



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

*Parishes of the R C Diocese of Galloway -  
Registered Charity No. SCO10576*

**Parish Notices**

**Week beginning 4th February, 2024**

*Mass timetable in the week ahead:*

NB There is an additional Mass on Friday at 12.30 which will be the Requiem Mass for Bill McQueen.

**St Andrew's: Wednesday at 12noon; Friday at 10am & 12.30.**

**St Columba's: Tuesday at 10am; Thursday at 7pm.**

**Weekend Masses:**

**St Andrew's: Saturday Vigil at 6pm ; Sunday at 10am;**

**St Columba's : Sunday at 12noon**

*NB There is Mass with exposition in St Andrew's on Saturday, 10th February at 10am.*

**NB All Sunday 10am and Wednesday 10am Masses from St Andrew's are live-streamed.**

*Sacrament of Confirmation*

This weekend we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. We pray for the Candidates and their families as they journey towards First Holy Communion which will be celebrated in both parishes on **Sunday 9th June.**

*Ash Wednesday*

Please note that Ash Wednesday is on **Wednesday 14th February.** SCIAF materials and day-by-day Lenten booklets will be available next week.

*Sacrament of Reconciliation*

There is an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the period of Exposition on alternate Saturdays and also before the Vigil Mass on each weekend.

*Meeting in the week ahead*

The St Andrew's conference of SSVF will meet on **Tuesday 6th February** at 7pm in Church House.

*St Andrew's "200" Club January Draw*

£50 no.83 Norah Scott *Congratulations to all of this*

£25 no.106 Andrew Lilly *month's winners.*

£15 no.51 Joseph Hair *Envelopes for renewal of membership for 2024-2025 will be available in Church next Sunday.*

*Collections*

**St Andrew's** collection was £520.35. **SSVP** donations amounted to £154.12. **St Columba's** collection was £207.25 with £34.69 for SCIAF and £10 for SSVP. Thank you very much.

**Firstbase...** continue to be grateful for all donations.

*Rest in Peace*

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Bill McQueen** of Locharbriggs. We also pray for the comforting of Bill's family. The Requiem Mass for Bill is at 12.30pm on Friday in St Andrew's.

**Pope Francis' prayer intention for February:  
For the terminally ill**

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

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**4th February, 2024**

**5th Sunday of the year (Year B)**

Job 7:1-4. 6-7

1 Corinthians 9: 16-19. 22-23

Mark 1: 29-39

*Psalm Response*

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

**Today's Liturgy:** Eucharistic Prayer III

*Next Sunday :*

6th Sunday of the year (Year B)

**5th Sunday of the year (Year B)**

Life can often be burdensome, but Jesus offers us the Good News of salvation. We come together, praying that our community and the Gospels will sustain each of us on our journey of faith, with our eyes always on the Lord who promises redemption.

*Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:*

Tuesday: Hannah Attwood anniversary

Wednesday: Frank O'Neill anniversary

Thursday: McElhone family intention

Friday: Brian McMurdo anniversary

Saturday: Annie Smith

Sunday: For the Parish

**Please remember in your prayers**

*those who are sick, everyone on the family prayer ministry requests and all those whose needs are not known to us.*

Libby McLaughlin

Anne Murdy

Eric Sherman

James Behan

Anne Richardson

Astrida Kruste

Ted & Jean Machin

Cathy O'Neill

Michael O'Regan

Peter Richardson

*Sick and Housebound*

I am available for the reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion. If any parishioner requires assistance or needs to talk, please call me on the Parish number.

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

Please convey information and updates to anyone you know who is sick or housebound.



### *Year of Prayer*

Pope Francis has designated this year a Year of Prayer in preparation for the Holy Year of 2025. A Holy Year is celebrated every 25 years. In this Year of Prayer we examine our own lives of prayer and look to ways in which we can deepen our relationship with Christ.

There is a Holy Year Facebook page at "Holy Year Scotland 2025" for those who would like to access updates and resources. This can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/holyyearsotland2025>.



