



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

*Parishes of the R C Diocese of Galloway -  
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**Parish Notices**

**Week beginning 5th April, 2026**

*Mass timetable in the week ahead:*

NB. In St Andrew's there are Masses at 7pm on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Please note the time change on Wednesday.

**Weekday Masses:**

**St Andrew's: Monday at 7pm; Wednesday at 7pm; Friday at 10am**

**St Columba's: Tuesday at 10am; 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 11th April at 10am.*

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

***NB No First Saturday Rosary in April***

There will be no Fatima Rosary on Saturday 4th April since it is Holy Saturday and there is no Vigil on that evening.

***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.

***Defibrillator Training***

This weekend, please do sign up on the sheet for Defibrillator training in St Andrew's Church at 11am next Saturday, 11th April. The trainer will come only if we have a viable number.

***Meeting Dates***

**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 £905.22 with £81 from Sunday Coffee. **SSVP** collected £132.86. **St Columba's** collection was £168 with £30 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 rchchaplain.hospital@yahoo.com.

**First Base food bank:** Please keep up your donations of non-perishable foodstuffs for the Food Bank.

***Rest in Peace***

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Eric Connell; of Alex Mitchell; of Barbara Barallon and of Annette Miller.** We pray for the comforting of their families and friends at this time. May they all rest in peace.

***The Pope's prayer intention for April:***

**For priests in crisis**

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

**5th April, 2026**

**Easter Sunday (Missal p271) (A)**

Acts 10: 34a. 37-43

Colossians 3: 1-4

John 20:1-9

***Psalm Response***

This is the day the Lord has made;

let us rejoice in it and be glad.

**Today's Liturgy:** Eucharistic Prayer III

***Next Sunday :***

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) (Year A)

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection**

Resurrection faith begins in darkness, in confusion, at an empty tomb – and slowly opens our eyes to new life.

***Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:***

Monday:	Intention
Tuesday:	Nona Boyle
Wednesday:	Kathleen Donohoe
Thursday:	Karen Gomez
Friday:	Margaret Adamson anniversary
Saturday:	Willa McCarron
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...***

<b>Flo Tobin</b>	<b>James Caro</b>
<b>Dan McCarron</b>	<b>Ted &amp; Jean Machin</b>
<b>May Fuller</b>	<b>Catherine O'Neill</b>
<b>Anne Murdy</b>	<b>Eric Sherman</b>
<b>Thomas Gray</b>	<b>Catherine Smith</b>
<b>Anne &amp; Peter Richardson</b>	<b>Anna Hart</b>

**All 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.



*He is risen! Alleluia!  
Wishing every parishioner and  
visitor a very Happy and Holy  
Easter!*



#### **Dumfries Adult Professionals Group**

For Catholics aged 30 and above. In this group, we are planning to discuss how we are living out our Catholic faith in our day-to-day lives and in our workplace. There will be group Rosary and tea/coffee. For more details and if you are interested to join, please contact Christina Silby through message/WhatsApp on 07910 478191.



#### **Lenten Lunch Thanks**

Well done and many thanks indeed to everyone who donated generously, worked hard for and supported last week's Lenten lunch in any way. All provisions, donations and team work were much appreciated. St Andrew's ran both the lunches and the sales table this year and raised a wonderful total of £1100 for "Christian Aid". Thank you to all from the parish and from St Joseph's College who made a such a wonderful effort.

#### **Lourdes Hospitalite**

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

#### **Dumfries Catholic Women's Group**

Inviting all ladies in the parish to come together to share how we are living out femininity in the current vocation which God has uniquely given us. Meetings will include group Rosary, Bible/faith-based studies and sharing food. For more details, please contact Christina via message/WhatsApp on 07910 478191.

#### **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](http://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.



#### **Bishop Frank's Easter Message, 2026**



Please find the full text of this on the noticeboards in both Churches. Bishop Frank begins:

"Dear Brothers and Sisters, We live in a time when it seems as if everyone has an opinion about everything. There are plenty of people with much to say and little time to listen, and that includes opinions about God, faith, religion. How about, for a wee change, we let the Lord speak for himself and hear what he has to say? Listen to him:

On Holy Thursday he speaks words of service and sacrifice: **"Take and eat, this is my Body, this is my Blood"; "Do this in memory of me"** and frames it with the washing of the feet, the act of a servant.

On Good Friday he speaks words of mercy, **"Father forgive them"**, of solidarity with human suffering, **"My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?"**, of a plan for salvation that brings victory at the moment of death and apparent defeat, **"It is accomplished"**.

And at Easter, he show that death does not have the last word. He himself is the Risen Word who has passed from death to life and who will repeat to us over and over, **"Do not be afraid".....**

And let us respond, not with an opinion, but with one word of our own: **Alleluia!** (Praise the Lord!)"

#### **St Andrew's "200" Club**

Results of the March draw are as follows:

£50	no.129	Anna Hart
£25	no. 7	Kathleen Sherman
£15	no.93	Roland Strahle

Congratulations to this month's winners!

The first draw for the 2026-2027 season will take place next month. Anyone wishing to join the club for the forthcoming year can find application forms on the table at the rear of the Church.

#### **ACT/St Columba's Ceilidh**

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 Easter Youth Day on **Saturday 18th April!**

#### **Event at The Usual Place**

A parishioner recommends a coffee morning and photo exhibition in aid of Dumfries Lions and The Usual Place on Saturday 11th April from 10am to 12.30pm. Why not pop in before Defibrillator training at 11am! Entry is £4 per person and includes tea, coffee and cake. Full details are on the Church noticeboard.



#### **St Andrew's Coffees/Teas on Sunday**

Those who provide Sunday teas/coffees/juice are having a break until 12th April when the usual tasty treats will be on offer.

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.

