a particular Wednesday, perhaps sharing a set of Stations which are special to you.

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You are welcome to pick up your Lenten edition from the usual place if you have not already done so!

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.

Across Pilgrimage to Lourdes by Jumbulance-April 2020

This leaves from Kilmarnock on *Thursday 23rd April-Saturday 2nd May*. Everyone 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 or visit *Across* at www.across.org.uk or telephone 020 3542 1800.

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



St Columba's St Columba's Diary Dates

The next **Parish Coffee Morning** is on *Saturday 23rd May*.

Lenten Lunches

Each Tuesday from 3rd March - 31st March at 11:15 am, there will Stations of the Cross followed by Mass. After this a soup lunch will be available in the meeting room.

Annan Churches Together

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

Spring Fayre: Annan Churches Together will be holding their Spring Fayre on *Saturday 14th March* in Annan United Reformed Church 10am to 12noon. St. Columba's will be running the Tombola stall, so donations for this would be most appreciated. All proceeds in aid of the Annan Homelessness Charity, Shelter.



100 Club Draw (February)

The £50 winner is No. 69, Mr K Toal, and £96 is added to Church funds.

Weekly Collection

The collection for 23rd February was £420.20 and £27.79 was given for SCIAF. Last week's collection

Rest in peace

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Eileen Ryan** from Langholm who died recently. May she rest in peace.