### *Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-Elect Frank Dougan*

**St Peter-in-Chains Church, Ardrossan  
Saturday 9th March 2024 at 11am**

*Ceremony to take Possession of the Cathedral*

**St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr  
Sunday 10th March 2024 at 3pm**

Entry to both ceremonies is by ticket only and an allocation of tickets for each parish in the diocese for the Ordination Mass will be made known on Friday 16th February. The ordination Mass will be broadcast live in the parish hall of St-Peter-in-Chains and anyone is welcome to attend until the hall is full. The Mass will also be livestreamed through the diocesan Youtube channel: @RCGallowayDiocese and on the Facebook page.

*Please pray for our Bishop-Elect, Frank.*

### *Other Breaking Episcopal News*

Galloway priest, Fr Martin Chambers has been appointed to be Bishop of Dunkeld, covering the City of Dundee and Tayside region. We congratulate him upon his appointment and pray for him as he begins to make preparation for his new role.

### *Berni Jeavons Ukrainian Appeal*

Berni Jeavons was in touch to update re the Ukrainian family of 3 ladies and one small child of whom parishioners have been supportive over the last year. They desperately need suitable and affordable rental accommodation by the end of March. Berni asks that anyone who knows of rental accommodation or has links to providers, please contact her at the Vigil Mass or via Fr Gerald or the Parish Office. Also, Berni has appealed for help with materials for Dr Tatyana and a Ukrainian battalion she is supporting. They need woollen blankets, warm socks (unwanted Christmas presents are welcomed), thermal underwear, Paracetamol and Ibuprofen. You can leave any donations for Berni on the table at the back of the Church.

### *Blue Token Appeal for School*

Tesco stores help small groups raise money for various causes. Shoppers can vote for their preferred group by placing a blue token into the box and the group with the most tokens receives £1500.

St Andrew's Primary School are currently one of the groups that can be voted for: they are raising money to help revamp the library. Please take your token at the checkout and drop it in the St Andrew's box if you'd like to support the school!

### *Cost of living crisis:*

In response to the cost of living crisis and especially in response to the rise in energy bills, some limited funds are available to parishioners who are particularly struggling. If this applies to you, please speak in confidence with Fr Gerald.

NB There is a First Aid box in the Church Sacristy should anyone need it at any time.



### *Diocesan Priesthood*

Are you thinking about becoming a Priest in the Diocese of Galloway? The Diocese is now inviting enquiries from those considering applying for seminary. For more information please contact Fr Martin Chambers at:

[martin.chambers@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:martin.chambers@gallowaydiocese.org.uk)

## **Sunday 11th February 2024**

**World Day of Prayer  
for the Sick Mass**

**4pm**

**followed by AGM of  
Galloway**

**Lourdes Hospitalité**



*St. Margaret's Cathedral,  
27 John Street, Ayr, KA8 0BS*

"I AM THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION."  
OUR LADY OF LOURDES  
Sunday 11 February 11  
WWW.ANF.ORG

### *SSVP Appeal*

"A parishioner who has limited mobility following a stroke is looking for someone to give him some secretarial help by typing letters etc on his computer. This would probably be for an hour or two a week. If you think you might be able to do this or you know someone who might be able to help, please contact a member of the parish St Vincent de Paul Conference in person after the Vigil/Sunday Mass or phone either 01387 850554 or 07722 710865."



### *Children's Liturgy of the Word to resume*

Children's Liturgy at St Andrew's is due to resume after a break of several years. Two dedicated parishioners now have all of their PVG clearances and will run a first Children's Liturgy of the Word in the Church hall during a Mass on **Sunday 18th February**. Any children are welcome to go to the hall with the two leaders when Fr Gerald gives the signal after the start of Mass and they will be accompanied back into the Church before Communion.

Please also speak with Fr Gerald or call into the office if you would be willing to have the PVG checks done with a view to helping out with the Children's Liturgy so that it can run weekly again rather than roughly monthly to fit with the commitments of the two new leaders. The dates of future Children's Liturgy sessions will be intimated in the bulletin. Please support this opportunity for children in the Parish in any way you can. Thank you.



### *St Andrew's Coffees/Teas on Sunday*

All are welcome for Sunday teas/coffees in the hall after Mass on Sunday. There are tasty treats and an opportunity to meet up with family and friends for a catch-up. Please donate at least £1.50 for a hot drink and £2 for a drink and cake/biscuit if you can. All proceeds are for the Church apart from those from one team which are donated to St Andrew's Primary School.

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.

