



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

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## Parish Notices

### Week beginning 7th September, 2025

#### *Mass timetable in the week ahead:*

NB Mass on Wednesday is at 10.30am and is the requiem Mass for Paddy Murphy. The Vigil reception for Paddy is on Tuesday at 6.30pm. There is NO Mass in St Andrew's on Friday or Saturday morning. Saturday Vigil Mass is as normal. St Columba's Mass on Thursday is at 10am.

#### Weekday Masses:

**St Andrew's: Wednesday at 10.30am.**

**St Columba's: Tuesday at 10am; Thursday at 10am.**

#### 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, 13th September.*

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

#### *First Saturday Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima*

This will be said this 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.

#### *Meeting Dates*

**St Andrew's SSVP**– Tuesday 9th September at 4pm in the house.

**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.

#### *St Columba's Soup and Cake*

Thank you to all who attended Tuesday's "soup and cake" lunch to raise funds for the Church roof repair. £100 was raised and there was a further £60 donation. The next fundraising lunch will be on **Tuesday 7th October**. All are welcome!

#### *Collections*

**St Andrew's** collection amounted to £740.81. **SSVP** donations amounted to £135.30. **St Columba's** collection was £222.46 with £51.30 for SCIAF. 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, microwave rice, tins.

#### *Rest in Peace*

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

#### *The Pope's prayer intention for September:*

#### **For our relationship with all of creation**

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

## 7th September, 2025

### 23rd Sunday of the year (Year C)

Wisdom 9: 13-18. 40

Philemon 9-10. 12-17

Luke 14: 25-33

#### *Psalm Response*

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

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

#### *Next Sunday :*

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Year C)

### 23rd Sunday of the year (Year C)

Today's readings, especially the Gospel, present us with a huge challenge: the ways of God are strange to us, and with our ordinary way of thinking, we may find it impossible to make sense of God's way of seeing and doing things. But the Holy Spirit is our guide and helps us to think and act according to the mind of God.

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

Tuesday:	Paddy Murphy
Wednesday:	Paddy Murphy
Thursday:	Rosie O'Ferrall
Friday:	
Saturday:	
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
Anne Murdy	Catherine Smith
All others who are ill	

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](http://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.

### St Andrew's Parish Fundraising

The next event will be the reprise **Race Night on 3rd October at 7pm**. You can now buy your horse at the back of the Church and you don't have to attend on the night to have a horse. Tickets for the evening are also now available. 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 (S5-age 30)

The next Young Adults evening takes place in St Teresa's, Dumfries (DG2 9DE) on **Sunday 14th September** when the group will hear a talk on the Missionary Church and the Church's Mission. The evening begins with Mass at 6pm following which the talk will begin in the baptistery at 6.30pm.

**YOUTH (P6-S4) EVENINGS:** Our Diocesan Youth Office's monthly Youth Evenings resume on **Sunday 28th September** in St Teresa's, Dumfries (DG2 9DE) where the theme for this month will be "Bible Stories: What can we learn?". The evening is open to all young people in P6-S4 and begins with **Mass at 5pm**, following which they'll continue in the Hall with games, activities, pizza and a talk – all led by their S3 Junior Leaders. Interested? Save time on the night and complete a parental consent form on their website: [youth.rcdg.org.uk](http://youth.rcdg.org.uk).

### 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](https://www.facebook.com/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.



### 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.

### Thank you from Friends of the Holy Land

"Friends of the Holy Land would like to thank all parishioners for the £527.66 raised for Christians in the Holy Land at a time when they desperately need our help. Please continue to remember our work in your prayers, giving our brothers and sisters strength to continue."

### "Justice and Peace Scotland"

The latest **Justice & Peace Scotland Newsletter** is now available. It highlights a summer of powerful advocacy with gatherings at Faslane and Dungavel, and important campaigns and forthcoming events – including the Red Line For Gaza - you are encouraged to support. Find it at [www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk](http://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk)



### NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN

See the poster on the noticeboard for details of the pilgrimage which is this Sunday, 7th September with Mass at 3.15pm.

### St Andrew's "200" Club August Draw

1.£50	no.19	Margaret Turner	<i>Congratulations to</i>
2.£25	no.55	Mary Hairstains	<i>all of this month's</i>
3.£15	no.44	Bernadette Jeavons	<i>winners!</i>

### National Youth and Young Adults Pilgrimage

Join Youth and Young Adults from across Scotland for the annual National Youth Pilgrimage on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September. This year, they'll be gathering in Perth where they'll be talking about the Reformation and the Nicene Creed. In Perth, the group will be split into Youth and Young Adults with content delivered according to age. Free transport is available, but please register to secure your place by going to: [youth.rcdg.org.uk](http://youth.rcdg.org.uk) and clicking 'National Youth Pilgrimage'.

### 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.

