



*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 28th September, 2025**

*Mass timetable in the week ahead:*

NB There is a normal 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 Teresa's on Saturday, 4th October.*

**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, 4th October at 5.15pm at Our Lady's altar. All are welcome.

***Meeting Dates***

**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 £858.45 and Sunday coffee £115. **SSVP** donations amounted to £147.42 and **Jars of Hope** £287.00. **St Columba's** collection was £165.10, **SCIAF** was £43.65 and £67 for Jars of Hope. 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 **Margaret Anderson** 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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**28th September, 2025**

**Jubilee of Catechists (Year C)**

Amos 6: 1a 4-7

1 Timothy 6: 11-16

Luke 16: 19-31

***Psalm Response***

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

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

**Next Sunday :**

27th Sunday of the year (Year C)

***Jubilee of Catechists (Year C)***

"On this Jubilee of Catechists, we give thanks to the dedicated men and women who serve our church as educators. May their example inspire us to share the precious gift of faith which has been nurtured in us."

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

Tuesday: Doreen Murphy

Wednesday: Sue Williams

Thursday: Paddy Murphy

Friday: Intention

Saturday: Manus Boyle

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

Anne Murdy

All others who are ill

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/hollyyearscoland2025> 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

### St Andrew's Parish Pastoral Council AGM

The AGM is on this Tuesday 30th September at 7pm in the church hall. All are welcome. Last year's draft AGM minutes are on the Church noticeboard.

### St Andrew's Parish Fundraising

**Race Night with bar, 3rd October at 7pm.**



**Tickets cost £3** and include supper there are tickets still are available after Mass, at the back of Church, or on the night at the hall.

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

Please come along and support this event if you can, thank you.



### Sacristans and Altar Servers

Please don't hesitate to speak with Fr Gerald if you would like more information about either of the roles. Your help would be most welcomed by Fr Gerald and by the whole Parish.

### Galloway Diocese News

There are still some copies of the St Ninian edition of the Galloway Diocese News available in the Church. If anyone hasn't had a copy please take, and a copy and to anyone you know who is sick or housebound.

### "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)



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.

**YOUTH (P6-S4) EVENINGS:** Our Diocesan Youth Office's monthly Youth Evenings resume this **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?

Please see the poster on the noticeboard at the back of church. Save time on the night and complete a parental consent form on their website: [youth.rcdg.org.uk](http://youth.rcdg.org.uk).

**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](http://youth.rcdg.org.uk/200-club). For more information see the poster on the noticeboard.

### ADVENT YOUTH (P7-S4) RETREAT:

Are you in P7-S4? Why not join the Youth Office's Advent Retreat from 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://youth.rcdg.org.uk) and click on 'Advent Youth Retreat'.

### 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!

### 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).



### 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.

