



*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 20th July, 2025**

*Mass timetable in the week ahead:*

There is a normal weekday timetable in the week ahead.

**Weekday Masses:**

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

**St Columba's: Tuesday at 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 Andrew's on Saturday, 26th 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.

***Large Print Bulletin***

There is a larger print version of the weekly bulletin available for consultation on the St Andrew's noticeboard. You are welcome to consult this and leave it there for others to read. Thank you.

***Pilgrimage to Lourdes***

The Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes was a tremendous success for everyone. There will be a full report and photos in the next "Galloway Diocese News".

***Stella Maris Donations***

Thank you to those who donated to "Stella Maris" on Sea Sunday last weekend. There is still an opportunity to use one of the envelopes at the back of the Church before the counting and sending of donations is done next week. Your generous gifts will ensure that Stella Maris chaplains can continue to be friends for seafarers and fishers in time of need. To find out more about how your supports helps, please visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk).

***Meeting Dates***

**St Columba's PPC meeting** - Tuesday 29th July at 10.30am.

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

***Collections***

**St Andrew's** collection amounted to £507.05 with a further £50 for Peter's Pence and £153.70 from Sunday Coffees. **SSVP** donations amounted to £141.50. 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.

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**20th July, 2025**

**16th Sunday of the year (Year C)**

Genesis 18 : 1-10  
Colossians 1 : 24-28  
Luke 10: 38-42

***Psalm Response***

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

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

***Next Sunday :***

17th Sunday of the Year (Year C)

**16th Sunday of the year (Year C)**

As we gather together today, we remind ourselves of what it means to serve each other as neighbours. We are called to bring the message of God's love to the world, not just through our words, but also through our actions. We bring an attitude of welcome and hospitality to all, especially those who are otherwise excluded.

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

Tuesday:	Martin Reilly
Wednesday:	Intention
Thursday:	Martin Reilly
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	Ted & Jean Machin
Anne Murdy	Catherine O'Neill
Eric Sherman	Michael O'Regan
Paddy Murphy	Catherine Smith
Canon Pat Keegan	

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/holyyearsotland2025> and visit [www.iubilaeum2025.va](http://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

Further to Friday night's quiz, two more fundraising and Church social events have been arranged for the year ahead. The next is the new venture **Bingo Night on Friday 22nd August** and this will be followed by the reprise **Race Night on 3rd October**. These events are to raise money for parish funds. They are also a way to come together socially. Please support each of the events to the best of your ability. Thank you!

### 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 with a meal afterwards in the house and grounds.

Discussion groups are 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. 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**. Our new Pope has announced that Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati will be canonised on this day in Rome so it seems an ideal day for the Scottish Catholic community to joyfully celebrate with Pope Leo and with the universal Church.

### 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** 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 and a Defibrillator in the Church Sacristy should either be needed at any time.



### World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly - Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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?



Society for the Protection of Unborn Children

### SPUC "Every Life Matters"- Fightback Campaign

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me." *Matthew 25:40*. Please find a poster at the back of the Church along with postcards which you can use to support SPUC's "fightback" campaign.

### The Venerable Margaret Sinclair

You can find a poster on the noticeboard with details of the centenary pilgrimage to pray for the beatification of The Venerable Margaret Sinclair which will take place in St Patrick's Church, Edinburgh, on **Sunday 21st September**.

### Abortion up to birth - how did your MP vote?



From Catherine Robinson at "Right To Life":

"Did your MP vote for abortion up to birth? Use this web tool to find out and then send them an email to encourage them to vote the right way if the amendment / other abortion amendments return from the Lords for votes in the Commons during "ping-pong".

**Please take action now and email your local MP: [www.righttolife.org.uk/uptobirthvote](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/uptobirthvote) - it takes just 30 seconds!"**



### "The Depot"

Our friends 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! We are most grateful to those who are volunteering their considerable skills to help with hall and grounds maintenance

### 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. 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.

