



*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 Updates & Livestream Info

Week beginning 30th January, 2022

Mass timetable

There is a normal Mass timetable in the week ahead :

Mass at St Andrew's: Wed and Frid at 10am;

Mass at St Columba's: Tues 10am;Thurs 7pm.

(Please sign the register of attendance when you arrive)



Weekend Masses:

St Andrew's: Vigil on Saturday at 6pm; Sunday 10am

St Columba's : Sunday at 12noon

There is Mass in St Teresa's on Saturday 5th February at 10am with Exposition to follow.

All public services from St Andrew's will be live-streamed.

Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima

First Saturday Rosary to our Lady of Fatima will resume on Saturday 5th February at 5.15pm in front of Our Lady's altar.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Bishop Nolan will confer the sacrament of Confirmation on some of the younger members of the parish on **Thursday 10th February** in St Teresa's at 7pm. There will be the Rite of Presentation and Enrolment next **Sunday, 6th February at 10am Mass** for the candidates of St Andrew's parish and at **12noon Mass** for St Columba's.

Safeguarding Issues

There is an online "Safeguarding Bulletin" on the Diocesan website. This is a monthly publication keeping everyone up-to-date with safeguarding issues.

"100" and "200" Clubs Update

The **St Columba's "100" Club** has received enough subscriptions to recommence. You are welcome to join in if you have not already done so.

Plans are in place for the restart of the **St Andrew's "200" Club** with the first draw planned for April. Details of how to join and payment information will be in next week's bulletin. Many thanks to the Barallons who ran the club for many years until the initial lockdown and are now passing the roles on. Their time and considerable efforts were much appreciated. Thank you also to the new manager.

Sacristans and Altar Servers

Please don't hesitate to speak with Fr Gerald if you would like more information about either of the roles. Your help would be most welcomed by Fr Gerald and by the whole Parish

Collections: St Andrew's collection was £406.60 . £138.93 was donated to SSVP. St Columba's collection was £356.40.

Firstbase continue to pick up donations.

Pope Francis' prayer intention for January- For true human fraternity: We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

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4th Sunday of the Year (Year C)

Jeremiah 1 : 4-5. 17-19

1 Corinthians 12: 31-13:13

Luke 4: 21-30

Psalm Response

My lips will tell of your help.

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer II

Next Sunday : 5th Sunday of the year (C)

4th Sunday of the Year (Year C)

Today we learn that the good news offered by Jesus is for everyone, not just for Christians. We are invited to reach out in love to people who are outside of our usual circles.

World Day of Consecrated Life

This is on Wednesday 2nd February

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday:	Frank Nugent
Wednesday:	Liam McKenna
Thursday:	Intention
Friday:	John Morris
Saturday:	Francis O'Neill Anniversary
Sunday:	For the Parish

Please remember in your prayers

those who are sick, everyone on the family prayer ministry requests and all those whose needs are not known to us.

Michael Clark	Astrida Kruste
Francis Clington	Francis Maxwell
Elizabeth Elliot	Christopher Browne
Anne Murdy	Tony Lynch

Sick and Housebound

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 phone 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 safely to anyone you know who is sick or housebound.



Luke 4: 21-30:

“Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, “This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.” And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, “This is Joseph’s son, surely?” But he replied, “No doubt you will quote me the saying, “Physician, heal yourself” and tell me, “We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside,” and he went on, “I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.”

There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah’s day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elijah’s time there were many lepers in Israel but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman. “

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him off the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away. “

Update from the Baptist Church and invitation:

“Although we have had to cancel the SOLAS ‘Confident Christianity’ Conference, Andy Bannister is still coming to DBC for the day on Sunday 6th February.

We welcome you and any of your church fellowship to join us for our evening ‘Centre Point’, an informal gathering, with interactive discussion led by Andy.

The evening commences at 6.30pm and is entitled “Joined up Evangelism: How we can talk about our faith in a way that engages people.”

If you are able to let us know if you are hoping to be there, that would be helpful.”

E-mail: office@dumfriesbaptistchurch.org.uk or phone 01387 268926.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The confessional in St Andrew’s is large and spacious and chairs can be placed more than 1 metre apart, therefore Confessions will continue during Exposition on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month when there is Mass in St Andrew’s.



SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: The diocesan team would like to thank all the people who have already responded to the ten themes which have been published over the past couple of months. Omicron unfortunately postponed the first wave of synod encounters in parishes, however these are now starting to be rescheduled and we look forward to receiving the responses.

In the meantime, there are two options to participate in the Synod. If you would like to attend an **online encounter**, please email synod@gallowaydiocese.org.uk and indicate what days and times are suitable for you. There is also an **online questionnaire** which can be completed either by individuals or small groups, e.g. family members. It is available for download at <https://form.jotform.com/213292942112954> or by visiting gallowaydiocese.org.uk/synod.

COVID 19 Update

We will continue to follow national guidance and that provided by the Diocesan Co-ordinator with regard to managing Covid-19 infection transmission via hand sanitising; mask wearing; keeping a respectful social distance; Church cleaning and providing good ventilation and airflow. As ever, please do not come to Mass if you are unwell, isolating or displaying symptoms.

Register of Names and Contact Details

Please find on the noticeboards of both Churches a recent e-mail from Fr Stephen McGrattan, the Diocesan Co-ordinator for the Re-opening of Churches. While he notes that the use of QR codes for those who choose to opt  into the Government’s Test and Protect scheme can dispense with the need to take names and use paper registers, we are aware that the QR codes in the porch at St Andrew’s and at St Columba’s are not used by the majority of attenders and we will therefore “play safe” and continue to use our efficient, paper register system for the time being in case this is of use. We will continue to monitor this system and to review it in the light of national and local infection rates and associated governmental advice in coming weeks.



Teas after Mass: With the recent relaxation of Covid – related restrictions in Scotland, Teas and Coffees after Sunday Mass will resume this weekend, 30th January, with famous meringues....Please continue to sanitise your hands and wear a mask when not seated. A register of those present will continue to be kept in the meantime. You are welcome to leave your donation for the Church on the table. You are welcome to come along and enjoy a cuppa and a catch-up. Thank you to all who provide refreshments!