



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 24th March, 2024

Mass timetable in the week ahead:

NB Mass on Tuesday in Annan returns to 10am with no Stations of the Cross. Please note the Holy Week Mass timetable (see also overleaf) and note that there will be no Vigil Mass in St Andrew's on Saturday 30th March:

St Andrew's: Monday at 7.30pm (Ecumenical Stations of the Cross); Wednesday at 10am; Friday at 10am (Prayers); Friday at 7pm (Stations)

St Columba's: Tuesday at 10am; Wednesday at 7pm (Stations) Thursday at 7pm; Friday at 3pm (Liturgy of the Passion).

Weekend Masses:

St Andrew's: Saturday Vigil at 6pm; Sunday at 10am

St Columba's: Sunday at 12noon

NB There are morning prayers in St Andrew's on Saturday, 30th March at 10am.

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

Holy Week

This 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. Please remember that Good Friday is a Day of Fast and Abstinence.

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.

Galloway Diocese News

The latest edition of the Galloway Diocese News is available in paper and online this weekend. It has extensive coverage of Bishop Dougan's ordination and of the Cathedral Mass. Please take a copy home with you today and bring one to anyone whom you visit.

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.

Collections

St Andrew's collection was £521.21 and £77.50 at Sunday Coffee. **SSVP** donations amounted to £130.48. **St Columba's** collection was £173.71 and £27.60 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 **Elsie Carroll** who died recently. We pray for her family at this time. The Requiem Mass for Elsie is in St Andrew's at 10.am on Monday, 8th April.

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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Palm Sunday (Year B)

Isaiah 50: 4-7

Philippians 2: 6-11

Mark 14:1-15:47

Psalm Response

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer I

Next Sunday :

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection (Year B)

Palm Sunday (Year B)

We need courage to make new beginnings and to move beyond the letter of the law to embrace its God-given spirit. Jesus showed us the possibilities. Where do I stand?

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday:	Intention
Wednesday:	Margaret Adamson anniversary
Thursday:	Intention
Friday:	X
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/hollyearsScotland2025>.



Mass of Chrism: This takes place on Tuesday 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.



Easter Youth Evening

Please 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.



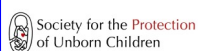
Children's Liturgy of the Word (St Andrew's)

The next Children's Liturgy will be this weekend on **Sunday 14th April 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.

St Columba's Round-Up

Lenten Lunch thanks: The grand total of £595 was raised for SCIAF during the recent Lenten lunches. Many thanks to those who made and served the soup and cake, those who attended and the generous donations from those who could not attend.

Help needed: Are there any handy people who can help to repair the wall on the left side of the entrance to the Church car park? We also need volunteers to help upkeep the gardens and grounds around the Church. Please speak with Fr Gerald or any member of the PPC. Any help is much needed and will be much appreciated. Thank you.



From SPUC: Act now to stop DIY abortion up to birth

"Diana Johnson MP has tabled an amendment (New Clause 1) to the Government's Criminal Justice Bill, which is coming up for Report stage in Parliament in early March. This amendment seeks to change criminal law so that "no offence is committed by a woman acting in relation to her own pregnancy" at any gestation. This means that a woman who induced her abortion at home using pills (or any other method) at any stage of pregnancy, including just before natural birth, would commit no offence. This is dangerous for women and lethal for unborn babies.

Please contact your MP urgently, asking them to oppose this extreme and barbaric proposal. You can do this using SPUC's easy to use webtool, at <https://www.spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments> Please pray for the defeat of this amendment, for protection of unborn babies, and help and comfort for mothers in need."

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 10am, St Columba's Mass

Wed' day 10am St Andrew's Mass

7pm St Columba's 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

12noon, St Columba's Mass of Easter

Wishing all children, families and school staff a happy holiday!



(Hang in there everyone who is studying for exams!)

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.

PPCs

Next meeting dates are -
St Columba's, after Mass on Thursday 24th April
St Andrew's, on Thursday 28th May at 7pm.

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.

