



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 10th March, 2024

Mass timetable in the week ahead:

NB There will be Stations of the Cross in both Churches. In the week ahead:

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 Teresa's on Saturday, 16th 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 this weekend.

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.

Collections

St Andrew's collection was £761.70 and Coffee on 25th February raised £52. **SSVP** donations amounted to £187.16. **St Columba's** collection was £292.32 & £148.73 on 25th February with SCIAF donations of £59.63 over 2 weeks and an SSVP donation of £10. 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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10th March , 2024

4th Sunday in Lent (Year B)

2 Chronicles 36: 14-16. 19-23

Ephesians 2: 4-10

John 3: 14-21

Psalm Response

O let my tongue
cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not!

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer II

Next Sunday :

5th Sunday in Lent (Year B)

4th Sunday in Lent (Year B)

On this *Laetare* Sunday, we rejoice in the light that has come into the world through the Son of God, and in the grace through which we have been saved.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday:	Intention
Wednesday:	James Shaw
Thursday:	Betty Neary
Friday:	James Shaw
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.

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/holyyearsotland2025>.



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.



Bishop Frank Dougan

We congratulate Bishop Dougan on his ordination and look forward to meeting him here in St Andrew's and in St Columba's. There are ordination cards available this weekend. Please take one home with you today as you include Bishop Dougan in your prayers.



A fundraiser for our Friends in the Holy Land (FHL)

St Andrew's Church Hall on Thursday, 21st March at 7pm
'Diocesan Pilgrimages to Jerusalem': an evening with a short presentation including photographs from past trips and an opportunity to "compare notes" and to share thoughts, memories and impressions. There will be refreshments. While there will be no set charge for the evening and refreshments, donations made on the night will be sent directly to the "Friends of the Holy Land" charity for their work in the West Bank & Gaza. Please bring your memories too. Further information from Jo Kemp, tel 07798 764045

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."

*A very happy Mothers' Day to all Mums in the parishes!
 Thank you for all that you do!*



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.



Holy Week Masses and Services

Monday 25th March 7.30pm, St Andrew's Ecumenical Stations of the Cross.

Tuesday from 11am, St Columba's Stations of the Cross followed by Mass and Lenten lunch.

7.30pm, St Margaret's, Ayr Mass of Chrism

Wednesday 10am, St Andrew's Mass

7pm, St Columba's (time to be confirmed) Ecumenical Stations of the Cross

Thursday 7pm, St Columba's Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday 10am, St Andrew's Morning Prayer

3pm, St Columba's Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

7pm, St Andrew's Stations of the Cross

Saturday 10am, St Andrew's Morning Prayer

11am, St Columba's Polish Blessing of Food Baskets

8.30pm, St Columba's Easter Vigil

NB No Vigil Mass in St Andrew's at 6pm.

Sunday 10am, St Andrew's Mass of Easter

11am, St Columba's Mass of Easter

St Columba's "100" Club- February Winner

C O'Donnell £30. Church funds £56. Congratulations!

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Ahead

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

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!



Children's Liturgy of the Word (St Andrew's)

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. The dates of future Children's Liturgy sessions will be intimated in the bulletin.

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.



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.

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



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.

