



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

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Parish Notices

Week beginning 6th July, 2025

Mass timetable in the week ahead:

There are no weekday Masses in the week ahead. There will be a return to a normal weekday Mass timetable in the week beginning 14th July.

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 Andrew's on Saturday, 12th 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.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

We pray for all of the parishioners and all from the Diocese who are on Pilgrimage to Lourdes in the coming week.

Young Adults (S5-30) Evening

Aged 18-30? Join us **tonight, Sunday 6th July**, in St Teresa's, Dumfries (DG2 9DE) for our next evening, starting with Mass at 6.00 pm. Mr & Mrs John & Elizabeth Lester will then be speaking on prayer: forms of prayer and why we pray. For more info, search @rcdgyouth online.

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 15th 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 £654.83 with £441.75 for Peter's Pence and £76.50 at Sunday Coffee. **SSVP** donations amounted to £157.08. **St Columba's** collection was £236.83 with £185.99 for Peter's Pence. Thank you.

Firstbase... Please keep up your donations of non-perishable items for the Food Bank. Suggestions include: coffee, long life milk, pasta, cooking sauce, microwave rice, tinned meat, vegetables and potatoes.

The Pope's prayer intention for July:

For formation in discernment

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

6th July, 2025

14th Sunday of the year (Year C)

Isaiah 66 : 10-14

Galatians 6 : 14-18

Luke 10: 1-12. 17-20

Psalm Response

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer II

Next Sunday :

15th Sunday of the Year (Year C)

14th Sunday of the year (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: Intention

Wednesday: Intention

Thursday: Intention

Friday: Intention

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, who is celebrating his 40th anniversary as a priest, at the Shrine at 3pm. As we are in the midst of the Jubilee Year the theme for this year's Pilgrimage will be **Pilgrims of Hope**.

Update from Bernie J 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."

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](https://www.facebook.com/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.



Summer BBQ Night

SU Scotland invite all young people in the Church to a summer barbecue at Dumfries Baptist Church on Friday 15th August from 5-8pm. There will be games, food and fun. Please see the poster on the noticeboard and contact Mr Rossi if you plan to attend.

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?

St Columba's Piano

There is an old piano in St Columba's hall looking for a new home. If you are interested, and for a small donation to church funds, please contact Susan Maxwell on 07824 831131 within the next two weeks. Sorry, but we are unable to deliver!



St Andrew's "200" Club

Winners in the June draw are as follows:

£50	no.77	Lynne McTurk
£25	no.102	Ana Price
£15	no.119	Andre Barallon

Congratulations to all of this month's winners.



"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.

