



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

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Parish Notices

Week beginning 9th June, 2024

Mass timetable in the week ahead:

There is a normal Mass timetable in the week ahead:

Weekday Masses:

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, 15th June at 10am.

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

First Holy Communion Congratulations!



Very best wishes to all candidates and their families who celebrate First Holy Communion in both parishes this weekend. It is a happy occasion for every parish community. We remember the candidates and their families in our prayers.

Day For Life

Next Sunday is the Bishops of Scotland "Day for Life" when a collection will be taken up for the work of the apostolate of life.

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.

Guid Nyburris Notice

The Vigil Mass next **Saturday, 15th June**, will be at the earlier time of 4.30pm to allow for the annual Guid Nyburris parade.

St Andrew's Rotas

The new rotas for readers and Eucharistic ministers will be out this weekend. Please check your e-mail. Thank you to all!

Meeting Date

St Andrew's Fundraising– Wednesday 3rd July at 7pm in the house. All are welcome!

Collections

St Andrew's collection was £2377.39 with £130 for fundraising and £79.84 at Sunday Coffee. **SSVP** donations amounted to £171.14. **St Columba's** collection was £204. Thank you.

Firstbase... continue to be grateful for all food and financial donations.

Rest in Peace

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Patricia Oakes** who died recently. We pray for the comforting of her family at this time.

Pope Francis' prayer intention for June:

For migrants fleeing their homes

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

9th June, 2024

10th Sunday of the year (Year B)

Genesis 3: 9-15

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Mark 3:20-35

Psalm Response

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer III

Next Sunday :

11th Sunday of the Year (Year B)

10th Sunday of the year (Year B)

As we gather as the family of God, we give thanks as a community of faith for the grace that renews us every day.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday:	David Buckley anniversary
Wednesday:	Patrick Digney
Thursday:	Jan Sturgeon
Friday:	James Docherty
Saturday:	John Tommie
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.

St Andrew's Fundraising Update

The fundraising group met to plan ahead for parish events which will hopefully be enjoyable and sociable while also raising much-needed funds for a new hall boiler and other fabric.

Fr Gerald will run an annual, popular **Quiz Night** with bar in the hall on **Friday 19th July at 7pm**. Tickets will be available soon.

Future events will include a local, sponsored, weekend stroll with lunch (1 or 2 mile options); an early winter race night; the return of Girvan Folk and a table top sale in 2025. Hopefully something for everyone!

If you are a certified Firstaider who can come along for the sponsored stroll, please let Fr Gerald know.



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

The next Children's Liturgy will at Sunday morning Mass on **Sunday 16th June**. 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 telephone 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.



Photo from the Cathedral from the collection of the late James Behan. With thanks. (Acknowl. Marlene Beck)

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.



Refreshments after First Communion

Children and their families are welcome to come to the St Andrew's Church hall with other parishioners after Mass where there will be refreshments provided for new Communicants and their families as well as the regular Sunday option to purchase home baking and bacon rolls at minimal cost, in aid of Church funds. Everyone will be most welcome!

Cordial Invitation to Diocesan Events

We are invited to attend the anniversary Mass for Bishop Maurice Taylor which will take place in **St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr, on Friday 14th June at 12.00 noon**. Tea/coffee will be provided afterwards. All are invited to participate.

There is a second invitation to the next **Diocesan Youth event** at **St Matthew's, Kilmarnock**, next week, Sunday 16th June, when they will celebrate "God is our Father" on Fathers' Day. The evening begins with **Mass at 6pm** and ends at 8.30pm. It will include pizza, games and a follow-on activity related to the theme. There is no charge and it is open to all young people from secondary school age.

"100" Club

The winner of the May draw at St Columba's was A. Lucchesi (£30). Congratulations! Church funds benefitted by £46.

MAP Thanks

A big thank you from the "Medical Aid for Palestine" charity to all parishioners who generously supported the very successful "Come dine Palestine..." event in the Church hall at St Andrew's last weekend. Over £1000 was raised.



Dumfries
Christian Network

Guid Nychburris
SONGS OF PRAISE
Dumfries High School
Sunday 9th June, 7pm for 7.30pm

Ukrainian Appeal from B Jeavons:

Request for plasters of various sizes; bandages of assorted sizes; First Aid kits; size 7 - 11 socks, plus socks for females; Asprin; Paracetamol/+. Also welcome are Aloe Vera gel, vitamins, Dioralyte, soap, dry shampoo, deodorant, face cloths and wipes.



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 a chance 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.

