



*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 8th February, 2026

Mass timetable in the week ahead:

NB. There is no Mass on Tuesday at St Columba's and Godfrey Newham's funeral service will be in St Columba's on Wednesday at 11am. Mass in St Andrew's at 10am on Thursday is the Requiem Mass for Frances Wilson.

Weekday Masses:

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

St Columba's: Wednesday at 11am; 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 14th 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 this 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 Fundraising -Tuesday 10th Feb at 7pm in the house.

St Andrew's PPC– Tuesday 21st April at 7pm in the house.

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

Collections

St Andrew's collection was £560. **SSVP** collected £153.69. **Jars of Hope** have increased by £96 to £631. **St Columba's** collection was £366.74 with £34.65 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 **Godfrey Newham and of Frances Wilson**. We pray for the comforting of their families and friends 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.

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8th February, 2026

Fifth Sunday of the Year (Missal p92) (A)

Isaiah 58: 7-10

1 Corinthians 2: 1-5

Matthew 5: 13-16

Psalm Response

A light rises in the darkness for the upright

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer I

Next Sunday :

Sixth Sunday of the Year (Year A)

Fifth Sunday of the Year (Year A)

As we spend time together as members of the same community, we remind ourselves of the importance of a compassionate approach – to each other, to our neighbours, and to our global family. Today, we remember especially all those who are victims of trafficking. They are treated as goods to be traded, rather than as people with dignity.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday: No Mass

Wednesday: Teresa and Thomas Gray

Thursday: Eddie Dunbar

Friday: James Shaw anniversary

Saturday: Brian McMurdo anniversary

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.

Fundraising-come along!

St Andrew's Fundraising group meets in the house on **Tuesday 10th February at 7pm**. The small group has put in a good deal of time and effort to plan and to run fundraising events for the parish in recent years but we could always do with fresh ideas and new energy for going forward. Make a positive difference and come along to pitch in and to help out!



Lenten Lunches

This year's Lenten lunches at St John's will be served every Friday between 20th February and 27th March from 12noon to 1.30pm. Homemade soup and cheese or plain rolls with tea and coffee will be on offer for a minimum donation of £4 (£2.50 per child) with all proceeds going to Christian Aid. St Andrew's will provide lunch on **27th March**. Please help by donating funds for cheese and other provisions. Can the team of helpers please contact Carol at the Vigil or on 01387 264356. Thank you.



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. Copies of Bishop Frank's pastoral letter are still available in both Churches and will be discussed at PPC and DPC meetings through the year. Bishop Frank Dougan will say a Mass for the Holy Spirit in St Teresa's Church on **Thursday 26th February at 7pm**.



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.

Lent and Holy Week-booklets and diary dates

Please find "My Day by Day" booklets for Lent in both Churches.

Ash Wednesday, 18th February: Mass in St Andrew's at 9.30am and 7pm. Mass in St Columba's at 11.30am.

Lenten Tuesdays at St Columba's thereafter from 11am.

Easter Tridium: In St Columba's on Holy Thursday, 2nd April, at 7pm; Good Friday at 3pm and Easter Sunday at 12noon. Time for Easter Saturday Vigil at St Columba's on 4th April to be confirmed.

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 Cleaning Appeal

Many thanks to all of those who have volunteered to help with the upkeep of the Church and who have been making great inroads with tackling the surrounding lights and with restoring the back room area for baby-changing in the last week or so. If there is anyone else who could help with just one hour per month on a Wed from 5-6pm, that would be appreciated. Please speak with Fr Gerald, Ana or a pass-keeper for more info!



"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.

They would also welcome any donations of toilet rolls and of shower gels.

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.



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.



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.
YOUNG ADULTS PILGRIMAGE TO ROME: Join Young Adults from across the Diocese for a 5 day/ 4 night pilgrimage to Rome from 12th – 16th October 2026. The itinerary will feature a wide range of different spiritual and cultural activities, including the Wednesday Audience, Vatican Museums, and a walking tour of Rome, as well as a free day to explore the city. The pilgrimage is open to young adults in S6 (at time of departure – current S5) to age 30 and costs £1000 (*the group is planning to fundraise to reduce this*) which includes all flights, accommodation, breakfast, dinner, and admission costs. If you're interested, scan the QR code on the noticeboard poster, or go to youth.rcdg.org.uk, for more details and to register.



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.