



*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 12th April, 2026**

*Mass timetable in the week ahead:*

NB. There is no Mass in St Columba's on Tuesday. Mass on Tuesday is the Requiem Mass for Barbara Barallon; Mass on Wednesday is the Requiem Mass for Alex Mitchell and Mass on Friday is the Requiem Mass for Eric Connell.

**Weekday Masses:**

**St Andrew's: Tuesday at 10am; Wednesday at 10am; Friday at 10am**

**St Columba's: 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 18th April at 10am.*

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

***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.

***Thank you to all on maintenance/Church decoration teams***

Many thanks to all who prepared the Churches and grounds inside and out for Holy Week and Easter. All of your hard work is greatly appreciated!

***Meeting Dates***

**St Andrew's SSVP-** Tuesday 14th April 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 £1121 with £460 Wee Box money for SCIAF so far. **SSVP** collected £137.58. **St Columba's** collection was £360.40 including £25 from the Polish service. £25.20 was donated for SCIAF and £283.05 for the Holy Places. 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.

***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.

**12th April, 2026**

**2nd Sunday of Easter (Missal p276) (A)**

Acts 2: 42-47

1 Peter 1: 3-9

John 20:19-31

***Psalm Response***

Give praise to the Lord, for he is good,  
his mercy endures for ever

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

**Next Sunday :** 3rd Sunday of Easter (Year A)

**2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)**

Today we consider how, by rejecting doubt, our faith in the resurrection of Jesus infuses our lives with joy in anticipation of the salvation he promised.

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

Tuesday:	Thomas Gray
Wednesday:	Christine Barrett anniversary
Thursday:	Nona Boyle
Friday:	James Gillen
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...***

<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!*

**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!)”

**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.

**St Andrew's Spring Fayre**

It is nearly time for the St Andrew's annual Spring Fayre on **Sunday 19th April** from 11am to 1pm. This provides an opportunity to raise money for parish funds and to come together socially as a parish community.



Donations of unwanted gifts, of bottles and of baking can be left on the table at the back of the Church. Refreshments, including bacon rolls, will be served. Please do support the Fayre in any way which you can. Thank you.

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

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

**Lourdes Hospitalite**

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

**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.

**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!**



**"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.

**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.

**Safeguarding Issues**

There is an online "Safeguarding Bulletin" on the Diocesan website. This is a monthly publication.

**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).

**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.

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.

