



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

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Parish Notices

Week beginning 27th July, 2025

Mass timetable in the week ahead:

There is a Eucharistic Service on Friday 1st August in St Andrew's at 10am. NB There are no other weekday Masses until that at St Columba's on Tuesday 12th August.

Weekday Masses:

St Andrew's: Friday at 10am.

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, 2nd August 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 next Saturday, 2nd August, at 5.15pm at Our Lady's altar. All are welcome.

Summer Holiday

Fr Gerald is away from Sunday 27th July until Monday 11th August. Canon Matthew McManus will be supplying both weekends. We welcome him and thank him for the help he gives in supplying across the Diocese. Fr Gerald will be back in time for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary which is a Holy Day of Obligation.

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.

Meeting Dates

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

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 £556.25 with £72 in all for Stella Maris and £44.50 at Sunday Coffee. **SSVP** donations amounted to £142.25. **St Columba's** collections over the last 3 weeks totalled £565.90 with £55 for Stella Maris, £101.35 for SCIAF and £20 for SSVP. Thank you.

Firstbase... Please keep up your donations of non-perishable items for the Food Bank.

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.

27th July, 2025

17th Sunday of the year (Year C)

Genesis 18 : 20-32

Colossians 2 : 12-14

Luke 11: 1-13

Psalm Response

On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer II

Next Sunday :

18th Sunday of the Year (Year C)

17th Sunday of the year (Year C)

Today Jesus teaches us how to pray to our Heavenly Father with faith and persistence. We gather in community, giving thanks for all that we have received and committing ourselves to pass on the Gospel of Christ to all we meet.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday: For the Parish

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

Dan McCarron

Anne Murdy

Eric Sherman

Paddy Murphy

Willa McCarron

Ted & Jean Machin

Catherine O'Neill

May Fuller

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



Thank you very much to everyone who contributed in any way to such a successful quiz night at which we all raised over £400. The Bingo/Games night will be put off for several months and the next event will be the reprise **Race Night on 3rd October**. These events are to raise money for parish funds. They are also a great way to come together socially. Thank you for supporting each of the events to the best of your ability.

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.

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: [@redgalloway](https://www.facebook.com/redgalloway) 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.



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

Christian tradition says that the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary were called Joachim and Anne, who were thus Jesus's grandparents. On this Sunday we remember the vocation of grandparents and older people to witness to the faith and to be respected and valued.



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.

Whithorn Sunday

The annual diocesan pilgrimage to Whithorn is on Sunday **31st August with Mass at 4pm**. A coach has been hired and there is a list for names on the noticeboard. In this Holy Year when we are called to be Pilgrims of Hope, please decide to come along this year.

Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne

This will be led by Fr Michael Kane, Parish Priest of St Augustine's in Coatbridge on **Saturday 16th August**, leaving Motherwell Cathedral at 9am and returning around 11pm. The cost is £35 per person and includes fish and chips in Berwick upon Tweed. To book or for more information, contact Jim McKelvie on 07957 847290 or e-mail him at j.mckelvie@holyyear2025.org.uk. All are welcome.

The Reality of Life in Palestine

Please find on the noticeboard an update from Fr David Borland with regard to the living conditions of our Christian brothers and sisters in Palestine. The update was mainly written for Fr David's parishioners who had requested news and Fr David has kindly shared the same with us and with others through the Diocese. His account includes ideas about what we can do, including praying, writing to our local MPs (NB John Cooper, David Mundell) and donating to charities which are still active in the area including Friends of the Holy Land and Bethlehem Welfare Committee.



"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 from the Depot who are volunteering their considerable skills to help with hall and grounds maintenance.



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.

