



*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 3rd August, 2025**

*Mass timetable in the week ahead:*

NB There are no other weekday Masses until that at St Columba's on Tuesday 12th August.

**Weekend Masses:**

**St Andrew's: Saturday Vigil at 6pm; Sunday at 10am.**

**St Columba's: Sunday at 12noon**

NB There is NO Mass with exposition in St Andrew's on Saturday, 9th 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 this Saturday, 2nd August, at 5.15pm at Our Lady's altar. All are welcome.

***Summer Holiday***

Fr Gerald is away 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.

***Nest weekend Collection for FOHL***

Following Fr David's article on "The Reality of Life in Palestine" which is available on the Church noticeboard, St Andrew's SSVP are going to replace their usual SSVP collections next weekend (9th, 10th August) with collections for the charity, "Friends of the Holy Land". This mirrors what Fr David is planning for his Churches. Anyone who would like to contribute can do so via the SSVP box at the back of the Church which will be relabelled for the purpose. A cheque will then be sent from the parish.

***St Mary's, New Abbey; from Jo K***

"There will be Mass at St Mary's, New Abbey on the feast of the Assumption, **Friday 15th August at 12 noon** with a picnic lunch in the garden afterwards. If you need transport, please phone Jo Kemp on 07798764045. Bus service 372"

***Meeting Dates***

**St Columba's PPC meeting** –Tuesday 19th August 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 £706.50. **SSVP** donations amounted to £152.70. **St Columba's** collection was £170.50 with £38.64 for SCIAF. Thank you.

***First Base food bank:*** Please keep up your donations.

***The Pope's prayer intention for August:***

**For mutual coexistence**

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

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**3rd August, 2025**

**18th Sunday of the year (Year C)**

Ecclesiastes 1 : 2; 2: 21-23

Colossians 3 : 1-5. 9-11

Luke 12: 13-21

***Psalm Response***

O Lord, you have been our refuge,  
from generation to generation

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

***Next Sunday :***

19th Sunday of the year (Year C)

**18th Sunday of the year (Year C)**

Today, Jesus warns us against complacency. We shouldn't put off acts of kindness until tomorrow when we can do them today.

***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 and  
Willa McCarron  
May Fuller  
Paddy Murphy  
Anne Murdy

Ted & Jean Machin  
Catherine O'Neill  
Eric Sherman  
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/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

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.



### The Reality of Life in Palestine

Please find on the noticeboard the 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.



### 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 B Jeavons 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: [@rcdgalloay](https://www.facebook.com/rcdgalloay) 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.



### Whithorn Sunday

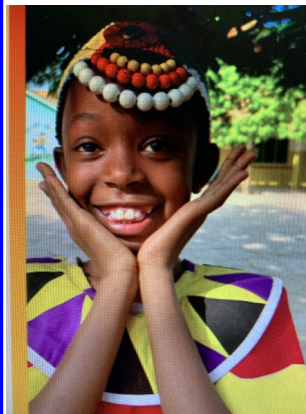
The annual diocesan pilgrimage to Whithorn is on Sunday **31st August with Mass at 4pm**. A coach has been hired and there is a list for names on the noticeboard. In this Holy Year when we are called to be Pilgrims of Hope, please decide to come along this year. Please also see details of the Youth pilgrimage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

### 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](mailto:j.mckelvie@holyyear2025.org.uk). All are welcome.

### Diocesan Summer Youth Day

Fr Kevin and team will be running a Youth Day for people in p6 to S4 on **Saturday 9th August** from 11am to 4pm at St Joseph's in Kilmarnock (KA3 1HB). Transport is available from Dumfries. Registration details are at Galloway Diocese social media. All are welcome!



### Return of the Singing Children!

The Singing Children from Jolaurabi School in Kenya are calling in to Dumfries during their forthcoming "Celebration Tour". They will be performing in St Andrew's Church on **Tuesday 26th August at 2pm**.

Admission is free and donations for the "Educate the Kids" charity are very welcome. Come and enjoy the children's "energetic and uplifting" performance and

bring your friends and family! You can find out more about the charity which we have supported over the years and about the children and their tour at [www.educatethekids.com](http://www.educatethekids.com).



### "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.

