



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 14th April, 2024

Mass timetable in the week ahead:

Mass on Thursday at 10am is the Requiem Mass for Patricia Grant. Mass on Friday morning at 10am is the Requiem Mass for James Behan.

St Andrew's: Wednesday at 10am; Thursday 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, 20th April at 10am.

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

Fr Martin Chambers

The whole Diocesan community was stunned to hear of the death of Fr Martin Chambers on Wednesday morning. He was preparing to take up his role as Bishop of Dunkeld and preparing for his Ordination. **We remember all of his family, his parishioners and his many friends at this sad time and we pray for the repose of his soul.**

Vocations Sunday

Next Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. A second collection will be taken up for the Ecclesiastical Students' Fund.

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

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 Church Library

Please let Fr Gerald know if you can help with this.

Collections

St Andrew's collection was £672.33 with £55.70 at Sunday Coffee. **SSVP** donations amounted to £173.77. **St Columba's** collection was £244.67 with £27.82 for SCIAF Thank you very much.

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

Rest in Peace

We pray 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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14th April, 2024

3rd Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Acts 3: 13-15. 17-19

1 John 2: 1-5

Luke 24:35-48

Psalm Response

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer I

Next Sunday :

4th Sunday of Easter (Year B)

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Today's Gospel shows us that Jesus sees our loveliness before he sees our brokenness. He can heal the cracks and flaws which we try to hide even from ourselves.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday:	Myles Duffy
Wednesday:	Sandra Carroll
Thursday:	James Murphy
Friday:	Sandra Carroll
Saturday:	Sandra Carroll
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

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

Thank you for any last returns through the week if possible.



Pro-Life Amendment Update

"The Report Stage of the Criminal Justice Bill and a vote on Caroline Ansell's 22-week amendment will likely be happening 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. To oppose the abortion up to birth amendment, you can email your MP via this link: www.righttolife.org.uk/johnsonabortionamendment"



Happy Golden Wedding Anniversary!

Many congratulations to Irene and George Murray as they celebrate their golden wedding!

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)

There is Children's Liturgy this **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 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.

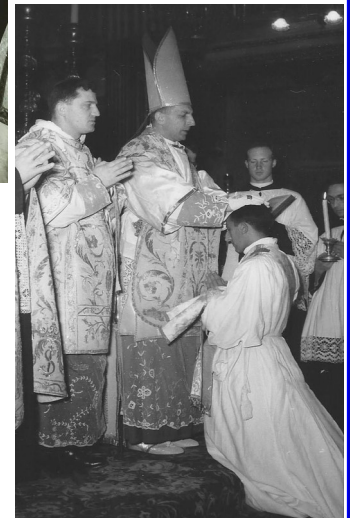


From Bishop Frank Dougan:

"Dear Brothers and Sisters, As with many of you, I am mourning the loss of our own Fr Martin Chambers. This is a personal loss to so many across the Diocese and beyond (right across the Atlantic to Ecuador). We think in particular of his family whom he loved so much. He was a man of great love, enthusiasm and faith. He gave everything for the People of God, and so many have been touched by him. We only learn to love if we have been loved first: Fr Martin was one of the finest teachers in how to love, and so was a true instrument of God. As he looked forward to his new role as Bishop, he spoke often as being a missionary disciple and he certainly was that. Can I ask that in a special way, you take care of your priests more than ever in the days that follow? They have lost a brother and need your love. We continue to pray for each other, for his family and for the repose of his soul. +Frank Dougan Bishop of Galloway"

Congratulations Fr Ralph!

We congratulate and offer prayers of thanksgiving for Fr Ralph Mancini as he celebrates 70 years of Ordination this week.



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.

