



*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 3rd March, 2024

Mass timetable in the week ahead:

NB There will be Stations of the Cross in both Churches.

St Andrew's: Wednesday at 10am; Stations of the Cross on Wednesday at 7pm; 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 Andrew's on Saturday, 9th 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.

Special Collection next weekend

There will be a second collection for SCIAF next weekend, on the 4th Sunday of Lent.

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.

DCN Holy Week Ecumenical Services

Fellow members of the Dumfries Christian Network will join us for Stations of the Cross on Monday of Holy Week and please see the week's schedule, to which we are invited, on the noticeboard.

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.

Meetings in the week ahead

St Andrew's Conference of SSVP will meet in the house at 7pm on Tuesday 5th March.

St Andrew's PPC will also meet in the house on Tuesday at 7.15pm. Please note the slightly later start time.

Collections

St Andrew's collection was £671.35. **SSVP** donations amounted to £168.80. Thank you very much. *Firstbase...* continue to be grateful for all donations.

Pope Francis' prayer intention for March: For the new martyrs-

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world will inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

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3rd March , 2024

3rd Sunday in Lent (Year B)

Exodus 20: 1-17

I Corinthians 1:22-25

John 2: 13-25

Psalm Response

You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer I

Next Sunday :

4th Sunday in Lent (Year B)

3rd Sunday in Lent (Year B)

There are many distractions in our world today and we can easily lose sight of what is really important. We gather today to remind ourselves of where true value and wisdom lie and commit ourselves to treating all people with fairness and respect.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday:	Nando Lucchesi anniversary
Wednesday:	Mary Digney
Thursday:	Murphy intention
Friday:	Intention
Saturday:	Joan Jeavons anniversary
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!



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. Please speak with Fr Gerald this weekend if you wish to attend and have not signed the sheet on the notice board. 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 Diocesan Facebook page. Please pray for our Bishop-Elect, Frank.

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."

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.

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.

"Right to Life" Campaign

Catherine Robinson from "Right to Life UK" was in touch as follows: "Support an amendment to reduce our abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. **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.



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.

SSVP Appeal:

Could you drive a gentleman to and from Sunday or Vigil Mass from Allanbank care home? If you think you could, please speak to an SSVP member or contact them via the Parish website (st-andrews-dumfries.co.uk/directory-of-activities). The Conference already provides this service but is currently understaffed.

St Andrew's "200" Club-February Winners

£50	no.122	David Priestley
£25	no. 4	Alexander Strahle
£15	no.108	Barbara Barallon

Congratulations to all of this months' winners.

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."

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.



Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Ahead

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

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER IN THE LAKE DISTRICT?

Castlerigg Manor (Diocese of Lancaster Retreat Centre) are looking for a Programme Leader to join their youth ministry team. The work involves working on retreats in the heart of the Lake District, and occasionally working on outreach visits around the area. The post is residential and comes with a salary package in the range of £26-28k, made up of paid salary, accommodation, food etc. Would suit somebody with youth ministry experience, perhaps recently graduated. Interested? - jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk



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.

