



# 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 4th January, 2026 *Mass timetable in the week ahead:*

NB. 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 Andrew's on Saturday, Saturday 10th January.*

*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, 3rd January at 5.15pm at Our Lady's altar. All are welcome.

### *Justice and Peace*

There will be a second collection for the work of the Justice and Peace commission at Masses this weekend.

### *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 Andrew's PPC** – Tuesday 3rd February at 7pm in the house.

**St Columba's PPC** – Tuesday 20th January at 10.30am.

### *Weekly Offerings*

Why not think about setting up a standing order for your weekly offering? Please contact Father Gerald for a form or find one on the website. Thank you.

### *Collections*

All collection figures will be updated next weekend. Many thanks.

### *Hospital Visiting Policy*

If a patient wishes a visit from a priest or deacon text or message the RC Chaplain on 07591 230828 or email [rcchaplain.hospital@yahoo.com](mailto:rcchaplain.hospital@yahoo.com).

**First Base food bank:** Please keep up your donations of non-perishable foodstuffs for the Food Bank, suggestions include coffee, long-life milk, pasta, cooking sauces and tins.

### **IS GOD CALLING YOU TO PRIESTHOOD?**

If you sense a vocation to be a Priest and would like support to discern this call, please contact Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Stephen McGrattan, at [vocations@rcdg.org.uk](mailto:vocations@rcdg.org.uk) or 01563 521832.

### **The Pope's prayer intention for January:**

#### **For prayer with the Word of God**

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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### **Feast of the Epiphany (Missal p 61) (A)**

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Ephesians 3: 2-3a. 5-6

Matthew 2: 1-12

### **Psalm Response**

All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

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

### **Next Sunday :**

The Baptism of the Lord (Year A)

### **Feast of the Epiphany (Year A)**

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. The word "epiphany" indicates an important moment of realisation. We use it to describe the story of the Wise Men because their star-led journey to Bethlehem did indeed reveal something fundamental to our faith: that Christ's birth is God's message of saving love for all the world.

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

Tuesday:	Turner and Mallinder families
Wednesday:	Pat O'Neill
Thursday:	Pat O'Neill
Friday:	Janice Sim
Saturday:	Norah Scott
Sunday:	For the Parish

### **Please remember in your prayers**

*those who are sick; those who are housebound; those who are named on the family prayer ministry requests and all of those whose needs are not known to us.*

*Please pray at this time for...*

**Dan and Willa McCarron**

**May Fuller**

**Anne Murdy**

**Thomas Gray**

**Anne & Peter Richardson**

**All others who are ill**

**Ted & Jean Machin**

**Catherine O'Neill**

**Eric Sherman**

**Catherine Smith**

**Helen McMillan**

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.

### Surge in 'flu cases'

There have been no direct protocols issued from the Bishops' Conference as there were with Covid, however please exercise health and hygiene good practice. If you have any symptoms or feel ill please do not come to Mass. Please use the full capacity of the church since there's plenty of space. If you feel uncomfortable with the sign of peace feel free to omit it. Please do not be offended if others do not want to shake hands with you. Feel free to wear a face mask in church. No one wants to miss or feel miserable at this time so let's help and respect each other.



### St Andrew's Library

The library is open before and after each Mass and on Saturdays when the Church is open. There is no need to sign books out-just take care to return them. There is a display of Lenten books, some in lovely, new edition, in the carousel and there are also books for children and colouring books for quiet activity during Mass when there is no Children's Liturgy. See Annie or James if you have any queries and if you would like to help in any way.

This week's bulletin has been prepared in advance. Any new notices and updates will appear on 10th/11th January.



### 2025 Fundraising-Well done indeed!

A very big thank and well done to everyone who has supported Carol in many different ways through 2025 and at the recent Christmas Fayre. Many thanks to all who bake, donate and help through the year in selfless and resourceful ways. The 2025 outcome saw a huge £1700 for Church funds as well as a substantial £1200 for "Friends of the Holy Land" as the community seek to survive and to restore there. Very well done to all who are making a big difference and who have been involved in any way!

### St Margaret's Annual Crib Appeal

Please contribute as generously as you can at the cribs in both Churches on the last weekend of opportunity to support St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society in this way.



### Sincere Thanks from the parish community

Many thanks to Mary Buckley who has kindly and meticulously devised the Eucharistic Minister and Reader rotas for the Vigil Masses over many years. Mary is taking a well-earned break from permutating to hand the rota into the equally capable hands of Karen Bryden. Sincere thanks to you both!

### Youth (P6-S4) Evenings

Adult leaders are needed for these events in St Teresa's, Dumfries, to supervise, ensure safeguarding at them and to cook pizza. All that's required is 2 hours per month. Could you help? Email [youth@rcdg.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcdg.org.uk) for more details or to volunteer.

### RC Diocese of Galloway Youth and Young Adults

Please see the noticeboard and the Diocesan social media for information about Youth and Young Adults' events in the Diocese in the course of 2026.

*Wishing every parishioner a peaceful, holy and blessed 2026!*

Specifically, what would come next in this sequence?



### DIOCESAN SOCIAL MEDIA

Stay up to date with all the latest news and events from across the Diocese and follow us: [@rdgalloway](https://www.facebook.com/rdgalloway) on Facebook, X, or Instagram, and check out the website: [www.rcdg.org.uk](http://www.rcdg.org.uk).

### St Columba's "100" Club

**"100" Club:** Many thanks to the "100" Club team for their years of service. They are needing to hand it over to someone new. Please do volunteer if you can.

NB There is a First Aid box and a Defibrillator in the Church Sacristy should either be needed at any time.



### Fr Gerald Quiz Challenge

A chance for those who missed it last week!

Fr Gerald challenges all parishioners to have a go at this puzzle from his Donnelly family Christmas quiz.

**What would come next in this logical sequence?**

(NB you don't need to have a comprehensive grasp of football detail to crack this one.....)

A small donation to the fabric fund might secure the solution!.....



### St Andrew's Coffees/Teas on Sunday

All are welcome for Sunday teas/coffees/juice in the hall after Mass on Sunday. There are tasty treats on offer. 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.



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