



*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 25th February, 2024

Mass timetable in the week ahead:

NB There will be Stations of the Cross in both Churches and a slightly altered Mass schedule in the coming week.

St Andrew's: Wednesday at 10am; Stations of the Cross on Wednesday at 7pm; Requiem Mass on Thursday at 10.30am; Friday at 10am.

St Columba's: Stations of the Cross on Tuesday at 11am; Mass on Tuesday 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, 2nd March at 10am.

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

St Columba's Lenten Tuesday Timetable

There will be Stations of the Cross at St Columba's on Tuesdays, followed by Mass at 11.30am and a Lenten Lunch at 12 noon. All are welcome.

First Saturday Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima

This will be said next Saturday, 2nd March, at 5.15pm at Our Lady's altar.

First Holy Communion

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.

St Andrew's Parish Library

Many thanks to Darren who has maintained the small library at the back of the Church and is now needing to hand over to someone else. Please let Fr Gerald know if you can take over.

Collections

St Andrew's collection was £592.30 and £68.20 at Coffee. **SSVP** donations amounted to £147.76. **St Columba's** collection was £176.23 with £24.40 for SCIAF. Thank you very much.

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

Rest in Peace

We pray for the repose of the soul of **James Shaw** who died recently. We also pray for the comforting of James's family. The Requiem Mass for James is in St Andrew's at 10.30am on Thursday.

***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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25th February , 2024

2nd Sunday in Lent (Year B)

Genesis 22: 1-2. 9-13. 15-18

Romans 8:31-34

Mark 9: 2-10

Psalm Response

I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer III

Next Sunday :

3rd Sunday in Lent (Year B)

2nd Sunday in Lent (Year B)

"It is wonderful for us to be here!" These are the words of the disciples Peter, James and John. In today's Mass we accompany them onto the Mount of Transfiguration to deepen our relationship with God's Son, the Beloved.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday:	Teresa Carr anniversary
Wednesday:	Intention
Thursday:	Machin intention
Friday:	Tom Heron
Saturday:	Josie McCarron
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.

Year of Prayer

Pope Francis has designated this year a Year of Prayer in preparation for the Holy Year of 2025.

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/holyyearsScotland2025>.



Lenten Lunches

Lenten Lunches continue on Fridays 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!



St Andrew's Cleaning appeal

If you can help with Church cleaning for one hour per month on a Wednesday after 10am Mass or at 1pm, please let Fr Gerald know or phone or e-mail into the Parish Office. Your help would be appreciated!

Ecumenical Services

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**. Members of the network will attend St Andrew's for Stations of the Cross on **Monday 25th March at 7.30pm**.

Annan Churches Together (ACT) Ceilidh

Barbara Lewis and Spectrum have very kindly agreed to provide the music for an ACT Ceilidh on **Saturday April 20th at 7pm**. This will take place in Annan Old Church Hall. They will be issuing 150 tickets at a cost of £10 each. They hope this will be an enjoyable evening and all are welcome.

St Columba's RC Primary Invitation

"Our cooking nurture group are planning a Lenten Lunch again this year in aid of SCIAF on the 13th March at 12.45pm. We would like to invite the elderly in our community to come along for some delicious soup and company. We have 15 spaces available. To book a place, please call 01461 202752."

Children's Liturgy of the Word

The next Children's Liturgy will be at **Sunday 10am Mass on 17th March**. 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.



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**

St Andrew's parish has been allocated 11 tickets to both events and St Columba's 4. This number means hiring a bus is impractical, even combining with St Teresa's who have a similar number. If you wish to attend either event, please sign the sheet on the notice board. If demand is greater than supply a ballot for tickets will take place. 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.**

Triduum Advance Notice

This year's Triduum will be celebrated in St Columba's and in St Teresa's. Times will be confirmed soon. NB There will be no Vigil in St Andrew's on Sat 30th March. Apologies to those whose names were on the St Andrew's rota to read or administer on 30th March.

"Right to Life" Campaign

Catherine Robinson from "Right to Life UK" was in touch as follows: "Ask your MP to support the abortion time limit reduction amendment Support an amendment to reduce our abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Research indicates that a significant number of babies born at 22 or 23 weeks can now survive outside the womb, leaving a contradiction in our abortion law. **Take action:** Collect a postcard today from the back of the church and post it to your MP urgently in support of this amendment!" The debate is likely to take place in early March.



From B Jeavons:

"Please, do not forget our Ukrainian Brothers and Sisters. Our support is vital. Dr Tatyana is so grateful for your support in supplying frontline defence with Analgesia and essential items. Donations of money go to buying expensive night vision equipment. Our local family still haven't been successful in obtaining accommodation despite many applications."

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.



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.

