



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 26th October, 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 Columba's on Saturday, 1st November.

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, 25 October at 5.15pm at Our Lady's altar. All are welcome.

World Mission Sunday

Thank you for your prayers and financial support on World Mission Sunday! Your generous donations to Missio Scotland help to support the missionary work of the Church and are a real blessing for the missions. Please continue to pray for missionaries and for the people to whom they bring the Good News of Jesus.

Meeting Dates

St Andrew's PPC— the next meeting will be on Tuesday 11th November at 7pm in the house.

St Columba's PPC—the next meeting will be on Tuesday 18th November.

Collections

St Andrew's collection amounted to £435.50 with £687.50 for Missio Scotland and £66.40 at Sunday Coffee. **SSVP** donations amounted to £112.72. **St Columba's** collection was £153.67 with £276.06 for Missio Scotland and £31.06 for SCIAF. Many thanks.

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 & tins.

Rest in Peace

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Annie Johnstone** who died recently. We pray for her family and friends at this time. Annie's funeral will be at Roucan Loch Crematorium on **Friday 31st October at 1pm.**

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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26th October, 2025

30th Sunday of the Year (Year C)

Sirach 35: 15b-17. 20-22b

2 Timothy 4: 6-8. 16-18

Luke 18: 9-14

Psalm Response

The lowly one called, and the Lord heard him.

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer I

Next Sunday :

The Feast of All Saints (Year C)

30th Sunday of the Year (Year C)

It has been said, "Blessed are those who know their need of God". We humbly recognise that we rely on God's help every day.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday:	Thomas Gray intention
Wednesday:	Paul Fuller
Thursday:	Ben Woods intention
Friday:	Annie Johnstone
Saturday:	Intention
Sunday:	For the Parish

Please remember in your prayers

those who are sick; those who are housebound; those who are named on the family prayer ministry requests and all of those whose needs are not known to us.

Please pray at this time for...

Dan and Willa McCarron	Ted & Jean Machin
May Fuller	Catherine O'Neill
Anne Murdy	Eric Sherman
Thomas Gray	Catherine Smith
Norah Scott	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/hollyyearscoltland2025> and visit www.iubilaeum2025.va for more details.

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.

Children's Liturgy at St Andrew's

There will be no children's liturgy at St Andrew's this weekend due to the school holidays. Another date will be arranged soon.



All Welcome: All are welcome as St Columba's school hosts Mass at 10am on **Tuesday, 4th November** to celebrate their new house point teams being named after Saints. NB There is no Mass in the Church on this day.



Defibrillator Training

There will be a training session on **Saturday 8th November at 11am** in the Church. If you expressed an interest to be a volunteer or wish to know more, please come along. The more of us who are familiar with the device, the better!

Cleaning Appeal: Could you mop a floor or polish a pew? Please consider joining the congenial cleaning teams for one hour per month to keep St Andrew's in good order. Please e-mail the office or catch Celia or Ana after Mass! Thank you!

Novena to St Michael

A Novena to St Michael with a Statue of the Saint will be prayed on every one of the 9 days at St Teresa's Church at 6.30pm starting on the evening of **Monday 20th October**. All are welcome.

Youth Office Newsletter

Copies of the very lively October edition of the Diocesan Youth Office newsletter are available to read on the Church noticeboards. You can catch up here or online with all of the energetic, fun and social activities which are available for all young people in the parishes.

YOUTH (P6-S4) EVENINGS

Join young people from across the cluster for their next monthly Youth Evening in St Teresa's, Dumfries on **Sunday 26th October**. Open to all young people in P6-S4, and led by their S3 Junior Leaders, the evenings offer young people an opportunity to come together and to grow in friendship and faith through Mass, games, activities, pizza, and a talk. The theme this month is "Mary". The evening begins with Mass at 5.00 pm, following which they'll continue in the Hall, finishing at 7.00 pm. You can complete a parental consent form on their website: youth.rcdg.org.uk. There's an area set aside for parents with tea, coffee, and biscuits provided. See you there!

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."

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



The Feast of All Saints

This has been transferred to Sunday 2nd November, therefore there is no Holyday timetable. The Vigil Mass on Saturday 1st November will be that of All Saints.

November, Month of the Holy Souls

November is the month when we pray for and remember all of our faithful departed. There are envelopes available for any lists of names of people for whom you would especially like to pray in this month. Please also add any new names of family members and friends to the Books of Remembrance in pen before the books are taken for updating in print towards the end of the first week in November. There will be annual Masses and acts of remembrance later in November for those who have died in the last year.



Feast of Christ the King on 23rd November

It is hoped that we will have a joint service with St Teresa's to mark the end of the Holy Year on this feast date. If anyone is interested and available to devise the liturgy for this service, please speak with Fr Gerald.

St Andrew's Fundraising

The rearranged Race Night is on **Friday 7th November at 7pm**. All horse owners and sponsors remain valid and any tickets purchased remain valid. If the change of dates means that you can now come along, then please do so!



The moving of the Race Night means that November is a busy fundraising month with Girvan Folk Night also pencilled in for **Friday 21st November** and the annual Christmas Fayre after Mass on **Sunday 30th November**.

Please support all of the events as best you can since all proceeds are for the parish.



"The Depot"

Our friends at "The Depot" welcome any donations of men's clothes and men's shoes, sizes 6.5 to 9, which can be left at the back of the Church or outside the hall basement. Many thanks to all at the Depot who have replaced our ageing garden shed and kept the allotment in very good order!

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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.

