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## The Parishes of St Andrew's, Dumfries, and St Columba's, Annan

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## Parish Bulletin

**25th/26th May 2019**  
**6th Sunday of Easter (Year C)**

**Today's Liturgy** Eucharistic Prayer III

### Readings

Acts 15: 1-2.22-29  
 Apocalypse 21: 10-14.22-23  
 John 14: 23-29

### Spoken Psalm Response

Let the peoples praise you ,O God;  
 let all the peoples praise you.

### Next Sunday

Seventh Sunday of Easter

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

The risen Jesus is by our side: his indwelling word teaches us how to live. God has come to make God's home within us. Thus we may know such peace as the world can never give.

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

Wednesday: Marianne Notini  
 Thursday: Joan Jeavons intention  
 Friday: Esther Uphill  
 Saturday: Annie McCole  
 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	Elizabeth Elliot	Connie Green
Joan Jeavons	Betty Fulton	Donald & Betty
Norah McDonald	David Buckley	Finnan

### 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.

### 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@yahoo.com](mailto:rcchaplain@yahoo.com)

## Times of Mass and Services 27th May – 2nd June 2019

**Tuesday** Mass in St Columba's at 10 am  
**Wednesday** Mass in St Andrew's at 10am  
**Thursday** **Holyday of obligation**  
 Mass in St Andrew's at 9.30 am and 7 pm  
 Mass in St Columba's at 11.30 am  
**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

### 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 May.

The Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity.  
 That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

[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.

### ***Father Gerald***

On Tuesday afternoon I had an accident whilst cycling and have fractured my arm at the shoulder. I do not know how long the recovery period will be. It does mean that I am not allowed to drive for the next few weeks. This obviously has an impact with regard to visiting the sick and housebound and any potential calls to the hospital. I can only appeal to your patience and understanding in this regard. Fr Joe Holmes has very kindly offered to help out in St Columba's. I am still able to say Mass here in St Andrew's albeit with an increase of help from ministers of the Eucharist. I am discovering new and ingenious ways of coping with one arm so hopefully the impact on the worshipping life of the parish will be minimised.

## **Saint Andrew's**

### ***Meetings***

The **Ladies Circle** meet on Tuesday 28th May at 7.30 for their A.G.M.

The next **IPPLG** meeting will be on Wednesday 5th June, 7pm at St Teresa's.

### ***AGM 2019***

Sincere thanks to everyone who attended the Parish Pastoral Council AGM. It does highlight the fact that we do have a vibrant parish community with a lot of people doing a lot of things and exercising many ministries. As always there is always room for more involvement so please consider how you could serve the parish. The minutes will be on the notice board and on the web site by next week and various points raised will be featured in the bulletin.

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

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



### ***Fairtrade on sale this weekend***

### ***Readers and Ministers rotas***

Most of the readers and ministers rotas, and the bidding prayers for the children, are sent by email and one of two people recently have said they are not receiving them. If you think you should be getting these by email and are not doing so can you please send an email to [rcdumfriesannan@sky.com](mailto:rcdumfriesannan@sky.com) so that I can check your email address on my contacts list. If I do not hear from you I will assume all is well and you are getting the information correctly. Note that the rotas and bidding prayers are sent in groups; have a look at your spam or junk folders to make sure they are not being diverted. The rota is also put on the website – if you can't see it they try clearing the cache.

### ***Christian Aid, Lenten Lunches***

Thanks to everyone who attended the Lenten lunches this year. The total raised for Christian Aid was £5400.

### ***Weekly Collection***

The collection last week amounted to £720.85. The Jars of Hope remains at £125. The Wee Boxes raised approx. £1850. Thank you.

### ***Feast of the Ascension***

This Thursday, 30th May is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses in St Andrew's at 9.30 am and 7 pm and in St Columba's at 11.30 am.

### ***Day for Life, 2019***

The Bishops' Conference has decreed that Friday 31st May, Feast of the Visitation "The Day for Life". There is a second collection next weekend for the work of this commission and the promotion of the Gospel value of the defence and promotion of all Life issues in our society.

### ***Deanery Pastoral Council.***

There is a Deanery Pastoral Council on Saturday 15th June in Kirkcudbright from 11.30am-3pm. Representatives from both parishes are required. If interested please let Fr Gerald know

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

### ***Special Invitation to All Current and Retired Galloway Diocese Primary Headteachers***

You are cordially invited to attend the annual Bishops' Mass, lunch and mini-conference on Tuesday 28th May, 2019. Bishop Nolan will celebrate Mass at 12.15 in St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock, followed by lunch and speakers in the church hall. Please RSVP to the Diocesan office [kate@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:kate@gallowaydiocese.org.uk)

### ***Dumfries Christian Network (DCN)***

The next General Meeting of the Dumfries Christian Network is on Tuesday 28th May at the River of Life church at 7pm for 7.30pm. They welcome anyone who would wish to fulfil the role of Secretary or Vice Convenor.

***The DCN Songs of Praise celebrating Guid Nyburris***  
Dumfries High School on Sunday 9th June. Doors open at 6.30pm for refreshments. St Michael's & South Junior Choir & Diva Voice at 6.45pm. Service at 7.30pm. All welcome.

## **Saint Columba's**

### ***Sponsored walk***

Annan Christian Aid group are holding a sponsored walk on Saturday 8th June. Colette will be taking part in this and any sponsorship would be greatly appreciated. Details at the back of the church.

### ***Weekly Collection***

The collection for last week amounted to £242.35. The SCIAF door collection totalled £ 18.21. Thank you.

**Alice Dames R.I.P.** We pray for the repose of the soul of Alice Dames who died recently. Her funeral mass will be on Monday 3rd June at 10am in St Andrews and her body will be brought to the church on Sunday evening at 6.30pm. May she rest in peace.