



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

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Parish Notices

Week beginning 26th April, 2026

Mass timetable in the week ahead:

NB There are no weekday Masses in the week ahead.

Weekday Masses:

St Andrew's:

St Columba's:

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 2nd May at 10am.

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

Fr Gerald on leave

Fr Gerald will be on holiday from Monday 27th April to Monday 4th May. If you need to contact a priest urgently while he is away, please phone St Teresa's on 01387 252603.

First Saturday Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima

This will be said this Saturday, 25th April at 5.15pm at Our Lady's altar. All are welcome.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

This Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The usual second collection for the Ecclesiastical Students' Fund will be delayed due to next weekend's Mission Appeal.

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.

Mission Appeal

There is a Mission Appeal and a second collection next weekend at all Masses. The appeal is made by the Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers).

Meeting Dates

St Columba's PPC– Tuesday 9th June at 10.30am in the house.

St Andrew's PPC– AGM on Tuesday, 29th September.

Collections

St Andrew's collection was £576.60 with £71.60 from Coffee on 12th April. £171 was donated to SCIAF in memory of Barbara Barallon. **SSVP** collected £131.15. **St Columba's** collection was £260.80 with £45.55 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 rchaplain.hospital@yahoo.com.

First Base food bank: Please keep up your donations.

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.

26th April, 2026

4th Sunday of Easter (Missal p285) (A)

Acts 2: 14a. 36-41

1 Peter 2: 20b-25

John 10: 1-10

Psalm Response

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

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer III

Next Sunday : 5th Sunday of Easter (Year A)

4th Sunday of Easter

Jesus, our Good Shepherd, invites us to serve with humility, listen with compassion and to walk always in his light.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday:

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

Cathy Pittendreigh

All who are ill or in distress.

James Caro

Ted & Jean Machin

Catherine O'Neill

Eric Sherman

Catherine Smith

Anna Hart

Canon Pat McSorley

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!

St Columba's Wee Boxes

Please do return all SCIAF Wee Boxes to the Church by next weekend at the latest. Thank you.

St Andrew's Spring Fayre

Many thanks to everyone who kindly donated money, baking and all items for the Spring Fayre last Sunday. A big thank you to all helpers and to those who came into the hall. The wonderful total of £605 was raised for Church funds. This will help greatly with ongoing and with forthcoming maintenance projects.



Please look out for the next fundraising events which are necessary for the upkeep of the Church and hall as well as providing an opportunity to come together to socialise in the parish community.

YOUTH EVENING VOLUNTEERS

The Diocesan Youth Office is currently appealing for volunteers to help support their monthly youth evenings in St Teresa's Church. These evenings have been running for almost a year now and have been seeing significant growth in the number of young people getting involved, but to sustain this growth, they need to recruit more volunteers to support these evenings. They're looking for volunteers who can assist in the kitchen with cooking pizza, preparing juice, snacks etc. as well as volunteers who would like to assist as Adult Leaders. *(These are two separate roles: if you would like to assist in the kitchen, there's no expectation that you would lead the evenings).*

They have a fantastic team of Junior Leaders who lead most of the activities, with Adult Leaders being responsible for supervision and safeguarding. Could you help with either of these roles? Email youth@rcdg.org.uk for details.

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.

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.

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.

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' (S5-30) EVENING

The next evening takes place on **Sunday 3rd May** when Fr Philip Kitchen will be joining the group for the second in our series of evenings on "The History of the Church" as he speaks on the Middle Ages.

Join Young Adults from across the Diocese at St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock, beginning with Mass at 6.00 pm, or join from 6.30 pm in person or online for the talk. To follow online, register through their website: youth.rcdg.org.uk and click on 'Young Adults'.

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.



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.

