



*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 23rd January, 2022

### Mass timetable

There is a normal Mass timetable in the week ahead :

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

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

*(Please sign the register of attendance when on arrival)*



### 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 29th January at 10am with Exposition to follow.

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

### Word of God Sunday

Pope Francis has pronounced that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time each year is "Word of God Sunday". It reminds us of the place and importance of the Word of God in our lives. We are a people of Sacred Scripture. Every time we assemble for Mass or other liturgies we listen to the Word of God. Scripture is the place we discover Jesus. Our Sunday Mass is composed of The Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, we draw strength from both.

### Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima

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

### World Day of Consecrated Life

This is on Wednesday, 2nd February.

### Ministers of the Eucharist

One Minister of the Eucharist will assist in the distribution of communion at weekend Masses. Reception of communion remains as receiving the host only in the hand.

### Livestream

All Masses from St Andrew's are live-streamed. In line with GDPR rules, please be aware of the implications of the livestream system. The images are broadcast to enable those who are unable to attend Mass or other services to see and hear them. Once broadcast there is no control over who watches the images. The camera is fixed and shows a single image of the sanctuary from the back of the Church.

### Weekly Collection Envelopes

New collection envelopes will be prepared in coming weeks. Can you please phone in or drop in a note if you no longer require envelopes. Those paying by Standing Order need not be in touch since we already know that you will not need envelopes. Thanks.

**SSVP:** The SSVP will meet in the Church House on Tuesday 25th January at 7pm.

**Collections:** St Andrew's collection was £568. £245.35 was donated to SSVP. St Columba's collection was £125.70.

**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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## 23rd January, 2022

### 3rd Sunday of the Year (Year C)

Nehemiah: 8: 2-6. 8-10

1 Corinthians 12: 12-30

Luke 1: 1-1-4; 4: 14-21

### Psalm Response

Your words are spirit, Lord,  
And they are life.

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

**Next Sunday :** 4th Sunday of the year (C)

### 3rd Sunday of the Year (Year C)

This Sunday has been designated by the Church as the Sunday of the Word of God. It is a day for us to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches.

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

Tuesday: Mary Duffy Anniversary

Wednesday: Michael Higgins

Thursday: Intention

Friday: Arthur Higgins

Saturday: Josephine Stubbs

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

Francis Clington

Elizabeth Elliot

Anne Murdy

Astrida Kruste

Francis Maxwell

Christopher Browne

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.



### ***New Year Resolutions.....***

#### ***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.

#### ***...Or alternative ways to be involved...***

Please also consider other ways of becoming involved in the Parish community via music ministry; reading; helping with Church cleaning for an hour per two weeks on a Wednesday on either the daytime or the evening team; providing Sunday morning refreshments for a couple of hours per 6 weeks or so or contributing your time and energy in other ways with which you're comfortable or willing. Guidance and support would be given and try-outs are possible too. Thank you!

### **SOLAS Confident Christianity half day Conference: Saturday 5th February 2022.**

Regrettably, and in consultation with SOLAS, the forthcoming SOLAS conference on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February has been CANCELLED.

There are plans to reschedule the conference at a later date.

#### ***Father Benjamin***

Congratulations to Father Benjamin who has passed his driving test and will be moving to Maybole Parish in South Ayrshire to assist the Parish Priest there. We wish him well in his new role.



Luke 1: 1-1-4; 4: 14-21...

...Jesus with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath Day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the bring new sight, and to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour...

#### ***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](mailto: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](http://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.



**Teas after Mass:** Please note with the recent relaxation of restrictions in Scotland, Teas and Coffee after Sunday Mass will resume next weekend, 30th January.