



*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 7th April, 2024

Mass timetable in the week ahead:

NB Mass on Monday at 10am is the Requiem Mass for Sandra Carroll. Please also note that there is NO Mass in St Columba's on Thursday evening.

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

St Columba's: Tuesday at 10am.

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, 13th April at 10am.

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

First Saturday Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima

This will be said this Saturday, 6th April, at 5.15pm at Our Lady's altar.

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.

Meeting Dates

SSVP- Tuesday 9th April at 7pm in the house.

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

St Andrew's PPC- 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 £1042.20. **SSVP** donations amounted to £222.97. **St Columba's** collection on 24th March was £227.50 with £13.85 for SCIAF and £10 for SSVP; last Sunday, the collection was £328.62. £208.90 was collected on Good Friday for the Holy Places and there was a donation of £1000 for parish funds. Thank you very much.

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

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 Sandra is in St Andrew's at 10.am on Monday, 8th April.

We pray also for the repose of the souls of **Jim Hairstains, of James Behan and of Patricia Grant** who have died recently. We pray for the comforting of all who are mourning them.

Pope Francis' prayer intention for April: For the role of women. We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

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7th April , 2024

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

Acts 4: 32-35

1 John 5: 1-6

John 20:19-31

Psalm Response

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,;
for his love has no end.

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer III

Next Sunday :

3rd Sunday of Easter (Year B)

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

Basking in the light and joy of Easter, the risen Christ proclaims, "Peace be with you". We are sent out as God's children to witness to the resurrection by our actions more than by our words.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Monday: Kathleen McLaughland

Tuesday: Margaret North

Wednesday: Alan Chopping anniversary

Thursday: No Mass

Friday: Intention

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

Ted & Jean Machin

Cathy O'Neill

Michael O'Regan

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>.



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.



"Wee Box" Returns

Please return your "Wee Boxes" to the Church by next weekend if possible so that the big count can begin! Thanks.

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.



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 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.



Pro-Life Amendment Update

"Initially, it looked like the Report Stage of the Criminal Justice Bill and a vote on Caroline Ansell's 22-week amendment was going to happen before Easter, but now the Government has confirmed that this is not the case. It will be happening after Easter, likely in late April. Thanks to you and your parishioners, we recently delivered a petition with 102,573 signatures to the Prime Minister at number 10! This is one of the largest petitions to be delivered to the Prime Minister over the last year and demonstrates the overwhelming support for this important pro-life change to the law. There is still time to collect a postcard today from the back of the church and to post it to your MP in support of the 22-week amendment. To oppose the abortion up to birth amendment, you can also email your MP via this link: www.righttolife.org.uk/johnsonabortionamendment"

"Christian Films At My Cinema"

Someone from this organisation was in touch to let us know that "Cabrini" (12A) is at Dumfries' Robert Burns Centre Film Theatre on:

Saturday 13th April
at 4.45pm and 7.30pm

For the trailer and to book, visit: rbcfilmtheatre.co.uk

"Catholic missionary Francesca Cabrini arrives in New York from Italy in 1889 and manages to convince the hostile mayor to secure housing, healthcare and schooling for the city's destitute orphans." You can find reviews on Youtube.

St Columba's "100" Club March Draw

Winner no. 62 A Freeman £30. Church funds £54.

St Andrew's "200" Club Easter Draw

£50	no.40	Jacqueline Cordley	Thank you all for your support of the "200" Club which funds the annual Senior Christmas Dinner.
£25	no.64	Erin Kennedy	
£25	no.123	Carolyn Priestley	
£25	no.104	Diane Brittain.	

Membership envelopes for new and returning envelopes are on the table in Church. The first 2024-2025 draw will take place at the end of April. Congratulations to the March and Easter winners!



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.

