



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

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Parish Notices

Week beginning 15th February, 2026

Mass timetable in the week ahead:

NB. Wednesday 18th February is Ash Wednesday. Please note the Mass times in both Churches.

Weekday Masses:

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

St Columba's: Tuesday at 10am; Wednesday at 11.30am; 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 21st February at 10am.

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

Ash Wednesday and Lent

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of Lent. There are Masses in St Andrew's at 9.30am and 7pm and in St Columba's at 11.30am. There are SCIAF and other Lenten materials available. Ash Wednesday is a day of Fast and Abstinence.

First Friday of Lent

This is a day of prayer for all of those who have suffered abuse.

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 17th February at 4pm 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 £634.36 with £167.30 over two Sunday Coffees **SSVP** collected £145.86. **St Columba's** collection was £162.60 with £32.40 for SCIAF. Many thanks.

Many thanks to all who contributed to the £399 which was raised for Parkinson's UK at **Pat O'Neill's** recent funeral in St Andrew's.

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,, tinned meat, vegetables and potatoes.

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.

15th February, 2026

Sixth Sunday of the Year (Missal p96) (A)

Sirach 15: 15-20

1 Corinthians 2: 6-10

Matthew 5: 17-37

Psalm Response

Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer II

Next Sunday :

First Sunday of Lent (Year A)

Sixth Sunday of the Year (Year A)

Life involves rules and choices. We have the freedom to choose between right and wrong, our own benefit and the good of all. We gather today to remind ourselves of God's wisdom and love for us as we seek to do what is right.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday:	Godfrey Newham
Wednesday:	Norah Scott intention
Thursday:	Darley family intention
Friday:	Tremble intention
Saturday:	Richard Uphill
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...

Flo Tobin	Ted & Jean Machin
Dan McCarron	Catherine O'Neill
May Fuller	Eric Sherman
Anne Murdy	Catherine Smith
Thomas Gray	Alex Mitchell
Anne & Peter Richardson	All others who are ill
Anna Hart	

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.

Notes for Lent and Holy Week

There will be Stations of the Cross in St Andrew's starting on the Wednesday of the First Week of Lent, **25th February at 7pm**. It is hoped to incorporate a period of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament as well.

From the First Sunday in Lent we will include Bishop Dougan's request for the guidance of the Holy Spirit at Masses using the Diocesan prayer cards that have been available over the last couple of weeks.

From the **Tuesday of the First Week in Lent**, the timetable for St Columba's will be: 11am Stations of the Cross, 11.30am Mass and 12noon Lenten lunches for SCIAF.

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.



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.



World Day of Prayer for the Sick Mass

This is on Sunday 15th February at 4pm at St Margaret's Cathedral in Ayr and is followed by the AGM of Galloway Lourdes Hospitalite. All are welcome.

Parish Registers

There are registers kept of parishioners in both parishes which are being updated. 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. If there is anyone else who could help with just one hour per month on a Wed from 5-6pm, that would be appreciated.



"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 any toiletries for men eg shaving foam, deodorant, toothpaste.

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 in 2033, which will mark 2000 years since the traditional date given to the Death and Resurrection of Christ. Bishop Frank's pastoral letter is still available in both Churches and will be discussed at meetings through the year. Bishop Frank will say a Mass for the Holy Spirit in St Teresa's Church on **Thursday 26th February at 7pm**.

World Day of Prayer

St John's will again host a service on **Friday 6th March** at 10.30am, just before the Lent lunch. If you can represent St Andrew's at the planning meeting on Monday 16th February at 2pm in St John's, please let Fr Gerald know. Thank you.

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.

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.

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.

