



*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 3rd May, 2026**

*Mass timetable in the week ahead:*

NB There is no Mass in St Columba's on Tuesday.

**Weekday Masses:**

**St Andrew's: 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 Andrew's on Saturday 9th May at 10am.*

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

*Fr Gerald on leave*

Fr Gerald is on holiday until Monday 4th May and over to Ireland for Canon McSorley's funeral on Tuesday. If you need to contact a priest urgently while he is away, please phone St Teresa's on 01387 252603.

*Mission Appeal and Welcome*

A warm welcome to Fr William Crombie from the Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers) who is kindly saying Mass in Fr Gerald's absence this weekend. Fr. Crombie will make a Mission appeal for which there will be a second collection at all Masses.

*First Saturday Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima*

This will be said this Saturday, 1st May at 5.15pm at Our Lady's altar. Apologies for jumping the gun last week! All are welcome.

*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 5th May at 4pm in the house.

**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 £632.30 with £67.40 from Coffee. A second batch of "Wee Boxes" yielded a further £567.77 for SCIAF. **SSVP** collected £159.09. **St Columba's** collection was £179.30 with £22.50 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 of non-perishable foodstuffs for the Food Bank. Suggestions include: coffee, long life milk, pasta, cooking sauce & microwave rice.

**3rd May, 2026**

**5th Sunday of Easter (Missal p289) (A)**

Acts 6: 1-7

1 Peter 2: 4-9

John 14: 1-12

*Psalm Response*

May your merciful love be upon us,

as we hope in you, O Lord.

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

**Next Sunday :** 6th Sunday of Easter (Year A)

**5th Sunday of Easter**

As we gather here together today, we hold each other and the needs of the world in mind. As we celebrate together, we consider what it is that makes us a community – both local and global. And we trust in Christ as our foundation.

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

Tuesday:

Wednesday: Mary Cameron anniversary

Thursday: Intention

Friday: Henry Doanne

Saturday: Pat Keane

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**

**James Caro**

**Ted & Jean Machin**

**Catherine O'Neill**

**Eric Sherman**

**Catherine Smith**

**Anna Hart**

**All who are ill or in distress.**

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.

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

**That everyone might have food**

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to food of good quality.

[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!*

### **Rest in Peace**

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Canon Patrick (Pat) McSorley**, retired priest of our Diocese, who died on Thursday. We pray for the repose of his soul and the consolation of all who grieve.



Canon Pat's Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 5th July at 12 noon in St Patrick's Church, Clogher. Fr Gerald will be attending this Mass along with Bishop Frank Dougan and several other priests from the Diocese, therefore there will be no Mass in St Columba's on Tuesday,

### **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. The April edition of the Galloway Youth newsletter is available in Church. Please take one home if you'd like to and more can be printed.

### **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](mailto: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.

### **Lourdes Hospitalite**

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

### **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 in the Church Sacristy and a Defibrillator at the sacristy door 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.

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

The result of the April draw is as follows:

£50	no.98	Alexander Strahle
£25	no.72	Margaret Brown
£15	no.125	Jim Dillett

Congratulations to all of this month's winners! Please note that numbers for 2026-27 are displayed on the noticeboard at the rear of the Church.

### **St Mary's, New Abbey news from Jo Kemp**

"On **Monday 4th May**...tomorrow!..Fr Kevin Rennie and a group from St Joseph's, Kilmarnock, are coming and we are invited to join them and attend Mass at about 12noon. This has become an annual event and a great opportunity to see old friends.

On Ascension, a group from Kirkconnel (Sanquhar) is coming to visit St Mary's in the late morning after attending Mass in Dumfries. A good opportunity to get together, perhaps over a cup of coffee at the tearoom or at the new tearoom at Shambellie. Please come if you can."

### **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."

### **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.

