



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

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Parish Notices

Week beginning 31st August, 2025

Mass timetable in the week ahead:

NB Mass on Wednesday is the requiem Mass for Margaret Blacklock. The Vigil reception for Margaret is on Tuesday at 6.30pm.

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 Teresa's on Saturday, 6th September at 10am.

NB All Sunday 10am and Wednesday 10am Masses from St Andrew's are live-streamed.

First Saturday Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima

Next Saturday, 6th September, at 5.15pm at Our Lady's Altar.

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.

St Columba's Lunch

There will be a parish lunch, similar to the SCIAF lunches in Lent, on Tuesday 2nd September. Mass on that day will be at 11.30am.

Singing Children

Congratulations to everyone involved in the Singing Children project and the organisation for their concert on Tuesday. It was an inspirational afternoon.

Meeting Dates

St Columba's PPC meeting-Tuesday 23rd September after Mass.

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

Collections

St Andrew's collection amounted to £2314.60 with £86 at Sunday Coffee. **SSVP** donations amounted to £187.31. **St Columba's** collection was £228.20 with £527.66 for Friends of the Holy Land. Thank you.

First Base food bank: Please keep up your donations of non-perishable foodstuffs for the Food Bank.

Rest in Peace

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Margaret Blacklock, of Paddy Murphy, Sue Williams and of Cath Sweeney** who have died. The Requiem Mass for Margaret Blacklock is on Wednesday 3rd September at 10am. We pray for them and for their families and friends at this time. The funeral for Paddy Murphy is on Wednesday 10th September at 10.30am.

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.

31st August, 2025

22nd Sunday of the year (Year C)

Ecclesiasticus: 17-20. 28-29

Hebrews 12 : 18-19. 22-24

Luke 14: 1. 7-14

Psalm Response

In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor.

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer I

Next Sunday :

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We are invited today to live humbly and to serve others. We are reminded that faithfulness to God means being kind and generous towards those who are often overlooked and marginalised.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday:	Kenneth Waterhouse
Wednesday:	Ben Woods intention
Thursday:	Paddy Murphy
Friday:	Constance Mezynski
Saturday:	Constance Mezynski
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/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.

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.

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 on the Church noticeboard.

Galloway Young Adults & Youth

We look forward to our evenings resuming on **Sunday 14th September**. Are you aged S5-30? Why not come and join us?! Follow @rcdg youth on social media, or email youth@rcdg.org.uk. Also, evenings at St Teresa's for those aged p6-S4 begin on **28th September** from 5-7pm!

Aid to the Church in Need:

Join Timothy Cho, a North Korean defector, to share his remarkable story of survival and hope. **Wednesday 10th September**, St Joseph's Church Hall, Clarkston, 7pm – 9pm. Free event.

Hear the testimony of a Christian who escaped the brutal regime in North Korea. Reserve your ticket at <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FDYV>. For more information, please contact the ACN Scotland office at scotland@acnuk.org or call 01698 337 470.



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

The next Children's Liturgy will be during morning Mass on Sunday 28th September. All are welcome.

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: @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.



Whithorn Sunday

The annual diocesan pilgrimage to Whithorn is this Sunday **31st August with Mass at 4pm**. A coach has been hired for 1pm at St Andrew's 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. There is Mass at 4.45pm in the parish church for those unable to get to the beach.

St Columba's Church Repairs

Major work is being carried out on the flat roof of the Church at considerable expense. It reminds us that we all have a duty to upkeep the Church buildings. Perhaps it focusses our attention on Church giving, whether increasing standing orders, making one-off donations or suggesting parish fundraising activities.



Carlo Acutis Documentary

Thank you to Genia for recommending, "I Am With You-A Documentary on Carlo Acutis" at <https://share.google/fGBTH4g6FEfCb2wV1>. It can be seen on YouTube and is produced by EWTN. It is informative and worth watching just before Carlo's canonisation on 7th September.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN

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 3.15pm. Go along if you can!

Season of Creation Conference

The Bishops' Office for Care of Creation invites you to their National Season of Creation Conference on **Saturday 6th September 2025** in St. Margaret's, Raploch, 10am – 3pm. Come and join Archbishop Nolan and our special guest Lorna Gold, the Executive Director of the global Laudato Si Movement. Book a place on www.bcos.org.uk/



Defibrillator Training

Thank you to all who have signed up for defibrillator training. We could do with several people who attend Sunday 10am Mass. Can you please e-mail in to the parish office or let Fr Gerald know if you are willing to have the brief training.



"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.

