



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 5th October, 2025

Mass timetable in the week ahead:

NB Mass on Tuesday is at 10.30am in St Columba's.

Weekday Masses:

St Andrew's: Wednesday at 10am; Friday at 10am.

St Columba's: Tuesday at 11.30am; 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, 11th 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.

Day of Prayer for Peace

The Scottish Bishop's Conference has asked that we keep **Tuesday, 7th October**, as a day of prayer for peace.

Meeting Dates

St Andrew's SSVP will be Tuesday 7th October at 4pm in the church house

St Columba's Soup and Cake

There is a "soup and cake" lunch in St Columba's on **Tuesday 7th October**. At 12 noon, preceded by Mass at 11.30am. All are welcome. Please come along.

Collections

St Andrew's collection amounted to £489.00 and **SSVP** donations amounted to £133.25. **St Columba's** collection was £135.60, **SCIAF** was £27.36. 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.

The Pope's prayer intention for October:

For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

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5th October, 2025

27th Sunday of the Year (Year C)

Habakkuk 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4

2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14

Luke 17: 5-10

Psalm Response

"O that today you would listen to his voice!

"Harden not your hearts"

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer I

Next Sunday :

28th Sunday of the year (Year C)

27th Sunday of the Year (Year C)

"We're well into this Jubilee Year as Pilgrims of Hope. If we feel ourselves getting weary, today's reading will help to encourage us."

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday: Fr Joe Holmes anniversary

Wednesday: Ella and Bill Morgan

Thursday: Intention

Friday: Valerie Holmes

Saturday: Esther Taylor

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

Norah Scott

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/hollyyearsScotland2025> 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

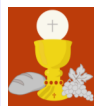
Welcome

We welcome all members of the Blue Bonnets to St Andrew's this weekend.

Congratulations!

We congratulate **Wiktor and Cameron Dias-Thorburn** who were married in St Columba's church this weekend. We wish them every best wish for the future.

Sacramental Preparation



The current age for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion is children in P4. If your child is not at a Catholic school and you wish them to receive the Sacraments please let Fr Donnelly know as soon as possible.

For St Columba's Annan, Mrs Pat McElhone has taken the Sacramental preparation for many years and has done a fantastic job, but sadly has had to give this up. If you would like to take this over, or a few would like to help, please let Fr Donnelly know.

St Andrew's Fundraising



Thank you to all the many people who have contributed so generously and in so many different ways to Friday night's "Race Night". As of Friday afternoon, all races have been sponsored, all horses have been 'sold', the programmes have been made up, the fridge is stocked with refreshments and supper for all racegoers, and the bookies are standing by at the ready. It has been a marvellous whole parish effort.

Many thanks indeed go to all those who are unable to attend but have so generously donated, supported or contributed in other very valued ways.

The "Race Report" will be published in next week's bulletin.

Service of Induction

Raymond Witty from Troqueer Church of Scotland is inviting people from DCN Churches to celebrate with them as they welcome the Rev Tim Linford to Troqueer and Caerlaverock.

Tim Linford's Service of Induction is taking place at 7pm on Tuesday evening, 4th November, in Troqueer Church. The service will be followed by food & refreshments in the Church Centre.

If you have any queries, please contact Raymond, the Session Clerk:

Troqueer and Caerlaverock Church of Scotland.

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St Columba's Church Repairs

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

Prayers for Peace

A time for prayers and lighting candles for peace in our world. Open to all, every Friday at 12 noon until further notice, 30 minutes of prayer and candle lighting followed by tea and coffee.

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."

St Columba's "100" Club

September Draw

£30 No. 90M Irvine

Congratulations

£50 to Church funds

"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!

Safeguarding

The Annual statement form the Diocese on Safeguarding is on display on the noticeboard in each church

St Andrew's "200" Club

September Draw

£50 No. 82 Sean McColm

£25 No. 57 Tracy Parker

£15 No. 13 Edwina Cummings

Congratulations to all of his months winners

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.

NB There is a First Aid box and a Defibrillator in the Church Sacristy should either be needed at any time.



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.

