



*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 11th February, 2024

Mass timetable in the week ahead:

NB There is a Holyday of Obligation timetable for Ash Wednesday:

St Andrew's: Wednesday at 9.30am & 7pm; Friday at 10am.

St Columba's: Tuesday at 10am; Wednesday at 11.30am;

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 Teresa's on Saturday, 17th February at 10am.

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

Ash Wednesday

Please note that Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday 14th February, a day of Fasting and Abstinence. **SCIAF materials** and **"Day-by-Day" Lenten booklets** are available. Please take them for yourself and for anyone you know who would appreciate them.

Day of Prayer

A day of prayer for those who have suffered abuse will be held on Friday 16th February. Please think of and pray for the wellbeing of all victims then.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to all of the children who celebrated their Confirmation last weekend. If your child was baptised in a parish other than St Andrew's or St Columba's and you have not yet let the Parish Office know the address so that we can send notice of the confirmation for registration there, please give the office details via the above addresses as soon as you can. 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.**

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.

Thanks to Brenda!

Many thanks to Brenda who is "hanging up her brush" after many years of careful cleaning in the Church. Enjoy a well-earned rest!

Collections

St Andrew's collection was £622.67 and £125 at Coffee in the last two weeks. **SSVP** donations amounted to £119.20. **St Columba's** collection was £278.91 with £36.40 for SCIAF. Thank you very much.

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

**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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11th February , 2024

6th Sunday of the year (Year B)

Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Mark 1: 40-45

Psalm Response

You are my refuge, O Lord;
you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer I

Next Sunday :

1st Sunday in Lent (Year B)

6th Sunday of the year (Year B)

We cannot work miracles, but the miracles of Jesus are there to teach us something about what we can do. The meaning of the miracle is in what Jesus says when asked by the leper to heal him. Jesus says, "I want to."

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday:	Intention
Wednesday:	Betty McGrath
Thursday:	Intention
Friday:	Intention
Saturday:	Intention
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 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.



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

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.

Berni Jeavons Ukrainian Appeal

Berni Jeavons was in touch re the Ukrainian family of 3 ladies and one small child of whom parishioners have been supportive over the last year. 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. She also updated: "Yesterday, I delivered 3 boxes containing an assortment of supplies to Dr Tatyana. There were 3 Blankets (more needed), Paracetamol/ Ibuprofen, warm socks, tooth paste/brushes, plus many other essential items. Thank you to those who have helped so far. Dr Tatyana asks for Paracetamol Plus & more blankets(charity shop). Ukraine doesn't have any charity shops. All items go straight to the frontline. Our continued help is badly needed. " Please help if you can.

St Columba's "100" Club January Draw

Winner no. 56 M Galbraith £30. £50 to Church funds.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Ahead

St Andrew's PPC will next meet in the house on Tuesday 5th March at 7pm.

St Columba's PPC will next meet after evening Mass on Thursday 24th April. All are welcome to attend.

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.



Pancake Gathering

Any young people who are in p4 to S6 at school are welcome to attend the Pancake Day event in St Teresa's Church Hall, DG2 9DE, on Tuesday 13th February from 7-8pm. Go along if you can!

Lenten Lunches

Lenten Lunches start next Friday, 16th February, at St John's from 12noon. Our St Andrew's parish provides the fayre on Friday 22nd March. Please help by donating funds towards the cheese and other provisions. Can volunteer soup makers, servers for the day, bakers for the "Bring and Buy" stall and financial contributors please contact Carol at Vigil Mass or on tel 01387 264356. All proceeds are for "Christian Aid". Thank you!



World Day of Prayer Service

The Dumfries Christian Network, of which our Church is a member, are having their annual service for the World Day of Prayer at St John's Church, Lovers Walk, on Friday 1st March at 10.45am. Fr Gerald will be there and all parishioners are welcome to attend with him.

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.

