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## Parish Bulletin

**9th/10th March 2019**

**First Sunday of Lent** (*Year C*)

**Today's Liturgy** Eucharistic Prayer III

### Readings

Deuteronomy 20:4-10  
 Romans 10:8-13  
 Luke 4:1-13

### Spoken Psalm Response

Be with me, O Lord, in my distress

### Next Sunday

2nd Sunday in Lent

### Lenten Reflection

If Christians knew the value of the cross,  
 they would walk a hundred miles to obtain it,  
 because enclosed in the beloved cross is true wisdom  
 and that is what I am looking for night and day  
 more eagerly than ever.

*Saint Louids de Montfore (1673-1716)*

### Stations of the Cross:

\* at 7 pm in St Andrew's on Wednesdays in Lent. If  
 you would like to lead one please let Fr Gerald know.  
 \* at 11.15 am on Thursdays in Lent followed by Mass  
 at St Columba's

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

Tuesday:	Ann Adams
Wednesday:	Margaret Adamson
Thursday:	Intention
Friday:	Sheila Gray
Saturday:	Fr James McCrudden
Sunday:	For the Parish

**Please remember in your prayers those who are sick  
 everyone on the family prayer ministry prayer requests.  
 and all those whose needs are not known to us.**

Michael Clark	Norah McDonald	Betty Fulton
Joan Jeavons	Elizabeth Elliot	

### Sick and housebound

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.

### Times of Mass and Services

**11th—17th March 2019**

**Tuesday** Stations of the Cross at 11.15 am  
 Mass in St Columba's at 11.30 am

**Wednesday** Mass in St Andrew's at 10 am  
 Stations of the Cross at 7 pm

**Thursday** Mass in St Columba's at 7 pm

**Friday** Mass in St Andrew's at 10 am

**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 Thursday:** Mass in St Teresa's, 10 am

### 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

### Holidays of Obligation

Mass in St Andrew's at 9.30 am & 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 Sunday of the month, St Columba's

coffee after Mass

### First Saturday of the month, St Andrew's

Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima, 5 pm

### Pope Francis' prayer intention for March 2019.

### Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities

That Christian communities, especially those who are  
 persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their  
 rights respected.

[www.virc.at](http://www.virc.at) This website provides the readings for the  
 Mass in many languages.

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.

## ***The Season Of Lent*** ***WEE BOX Big Change appeal***

Every Lent, between Ash Wednesday and Easter, we save money in their SCIAF WEE BOX to help give a hand up to people in poverty. **Pick up your WEE BOX this week**

***My Day by Day booklets*** are available for you to take home, with a prayer and reflection for Lent.

### ***Altar Servers***

Anyone who has made their First Holy Communion (Primary 5 and above) and wishes to be an altar server please let Fr Gerald know and training will be arranged.

## **Saint Andrew's**

### ***Meetings***

***The SSVP Conference*** will meet on Thursday 14th March at 7:30pm in the Church House.

***Inter Parish Pro Life Group*** meet on Wednesday 27th March 7.00pm at St Teresa's. New Members always welcome.

***The PPC*** meets on Tuesday 26th March at 6.45 pm (please note time)

### ***Lenten Lunches***

Every Friday between 8th March and 12th April. St Andrew's turn is 5th April. We need donations of cheese and people to make soup—and, of course, help on the day. Please contact Carol on 264356 if you can help.

### ***New Tabernacle and Sanctuary Lamp***

Bishop Nolan will formally bless and commission the new tabernacle and new sanctuary lamp on his next parish visit. These new articles emphasise the centrality of the Eucharist in our worship and the special place of the tabernacle in the church. Whenever we come into church we should reverence the tabernacle with a genuflection before entering our seat.

### ***St Mary's New Abbey***

On Wednesday 20th March, Susan Leask will give an illustrated talk about her visit to St Catherine's Monastery in South Sinai - home of the Burning Bush and much more! Format as usual, a quick lunch at 12noon followed by the talk.

*Further dates for your diary:*

11th April, James Behan 'Recollections of Parish Life' going back over 100 years

13th June Sr. Jean Lawson on 'Iona past and present.' Please contact Jo Kemp 01387 850554 for more details

### ***200 Club—come and join us***

If you can spare just £12 please join us. Just complete an application form from the table at the back of the church and drop it in the collection bag. We will do the rest. If you are already a member you need take no action now—your renewal form will be sent soon.

### ***Collection Envelopes***

There are still some envelopes at the back of the church, please take yours today

### ***Weekly Collection***

The collection last week was £739.46. Parishioners gave £108. to the St Vincent de Paul. The Jars of Hope increased by £53 and stands at £310 Thank you.

### ***First Reconciliation***

We celebrate First Reconciliation this Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm in St Andrew's for the children in Primary 3. We pray for them and their families.

### ***First Holy Communion Sunday 16 th June***

St Andrew's Dumfries will celebrate First Holy Communion at the 10am Mass.

St Columba's Annan will celebrate First Holy Communion at 12noon Mass.



### ***Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes*** ***1st-8th July 2019.***

The group will stay at the Hotel Chapelle et Parc. Flights are from Prestwick and the price is £795.

Booking forms are now available. See the poster for more details.

### ***Assisted Pilgrim Places***

Lourdes Hospitalite have availability in their Welcome Centre for those who require support in any way. If you know of anyone who would benefit from being an assisted Pilgrim please inform Fr Gerald.

### ***STOP PRESS - NEW***

### ***Pilgrimage to Turkey 'in the footsteps of St Paul'*** 10th—17th October 2019. £970

Direct flights from Glasgow, full board in 4\* hotel, full spiritual programme, Led by Bishop Nolan.

See poster for more details.

## **Saint Columba's**

### ***Please note the Lenten timetable on Tuesday.***

Stations of the Cross at 11.15 am followed by Mass followed by Lenten Lunches for SCIAF, please support.

### ***Ladies Who Lunch Afternoon Tea.***

30th March, 1pm-5pm at St Columba's Primary School. £10 a ticket. Prosecco and afternoon tea. Games, prizes and dancing. Funds raised will go towards Catriona Gilfillan's pilgrimage to Lourdes as a Lady Helper and Ella Irving's Borneo Expedition. Contact Cat on 07774317996 to book a ticket

### ***Tea and coffee***

On the first weekend of the month, there are teas and coffees in the meeting room after Mass today, please come along.

### ***Spring Fayre***

Annan Churches Together Spring Fayre will take place on Saturday 16th March in United Reformed Church from 10am to 12noon. St Columba's will be running the Tombola stall so any donations for this would be most welcome. All proceeds to Annan Food Bank.

### ***Advance Notice!***

St Columba's Coffee Morning is on Saturday 11th May in the Market Hall Annan from 10.00 - 12.00

### ***Weekly Collection***

The collection last week was £304.64. The SCIAF door collection raised £43.80 The Jars of Hope stands at £211. Thank you.