



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 15th March, 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. 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; 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 March at 10am.

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

Stations of the Cross Leadership

Please sign up on the noticeboard sheet if you can lead the Stations of the Cross on any of the Lenten Wednesday evenings in March.

SCIAF

There will be a special collection for SCIAF 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 SSVP - Tuesday 17th March at 4pm in the house

St Columba's PPC- Tuesday 21st April at 10.30am in the house.

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

Collections

St Andrew's collection was £636.30 with £80.60 at Sunday coffee. ***SSVP*** collected £160.96. ***St Columba's*** collection was £286.10 with £38.30 for SCIAF. Many thanks.

Year of the Holy Spirit

As we finish the Holy Year we countdown to the next one, not 2050 but 2033 which mark 2000 years since the traditional date given to the Death and Resurrection of Christ. Copies of Bishop Frank's letter are available and will be discussed at PPC and DPC meetings through the year.

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 March:

For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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Fourth of Lent (Missal p137) (A)

1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Ephesians 5: 8-14

John 9: 1-41

Psalm Response

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer III

Next Sunday :

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year A)

Fourth Sunday of Lent

As we continue this season of Lent we gather today, giving thanks for all the many blessings we have received and committing ourselves to living out the Gospel in our daily actions.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday: Kathleen O'Connor

Wednesday: Norah Scott

Thursday: Intention

Friday: Ben Woods

Saturday: 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 is Stations of the Cross in St Andrew's through Lent on **Wednesdays at 7pm**. A period of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be incorporated. The Dumfries Christian Network will join us for Stations of the Cross on **Wednesday 30th March at 7pm**, followed by refreshments in the hall to which all are very welcome.

There will be an opportunity for Lenten reconciliation in St Andrew's on **Tuesday 24th March at 7pm**.

On Sundays through Lent we will continue to include Bishop Dougan's request for the guidance of the Holy Spirit at Masses using the Diocesan prayer cards.

On **Tuesdays through 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 until 27th March inclusive 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 via Carol at the Vigil or on 01387 264356. Thank you.

Sacramental Preparation

Preparation is underway in both St Columba's and St Andrew's parishes for First Holy Communion. First Holy Communion will be celebrated in St Columba's Annan on Sunday 7th June 2026 at 12 noon 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 or St Andrew's primary school and 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 possible. Please do not wait until just before the date as sufficient preparation is required.

Lourdes Hospitalite

There are raffle tickets available for the Galloway Lourdes Hospitalite on the back table. Please support if you can.



"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.



A very Happy Mothers' Day To all Mums! I hope you have a pleasant celebration with your families

Mass of Chrism at St Margaret's

This year's Mass of Chrism in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr, is at **7pm on Tuesday 31st March**. Please sign the sheet on the St Andrew's noticeboard if you would like to travel in the parish bus which will leave St Andrew's Church on Shakespeare St at 4.30pm.

Parish Registers

There is a register of parishioners in both parishes. It hasn't been updated for over 10 years. If you are a new parishioner or an existing one whose address has changed please take a slip to complete and return to the parish office or Fr Gerald.

Society of St Vincent De Paul

The Society of St Vincent De Paul Conference does great work in the parish, including visiting, providing transport for Mass and charitable giving. As with all ministries in parishes the society seeks new members. Please give serious consideration to joining the SVDP conference.

Ceilidh Date for your diary

Following the success of the last two ceilidhs, Annan Churches Together are planning another one on **Saturday 18th April**. Please see Colette for further information and please support if you are able.

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.

Find details there of the Galloway Youth Evening for p5 to S4 on **Sunday 22nd March at 5pm** at St Teresa's and of the Easter Youth Day on **Saturday 17th April!**



Dementia Prayer Week, 2026

This annual initiative of the Pastoral Care Project runs from 12th to 19th March

Dementia prayer week invites us to pause and pray with and for those living with dementia, their families and for all who care for them. It highlights the dignity of every person, reminding us that each life remains precious and loved by God, even when memory fades and it nurtures hope and reassurance that no-one is forgotten in God's loving care.

We can pray: "Loving God, be close to all who live with dementia and those who care for them. When memories fade, hold them fast in your enduring love. May your peace dwell where words are few and may your presence be deeply felt. Amen"



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.

