



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 22nd February, 2026

Mass timetable in the week ahead:

NB. St Columba's Lenten Tuesdays: Stations of the Cross at 11am followed by Mass at 11.30am and then Lenten lunches for SCIAF. There's No Mass on Thursday evening this week due to Mass in St Teresa's with Bishop Frank. St Andrew's Stations of the Cross is on Wednesday at 7pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Weekday Masses:

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

St Columba's: Tuesday 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 Andrew's on Saturday 28th February at 10am.

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

Rite of Presentation

We celebrate the Rite of Presentation this weekend in St Andrew's for the children who will make their First Holy Communion. We pray for the candidates and their families as they prepare.

Pastoral Letter

Please find a new pastoral letter from Bishop Frank on the noticeboard. There are several copies available to take home.

St Andrew's Lenten Retreat Day

There will be a Lenten day of Retreat and Reflection on **Sat 14th March** from 9.30am. It will be led by Fr Duncan McVicar. Please support and come along.

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 21st April at 7pm in the house.

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

Collections

St Andrew's collection was £813.50. ***SSVP*** collected £229.33. ***St Columba's*** collection was £136.46 with £53.40 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 non-perishable foodstuffs as well as toilet rolls and shower gels.

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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First Sunday of Lent (Missal p122) (A)

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Romans 5: 12-19

Matthew 4: 1-11

Psalm Response

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer III

Next Sunday :

Second Sunday of Lent (Year A)

First Sunday of Lent

It is Lent again. Once again we have a time of challenge, invitation and grace, in which we can rediscover God and one another.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday:	Intention
Wednesday:	Margaret King
Thursday:	Intention
Friday:	Willa McCarron
Saturday:	Ben Woods intention
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

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.

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.

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.



Lourdes Hospitalite

There are raffle tickets available this weekend for the Galloway Lourdes Hospitalite. Please support if you can.

Stop assisted suicide - further action needed!

Please take 30 seconds to stop assisted suicide from being forced into law. "Right To Life UK" has made an EasyAction tool to email your MP asking them to oppose attempts to force assisted suicide into law by bypassing the House of Lords. **Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/ASCommons2026 to ask your MP to oppose forcing the assisted suicide Bill into law.**

Parish Registers

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.



"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 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 to mark the World Day of Prayer on **Friday 6th March** at 10.30am, just before the Lent lunch. All are welcome.

St Andrew's "200 Club"

A big thanks to members of the "200 Club". Money raised last year provided for a Christmas dinner party with live music for over forty of our senior parishioners and for small donations to other needs of the Church and parish. Renewal memberships for 2025-2026 are now due and envelopes will be available at the back of the Church. The Club provides funding for some essential needs of the parish and benefits our senior parishioners at Christmas thus your continued membership is valued. New members are welcome.

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.

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. 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.

YOUNG ADULTS' (S5-30) EVENING: The next evening takes place on Sunday 1st March when Fr Ben Mkeri, CSSp, will be speaking on the Holy Spirit: who the Holy Spirit is, why we pray to him, and how he supports us. Join Young Adults from across the Diocese at St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock, beginning with Mass at 5.45 pm, or join from 6.30 pm online for the talk. To follow online, register through their website: youth.rcdg.org.uk and click on 'Young Adults'.

Marist Leaders Lenten Reflections: Many thanks to the St Joseph's pupils who produced this booklet which you will find on the noticeboard with several spare copies to take.



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.

