



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 29th June, 2025

Mass timetable in the week ahead:

There is a normal weekday Mass timetable in the week ahead.

Weekday Masses:

St Andrew's: Wednesday at 10am; Friday at 10am.

St Columba's: Tuesday 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 Teresa's on Saturday, 6th July at 10am.

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

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.

First Saturday Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima

This will be said this Saturday, 5th July, at 5.15pm at Our Lady's altar. All are welcome.

Special Collection this weekend

There will be a special collection this weekend for "Peter's Pence" which is for the universal mission of the Church.

Galloway Diocese News

The summer edition features a tribute to Pope Francis and an introduction to Pope Leo, four pages of youth news and a special feature on the celebrations of the 150th Anniversary of St Joseph's College. Please take one and deliver one to anyone whom you visit.

Large Print Bulletin

In response to a request, there is a larger print version of the weekly bulletin available for consultation on the St Andrew's noticeboard. Please leave this there for others to read.

Meeting Dates

St Andrew's SSVP - Tuesday 29th July at 4pm in the house.

St Andrew's AGM of the PPC - Tuesday 30th September at 7pm in the Church hall.

Collections

St Andrew's collection amounted to £628.58. **SSVP** donations amounted to £105.91. **St Columba's** collections in the last fortnight were £249.52 and £167.66 with £63.22 for SCIAF. Thank you.

Firstbase... Please keep up your donations of non-perishable items.

The Pope's prayer intention for June:

That the world might grow in compassion

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus and, from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

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29th June, 2025

St Peter and St Paul-Solemnity (Year C)

Acts 12 : 1-11

Timothy 4 : 6-8. 17-18

Matthew 16: 13-19

Psalm Response

Their sound goes forth through all the earth.

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer I

Next Sunday :

14th Sunday of the Year (Year C)

St Peter and St Paul-Solemnity (Year C)

The underlying theme in today's Mass is that of the fidelity of God. If we rely on him, all is possible. Relying on our own strength, we fail. St Peter and Paul, the founding apostles of the Church, are telling examples of both.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday: Ted Machin intention

Wednesday: Rennie Kidd

Thursday: Intention

Friday: Thomas Jacob

Saturday: Intention

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.

Sick and Housebound

Libby McLaughlin

Anne Murdy

Eric Sherman

Paddy Murphy

Canon Pat Keegans

Ted & Jean Machin

Catherine O'Neill

Michael O'Regan

Catherine Smith

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.



Year of Jubilee 2025

There is a Holy Year Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/holyyearsScotland2025> and visit www.iubilaeum2025.va for more details about this special year with the theme of Pilgrims of Hope. Join in when you can!

For the Holy Year, St Andrew's Church will be open from morning Exposition until the Vigil Mass on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month.



Children's Liturgy of the Word (St Andrew's)

The next Children's Liturgy will be advertised after the school holiday.

St Andrew's Parish Fundraising Quiz

Fr Gerald's popular, annual quiz is on **Friday 18th July**, at 7pm for 7.30pm in the Church hall. There will be a bar serving wine, beer and soft drinks and a light buffet will be provided.



Tickets cost only £3 and are now on sale at the back table in Church or on the door. There will be teams of up to four and come along on your own or in smaller groups to make up team numbers. Bring as many family and friends as you can and all will be welcome for what is always an enjoyable and rarely too competitive an event!

New Abbey Update from Jo Kemp

"There will be a Mass of the Assumption at St Mary's on **Friday 15th August** at a time to be arranged. It's proposed to have a meal afterwards in the house and grounds.

Discussion groups are focussed on the Holy Year theme of "Hope" and come from the Abbey of Ampleforth's YouTube site. They are due to be shown on television. Dates will be firmed up soon and we have use of a minibus to help people attend.

Barry Smith, who has helped us in the house, is in painting woodwork at the moment. We are very grateful. For more details, please contact Jo or Nick on 07798 764045."

National Pilgrimage to Carfin

Advance notice that this will take place on Sunday 7th September when the Jubilee theme will be "Pilgrims of Hope" Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Leo Cushley at 3pm.

Update from Bernie J on Ukrainian Supplies

"Our Ukrainian friends extend heartfelt thanks for donations to help their friends and family fighting on the frontline. I have been informed that due to our help many lives have been saved so 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."

Emergency Financial Help

The cost of living crisis has now become normal and some people face unexpected costs. If this applies to you and you need exceptional help, limited funds are available. Please speak in confidence with Fr Gerald.

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.



Nuncio Thanks



Last week's visit to the Diocese of the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia, was a terrific success and the Mass in St Joseph's College on Thursday was a particular highlight. Thank you to all who took part in any way.

End of term Mass in St Columba's

All family and friends of St Columba's school pupils are invited to attend Mass in St Columba's Church on **Tuesday 1st July at 10am**.

Wedding Congratulations!

Many congratulations to Chiya Maluma and Liberty Muringan who were married through the week. We wish you every happiness in your married life together!



World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly - Sunday 27th July 2025

To celebrate this day, the National Marriage, Family and Life Commission invites everyone to **St. Francis Xavier's, Carfin for Mass at 3pm** with Bishop John Keenan. Come along and enjoy this inter-generational event. Can't come to Carfin? What about celebrating the World Day in your parish? Perhaps you could invite and bring housebound parishioners to Mass?



"The Depot" Thanks

Many thanks to our friends from "The Depot" in the hall basement for helping greatly with hall maintenance and with maintaining the allotment. Your input is much appreciated! People at "The Depot" would welcome any donations of men's clothes (sizes small to large) and men's shoes, sizes 6.5 to 9 which can be left at the back of the Church or outside the hall basement depot. Thank you!

Abernethy Ukrainian Children's Appeal

In 2024, at Barcaple Centre in Dumfries and Galloway, Abernethy hosted children from the Kharkiv region of Ukraine, just 20km from the front line. One of the young people, Anastasia, aged 17, commented, "Having returned home, I constantly remember the trip: it gave me new strength and mood ...I will remember it for the rest of my life!" Abernethy are appealing for donations to fund a trip for 27 youngsters in August 2025. We can donate at <https://www.abernethy.org.uk/ukraine-appeal/> or via Dave Crudginton at Barcaple, Castle Douglas DG7 2AP.



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.

