



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

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Parish Notices

Week beginning 1st February, 2026

Mass timetable in the week ahead:

NB. Mass on Thursday in St Columba's is at 11am. There is no 7pm Mass this week.

Weekday Masses:

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

St Columba's: Tuesday at 10am; Thursday at 11am.

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 7th February 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 next Saturday, 7th February at 5.15pm at Our Lady's altar. All are welcome.

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 SSVP –Tuesday 3rd February at 4pm in the house.

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

St Columba's PPC-Tuesday 5th March at 7.30pm.

Collections

St Andrew's collection was £720.22 with £65.56 at Sunday Coffee. This year's crib appeal for St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society raised £207.43. **SSVP** collected £154.47.

St Columba's collection was £169.65 with £21.58 for SCIAF. 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.

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 sauce, microwave rice, tinned meat, vegetables and potatoes.

Rest in Peace

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Eddie Dunbar and of Godfrey Newham**. The funeral for Eddie Dunbar is on Thursday 5th February at 11am. We pray for the comforting of both families at this time.

The Pope's prayer intention for February:

For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

1st February, 2026

Fourth Sunday of the Year (Missal p88) (A)

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

1 Corinthians 1: 26-31

Matthew 5: 1-12a

Psalm Response

Blessed are the poor in spirit;
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer III

Next Sunday :

Fifth Sunday of the Year (Year A)

Fourth Sunday of the Year (Year A)

Anne Frank wrote, "In spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart." Today, Jesus offers us the Beatitudes as a radical blueprint for justice.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday:	Bernadette Wiles anniversary
Wednesday:	Ben Woods intention
Thursday:	Eddie Dunbar
Friday:	Ben Woods intention
Saturday:	Hannah Jane Rollinson anniv.
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 McCarron

May Fuller

Anne Murdy

Thomas Gray

Anne & Peter Richardson

Anna Hart

Ted & Jean Machin

Catherine O'Neill

Eric Sherman

Catherine Smith

Alex Mitchell

All others who are ill

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.

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.

St Andrew's Cleaning Appeal

Can you spare one hour per month to upkeep our Church building? With 3 of the cleaning team taking well-earned retirement, we need others to step in to lend a hand. Please speak with Fr Gerald, Ana or a pass-keeper for more info!

Parish Registers

There are registers kept of parishioners in both parishes which might not have been fully updated in 10 years. If you are a new parishioner or an existing one whose address has changed, please take a slip from the back of the Church and return it to the parish office or to Fr Gerald. Any ongoing changes can be e-mailed to the parish office address at any time.

St Andrew's "200" Club

Winners in the January draw are as follows:

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| 1. | £50 | no.29 | David Allan |
| 2. | £25 | no.111 | Grainne Reid |
| 3. | £15 | no.93 | Kathleen Shannon |

Congratulations to all of this month's winners.



World Day of Prayer for the Sick Mass

Sunday 15th February
4pm

Followed by AGM of
Galloway Lourdes Hospitalité

St Margaret's Cathedral
27 John Street
Ayr, KA8 OBS



"The Depot"

Our friends at "The Depot" welcome any donations of men's clothes and men's shoes, sizes 6.5 to 9, which can be left at the back of the Church or outside the hall basement.

DIOCESAN SOCIAL MEDIA

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

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



Year of the Holy Spirit

As we finish the Holy Year we count down to the next one, not in 2050 but in 2033, which will mark 2000 years since the traditional date given to the Death and Resurrection of Christ. Bishop Frank has outlined some thoughts and ideas in a pastoral letter. Copies of Bishop Frank's letter are still available on the noticeboard and on the back tables in both Churches and will be discussed at PPC and DPC meetings through the year.



St Andrew's Children's Liturgy

The next Children's Liturgy date will be advertised soon.

Sacramental Preparation

Preparation is underway in both St Columba's and St Andrew's parishes for First Holy Communion which will be celebrated in St Columba's, Annan, on Sunday 7th June at 12noon Mass. It will be celebrated in St Andrew's on Sunday 14th June at 10am Mass. If your child is in Primary 4 and NOT attending St Columba's nor St Andrew's primary school but is wishing to receive First Communion, please see Mrs Y Panczak in St Columba's and Mrs R Crosbie in St Andrew's as soon as is possible. Please do not wait until just before the date since sufficient preparation is required.

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.

YOUTH EVENING: Join young people from across the cluster on **Sunday 15th February** as they gather for their monthly evening in St Teresa's, Dumfries. They'll be reflecting on the theme of Lent: what Lent is and what they're called to do during it. The evening begins with Mass at 5.00 pm after which they'll continue in the hall with games, activities, a short talk, and pizza. All young people in P6-S4 are welcome, if it's your first time, please complete an Annual Consent Form online: youth.rcdg.org.uk.

ADVENT YOUTH RETREAT: Takes place from 27th – 29th November at Gowanbank SU Centre, near Darvel. The retreat is open to all young people in P6-S3 (P7-S4 at time of the retreat) and costs £160 pp, however if you register before Easter it's only £140 pp. The weekend includes a range of times of prayer, Mass, spiritual reflection, different outdoor activities and lots of time to relax and spend time with friends. Subsidies are available for those in need, or for families with more than one child wishing to attend – please contact the youth office by e-mailing: youth@rcdg.org.uk
Registration opens tomorrow – places are limited so be sure to sign up early to guarantee yours. Sign up by going to youth.rcdg.org.uk.



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.

