



*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 19th April, 2026**

*Mass timetable in the week ahead:*

There is a normal Mass timetable in the week ahead.

**Weekday Masses:**

**St Andrew's: Wednesday at 10am; 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 25th April at 10am.*

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

***World Day of Prayer for Vocations***

Next Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations when there will be a second collection for the Ecclesiastical Students' Fund.

***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.

***Safeguarding Issues***

There is a monthly, online "Safeguarding Bulletin" on the Diocesan website.

***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 £725. St Andrew's **Jars of Hope** total increased by £107 to £738. **SSVP** collected £178.93. **St Columba's** collection was £201.05 with £20.20 for SCIAF. Please find thank you letters on the noticeboards from St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society for the £95 donated from St Columba's and the £207.43 sent from St Andrew's. 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](mailto: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, cooking sauce and tinned goods.

***Rest in Peace***

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Annette Miller**. We pray for the comforting of Annette's family and friends at this time. May she 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.

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**19th April, 2026**

**3rd Sunday of Easter (Missal p280) (A)**

Acts 2: 14. 22b-33

1 Peter 1: 17-21

Luke 24:13-35

***Psalm Response***

O Lord, you will show me the path of life.

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

**Next Sunday :** 4th Sunday of Easter (Year A)

**3rd Sunday of Easter**

The Easter adventure continues! Lives are changed forever by encounters with the Risen Lord! Today, Jesus makes himself known to the Emmaus disciples in the breaking of the bread; he comes to meet us, too, as we gather at his table.

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

Tuesday: Paddy Murphy  
Wednesday: Alex Mitchell  
Thursday: Jim Hairstains  
Friday: Annette Miller  
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>
<b>All who are ill</b>	<b>Canon Pat McSorley</b>

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](http://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!*

***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***

This weekend sees 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 brought to the Vigil and baking can be handed in on the morning. Refreshments, including bacon rolls, will be served. Please do support the Fayre in any way which you can! Thank you.

***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.

***Fairtrade event***

On **Wed 6th May at 7.30pm**, "River of Gold" will be shown at the Robert Burns Film Theatre to mark World Fairtrade Day. Did you know that the Fairtrade mark can be found on gold? Two local jewellers will take part in a post-film conversation about their craft and the ethics of how they run their businesses. You can find more information and book tickets in person or via the RB Film Theatre website.

***From B Jeavons on Ukrainian Supplies:***

"Please do continue to help. Analgesia, eye drops, sterile water for eye irrigation, bandages, plasters and military tourniquets are needed as are cotton t-shirts, socks and donations of money. Thank you to everyone."

***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.



***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.

Donations, either one-off or by standing order, may be made online or through your bank to St Andrew's SSVP, account number 00613268, sort code 80 11 60. Thank you.

***Defibrillator Training***

Many thanks to all of those who came along to the enjoyable training day. Among the many pieces of advice and practice that we were given was that the AED machine should be visible and its location known, therefore it will be situated on one of the chairs outside the sacristy for the duration of any Mass or other liturgies. Many thanks to Joe Brown who came along to deliver the training. It was very useful and informative and Joe asked only that we remember his mother-in-law in our prayers. We pray for the repose of the soul of Betty Fulton who was a St Andrew's parishioner.

***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.

***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.

***"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.

***Safeguarding Issues***

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

***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.

