



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 21st September, 2025

Mass timetable in the week ahead:

NB There is a normal Mass timetable in the week ahead.

St Andrew's Mass on Monday at 11am is the Requiem Mass for Sue Williams.

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, 27th September.

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.

Fr Michael Hutson

Fr Michael is particularly involved with SCIAF and looking for ideas to promote SCIAF's 60th Anniversary with the slogan "60 for 60". If you have any ideas please let Fr Gerald or Fr Michael know, there are opportunities for schools and parish groups, unusual fundraising ideas etc.

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.

St Columba's Soup and Cake

The next fundraising "soup and cake" lunch will be on **Tuesday 7th October**. All are welcome!

Collections

St Andrew's collection amounted to £604.40 and Sunday coffee £72.20. **SSVP** donations amounted to £134.12. **St Columba's** collection was £152.70 and £39.13 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 soul of **Sue Williams** who has died. We pray for her and for her family 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.

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21st September, 2025

25th Sunday of the Year (Year C)

Amos 8: 4-7

1 Timothy 2: 1-8

Luke 16: 1-13

Psalm Response

Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer II

Next Sunday :

26th Sunday of the year (Year C)

25th Sunday of the Year (Year C)

"In today's readings we are warned against putting too much trust in money and material things. Rather our concern should be how best to help those poorer than ourselves."

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday:	Paddy Murphy
Wednesday:	Ben Woods Intention
Thursday:	Paddy Murphy
Friday:	Brian Higgins anniversary
Saturday:	Irene Kearney Intention
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 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.

Galloway Diocese News

The St Ninian edition of the Galloway Diocese News is available in the Church and contains photographs of Whithorn and Lourdes Pilgrimages, Youth news and two teachers from the diocese who had an audience with Pope Leo recently. It also featured the work of The Depot which operates from the basement of St Andrew's church hall. Please pick up a copy and take one to anyone you know who is sick or housebound.

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.

200 CLUB: Are you passionate about supporting youth and young adults ministry in Galloway? The Youth Office runs events across the Diocese to help young people grow in faith and friendship to come to know and love God through like minded groups. To help continue to run and grow these events, as well as supporting participation for disadvantaged persons, they're launching a new 200 Club. For £5 a month you can help support their work and win cash prizes. For details, and to register, go to: youth.rcdg.org.uk/200-club.

Galloway Young Adults & Youth (S5-age 30)

The next Young Adults evening takes place in St Teresa's, Dumfries (DG2 9DE) **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 followed by the talk 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.

ADVENT YOUTH (P7-S4) RETREAT:

Are you in P7-S4? Why not join the Youth Office's Advent Retreat from 28th-30th November at Gowanbank. There will be a range of activities, as well as games, talks, prayer and plenty of time to relax and get to know other young people from across the Diocese – all led by the Youth Office team. For full details, and to register, go to: youth.rcdg.org.uk and click on 'Advent Youth Retreat'.

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.

St Andrew's Parish Fundraising



The next social and fundraising event will be **Race Night** with bar, **3rd October at 7pm**, in the hall. Numbers will be limited due to space, so advance ticket purchase is recommended.

Tickets cost £3 (supper included) are available after Masses each weekend, as are horse and race forms. You do not have to attend on the night to either sponsor a horse or to sponsor one of the races:

You can pick up a form if you would like to **name any of the 64 horses** at the cost of £5. All winning owners will win a prize. Just return the form and dues at Church or through the house door.

There are also opportunities for **business/corporate sponsors** to sponsor one of the 8 races at the cost of £25. Please speak with Fr Gerald or phone, e-mail into the parish office if you know of anyone who would like to sponsor a race.

These events are to raise money for parish funds. They are also a great way to come together socially. Thank you for supporting these events.

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."



"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!

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.

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.



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.

