



*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 17th March, 2024**

*Mass timetable in the week ahead:*

NB There will be Stations of the Cross and Penance services in both Churches in the week ahead. Mass on Friday is the Requiem Mass for Greg Mitchell, whose Vigil reception will be on Thursday at 6pm.

**St Andrew's:** Monday at 7pm (Penance); 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 (followed by Lenten lunch at 12noon); Wednesday at 7pm (Penance); 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, 23th March at 10am.*

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

*Holy Week*

Next Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week. Please note the Holy Week timetable. The Vigil Mass and 10am Mass on Palm Sunday will begin in the hall with the blessing of palms.

*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. Please note the Services of Penance in St Andrew's on Monday, 18th March, and in St Columba's on Wednesday, 20th March, both at 7pm.

*St Andrew's Parish Library*

Please let Fr Gerald know if you can help with tidying the library. You can still access the library in the meantime for spiritual and religious literature.

*Meeting in the week ahead*

**The St Andrew's Conference of SSVP** will meet on Tuesday 19th March at 7pm in the Parish house. All are welcome.

*Collections*

**St Andrew's** collection was £541.65, with £672.28 for SCIAF and £78.20 at Sunday Coffee. **SSVP** donations amounted to £103.77. **St Columba's** collection was £309.15 and £391 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 **Greg Mitchell** who died recently. We also pray for the comforting of Greg's family. The Requiem Mass for James is in St Andrew's at 10.am on Friday.

**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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**17th March , 2024**

**5th Sunday in Lent (Year B)**

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Hebrews 5: 7-9

John 12: 20-33

*Psalm Response*

A pure heart create for me, O God.

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

*Next Sunday :*

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year B)

**5th Sunday in Lent (Year B)**

Today is the Fifth Sunday of Lent. As we get closer to Holy Week our readings reflect the dark clouds which are gathering over Jesus and his concern about what will happen to him when he enters Jerusalem.

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

Tuesday:	Intention
Wednesday:	Iwana Kowanska anniversary
Thursday:	Intention
Friday:	James Shaw
Saturday:	John Kiely 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](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. 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>.



### Bishop Frank Dougan

Bishop Frank has sent a pastoral letter for distribution to all parishioners this weekend. Please find paper copies at the back of the Church and on the noticeboards.

Please also find details of an **Easter Youth Evening** with Bishop Frank on the noticeboard. It's on Sunday 14th April at St Matthew's in Kilmarnock, is free and begins with Mass at 6pm, followed by pizza and activities. There is also more information via e-mail : [youth@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:youth@gallowaydiocese.org.uk).



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

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

### Mass of Chrism

This takes place on the Tuesday of Holy Week, 26th March. There is a free bus which will leave St Andrew's at 5.15pm for the 7.30pm Mass. This is Bishop Dougan's first Mass of Chrism and gives those who were not at the ordination a chance to go and see and meet him. Please sign the list on the noticeboard if you would like to go.

### 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 any contributors please contact Carol at Vigil Mass or on tel 01387 264356. All proceeds are for "Christian Aid". Thank you!



### 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 "

### 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.



### 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.

**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

**7pm St Teresa's** Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Friday 10am St Andrew's** Morning Prayer

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

**3pm St Teresa'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

**9pm St Teresa'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

**NB A more detailed schedule is on noticeboard posters.**

### Parishes' Round-Up

**PPCs:** The minutes from the St Andrew's meeting on 5th March are now on the noticeboard. Next meeting dates are - **St Columba's**, after evening Mass on Thursday 24th April **St Andrew's**, on Thursday 28th May at 7pm.

**Rotas:** The St Andrew's readers' and ministers' rotas are now available. Please check your e-mail.

**Jars of Hope:** St Columba's Jars have gone up by £19.80 and St Andrew's by £104 to a current total of £158.

### Thank you from Berni J

A big thank you, to those Parishioners from St Andrew's and St Columba's who continue to support our Ukraine Soldiers. The latest supply of blankets and medication will be sent soon. Our family still require somewhere to live. Their present accommodation will be terminated at the end of March.

### 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 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.

