



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

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Parish Notices

Week beginning 17th August, 2025

Mass timetable in the week ahead:

NB 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 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,
23rd 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.

Summer Holiday

Thank you to everyone who has asked about my holiday. Being a
creature of habit it was great to be back in Galway and then
visiting Fr Michael Hutson on Benbecula. My trip north was
postponed for 24 hours due to Storm Floris but was otherwise
event free. Neither destination is a sun trap so no bronzed
look...weather beaten by wind on Benbecula perhaps!

Last weekend collection for FOHL

Many thanks to all who contributed to the SSVP special collection
for the Friends of the Holy Land which raised £872.22. Thank you
also to those who collect small change for the Jars of Hope. £200
from the Jars were added to this sum, meaning that a very
substantial total of £1072.22 has been sent to the charity.

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 £624.51 with £55.50 at
Sunday Coffee. **St Columba's** collection was £139.46 with £10
for SSVP. Thank you.

First Base food bank: Please keep up your donations of non-
perishable foodstuffs for the Food Bank. Suggestions include:
coffee, long life milk, pasta, cooking sauce and tinned meat.

Rest in Peace

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Charles Alexander, of
Patricia Goldie and of Margaret Blacklock** who have died. We
pray for them and for their families and friends at this time at this
time.

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.

17th August, 2025

20th Sunday of the year (Year C)

Jeremiah 38: 4-6. 8-10

Hebrews 12 : 1-4

Luke 12: 49-53

Psalm Response

Lord, make haste to help me!

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer II

Next Sunday :

21st Sunday of the year (Year C)

20th Sunday of the year (Year C)

The path to heaven is not paved with gold, nor with
easy times. It is more akin to a race, and this is a
race where we keep our eyes on Jesus, who endured
suffering for our sakes, and stand up and are
counted as his disciples.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday:	Intention
Wednesday:	Intention
Thursday:	Intention
Friday:	Intention
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	Ted & Jean Machin
Willa McCarron	Catherine O'Neill
May Fuller	Eric Sherman
Paddy Murphy	Catherine Smith
Anne Murdy	

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 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.

Stop assisted suicide - action needed!

The Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill is expected to have its Second Reading in the House of Lords on Friday 12th September. Right To Life UK has launched an *EasyAction tool to help you write to a few Peers with a tailored message to highlight key concerns with the Bill.*

Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeers to ask Peers to oppose assisted suicide.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN – SUNDAY 7th September 2025.

The National Pilgrimage at the National Shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes, Carfin, will take place on Sunday 7th September. As we are in the midst of the Jubilee Year the theme for this year's Pilgrimage will be **Pilgrims of Hope**. Holy Mass will be celebrated at the Shrine at 3pm.

St Andrew's Parish Pastoral Council AGM

In preparation for this AGM on 30th September, can you please send the usual annual reports from all Church groups to the parish office e-mail address (overleaf) at your earliest opportunity so that they can be compiled. Last year's draft AGM minutes are now on the Church noticeboard.

St Andrew's Parish Fundraising

The next event will be the reprise **Race Night on 3rd October at 7pm**. 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.



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

The next Children's Liturgy will be advertised soon in the new term.

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."

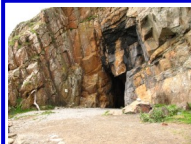
Emergency Financial Help

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

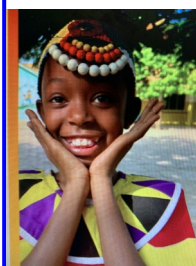


Whithorn Sunday

The annual diocesan pilgrimage to Whithorn is on Sunday **31st August with Mass at 4pm**. A coach has been hired for 1pm and there is now 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. Please also see details of the Youth pilgrimage to Whithorn at the social media outlined in the left column below.

Fr Michael Hutson Plea

Fr Michael Hutson on Benbecula is particularly involved with SCIAF and is looking for ideas to promote SCIAF's 60th anniversary with the slogan "60 for 60". If you have any ideas, please let me or Fr Michael know. There are opportunities for school and parish groups, unusual fundraising ideas etc.



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.

GALLOWAY YOUNG ADULTS

On a recent Saturday over 20 Young Adults (S5-30) from across our Diocese met for their Summer BBQ. Everyone had a great evening and we look forward to our monthly evenings resuming on **Sunday 14th September**, as well as lots more socials to come as well. Are you aged S5-30? Why not come and join us?! Follow [@rcdgyouth](https://www.instagram.com/rcdgyouth) on social media, or email youth@rcdg.org.uk for more information.

Annual Christian Aid Coffee Morning



This will be on Saturday 13th September from 10am-12noon at St George's Church. All are welcome. Contact Alison at islesteps@yahoo.co.uk with any queries.



"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!



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.

