



*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 5th April, 2024**

*Mass timetable in the week ahead:*

Please note the Mass times on Ascension Thursday. The rest of the week is as normal.

**Weekday Masses:**

**St Andrew's:** Wednesday at 10am; Thursday at 9.30am and 7pm; Friday at 10am.

**St Columba's:** Tuesday at 10am; Thursday at 11.30am.

**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, 11th May at 10am.*

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

*Welcome*

Many thanks to Fr Simon Beveridge who is supplying at St Andrew's and at St Columba's this weekend. His help is appreciated!

*Ascension Thursday*

Thursday 9th May is Ascension Thursday and is a Holyday of Obligation. There are Masses in St Andrew's at 9.30am and at 7pm and Mass in St Columba's at 11.30am.

*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.

*Collections*

**St Andrew's** collection was £483.43 with another £284.55 sent to SCIAF. **SSVP** donations amounted to £153.39. **St Columba's** collection was £147.71 with £22.01 for SCIAF. Thank you.

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

*Rest in Peace*

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Chips Keswick** who died recently and whose funeral is on Wednesday at 12noon. We pray for the comforting of all who are mourning him.

*Rest in Peace*

We pray also for the repose of the soul of **Jan Sturgeon** who died recently. Jan's funeral is on Monday 13th May. We pray for the comforting of Jan's family and friends.

**Pope Francis' prayer intention for May: For the formation of religious and seminarians**

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

**5th April , 2024**

**6th Sunday of Easter (Year B)**

Acts 10: 25-26. 34-35. 44-48

1 John 4: 7-10

John 15:9-17

*Psalm Response*

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

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

*Next Sunday :*

7th Sunday of Easter (Year B)

**6th Sunday of Easter (Year B)**

It's easy to underestimate the "power of one". Without the power of one act of kindness, compassion, mercy or friendship, others wouldn't happen.

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

Tuesday:	Intention
Wednesday:	Helena Hill anniversary
Thursday:	Nichola Tremble
Friday:	Mary Cameron anniversary
Saturday:	Jim Hairstains
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](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>.



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.

### *Pastoral Letter on Assisted Suicide*

Please find on the noticeboards a pastoral letter on Assisted Suicide, "Called to Care, Not to Kill", from the Bishops' Conference of Scotland. There are also printed copies in both parishes for those who would like to take a copy home to read or to share with others.



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

The next Children's Liturgy will be on 12th May. Any children are welcome then 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.

### *Ukrainian Appeal from B Jeavons:*

Urgent supplies are still needed, including of Paracetamol or stronger painkillers, bandages, thick warm socks and blankets and donations of money to help buy military equipment.

All donations are taken to the POW Chapel at Lockerbie for regular transportation to Ukraine. Thank you to all of those who continue to help.

### *"100" and "200" Clubs' April Draw*

St Columba's: Winner no. 7, E Cini, £30 and £52 to Church funds.

**St Andrew's:** £50 no.99 Eldon Scott  
£25 no.93 Robert McTurk  
£15 no.19 Roland Strahle



### *Pro-Life Amendment Update*

"Ask your MP to stop abortion up to birth being introduced.

Diana Johnson and Stella Creasy have tabled amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill that would make extreme changes to our abortion laws. Both amendments would make it more likely that babies are aborted at home for any reason up to birth.

Take action: To oppose the abortion up to birth amendments, email your MP via this link: [www.righttolife.org.uk/uptobirth](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/uptobirth)

### *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.



### *World Communications Day*

Next Sunday is World Communications Day, when there will be an annual special collection taken up for the apostolate of communications whose purpose entails the use of various media platforms, including traditional print and broadcast and new social and digital media, to disseminate the Gospel, the teachings of the Faith and other values.

### *"200" Club Plea*

Congratulations to all of this month's "200" Club winners. There are still places left this year for anyone who would like to join or to add numbers to their "portfolio". Envelopes can be found on the table at the back of the Church and they can be returned via the offering bag in Church or by posting through the parish house door. A list of all of this year's members so far has been pinned to the noticeboard in the Church and this list can easily be updated when more members come on board. The more members we have, the more we can cover the Christmas Dinner and gifts for senior parishioners at the end of the year. Thank you!



Saturday 1st June 7.30-10.00 pm  
St. Andrew's Church Hall, Dumfries  
DG1 2JL

Suggested donation - £20 (BYOB)  
Tickets: Contact  
[dgpscevents@gmail.com](mailto:dgpscevents@gmail.com)

all proceeds to:



**NB The organisers will kindly prioritise places for parishioners. Just mention this in your e-mail.**



### *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.

