



*Parish Bulletin of  
St Andrew's, Dumfries  
and  
St Columba's, Annan*

*Parishes of the R C Diocese of Galloway -  
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**Parish Notices**

**Week beginning 31st March, 2024**

*Mass timetable in the week ahead:*

NB There is a normal Mass timetable in the week ahead:

**St Andrew's: Wednesday at 10am; Friday at 10am.**

**St Columba's: Tuesday at 10am; 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, 6th April at 10am.*

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

*Easter message from Bishop Frank*

Please find Bishop Frank's Easter message on the noticeboard in both Churches. It includes the message that "...the Lord is present the whole time, not just during liturgical celebrations and that the most profound moment a person has might just be during a casual conversation over coffee. God is there at all times, and we have to be ready for him. So it is with the Risen Lord at Easter. He is certainly present in the great celebrations of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. But he doesn't want us to package him up and leave him in those moments alone. The mystery and the joy of the Resurrection is that the Risen Lord is with us in every moment including the day-to-day...."

**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.

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Dates**

The next meeting dates are -

St Columba's, after morning Mass on Tuesday 14th May.

St Andrew's, on Thursday 28th May at 7pm in the house.

**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 £823. **SSVP** donations amounted to £129.42. **St Columba's** collection figures will be reported next week. Thank you very much.

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

**31st March , 2024**

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection (Year B)**

Acts 10: 34. 37-43

Colossians 3: 1-4

John 20:1-9

**Psalm Response**

This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad.

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

**Next Sunday :**

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) (Year B)

**Easter Sunday (Year B)**

On this Easter Day we gather as a community to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. We give grateful thanks for this happy day, and for the opportunities we have been given to pass the love and hope of the Risen Christ to all we meet.

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

Tuesday:	Peter O'Brien
Wednesday:	Charles McLaughlin anniversary
Thursday:	Mary McGowne
Friday:	Murdoch McGuire
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	Ted & Jean Machin
Anne Murdy	Cathy O'Neill
Eric Sherman	Michael O'Regan
James Behan	

**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.

**Rest in Peace**

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Sandra 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.

**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>.



A Holy year is celebrated every 25 years. In this year of prayer we examine our own lives of prayer and look to ways in which we can deepen our relationship with Christ.

### St Peter's, Dalbeattie

Please note that the Vigil Mass in St Peter's, Dalbeattie, returns to the summer timetable time of 5pm from next weekend.

### 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](mailto:youth@gallowaydiocese.org.uk).

### 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](http://st-andrews-dumfries.co.uk/directory-of-activities)). The Conference already provides this service but is currently understaffed.

### St Columba's Appeal

**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.



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

The next Children's Liturgy will be 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.

### 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.

### 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.



*A very happy and holy Easter to all parishioners. I hope that you have a lovely celebration of Easter Sunday and of Eastertide!*

### Lenten Lunch Thank You

A big thank you to everyone who helped to make the St Andrew's contribution to the Lenten lunches at St John's such a warm, congenial and uplifting event. Thanks are due to everyone who worked on the day, including the very helpful pupils from St Joseph's who made such an effort and were a pleasure to work with, and to everyone who donated in any way and who came along to support the fundraising event. Monies raised on the day and kind donations received before and after the event amounted to around £1100, which will be well spent by the Christian Aid charity. Well done everyone for the marvellous team work! Here is a photo of the tasty soup team!



### MOOL

The MOOL charity which is based in the hall basement at St Andrew's does a tremendous amount of good work with refugees in the region. They have asked for specific donations of training shoes for young men, walking boots and toiletries as well as all other general items of clothing. Please help if you can.



### 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.

