



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 2nd November, 2025

Mass timetable in the week ahead:

NB Mass on Tuesday is in St Columba's Primary School. All parishioners are welcome.

Weekday Masses:

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

St Columba's: Tuesday at 10am in St Columba's Primary School; 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, 8th 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, 2nd November at 5.15pm at Our Lady's altar. All are welcome.

Census

The annual Mass attendance census was taken last weekend. St Andrew's Vigil: 84; Sunday morning: 134; St Columba's: 57. Total: 275.

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 £660.89 with £143.55 at two Sunday Coffees. **SSVP** donations amounted to £160.93. **St Columba's** collection was £712.27 with £23.30 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 **Irene McKie** who died recently. We pray also for her family and friends at this time.

The Pope's prayer intention for November:

For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life. .

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All Saints Solemnity (Year C)

Revelation 7: 2-4. 9-14

1 John 3: 1-3

Matthew 5: 1-12a

Psalm Response

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer II

Next Sunday :

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Year C)

All Saints Solemnity (Year C)

We celebrate today the great multitude of saints from all nations, tribes, peoples and languages, redeemed by the Lord – all the saints who have gone before us to God.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday:	November lists
Wednesday:	Irene McKie
Thursday:	November lists
Friday:	November lists
Saturday:	Paul McQueen anniversary
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.

St Columba's Diary Dates

Soup and Cake date: The next soup and cake will be served on Tuesday 11th of November after 11.30 mass. The date has changed due to Mass being in St Columba's school on the 4th. All are welcome.

Christmas Concert in St Columba's: There will be an evening of classical Christmas music in St Columba's on **Saturday 20th December, 7.00pm**, with tickets costing £10 (includes refreshments). The programme will be presented by local artistes including the cellist, Alex McQuiston. Please come along!

Children's Liturgy at St Andrew's

There will be Children's Liturgy during 10am Mass on Sunday 9th November. All are very welcome.



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!

The Church Wheelbarrow

The long-serving Church garden wheelbarrow is "tyred out" and needs some restoration. If you can help by donating a new tyre for this essential piece of Church garden equipment, please let Fr Gerald or any steward on the door know. Many thanks.



SCIAF have launched a new collection of "Real Gifts", the purchase of which offers hope to some of the world's most vulnerable people.

Youth (P6-S4) Evenings

The next monthly Cluster Youth Evening for young people in P6-S4 takes place in St Teresa's, Dumfries on **Sunday 16th November**. The next evening will reflect on 'The Saints: Who are they and why do they matter?'. Young people are invited to come dressed up as their favourite saint with a prize for the best costume. The evening runs from 5.00 – 7.00 pm, beginning with Mass at 5.00 pm. See you there!

SUPPORTING YOUTH MINISTRY: Check out the Youth Office's new online store – youth.rcdg.org.uk/shop – for a range of fantastic products including their 2026 Calendar featuring photos from events throughout the year. By buying these products you'll receive a great product while also supporting youth ministry in Galloway.

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.



November, Month of the Holy Souls

During the month of November we pray especially for all those whom we have known, family, friends and parishioners who have died. There are envelopes available for your lists of names. 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 a Mass on **Wednesday 19th November** at 7pm in St Andrew's and one in St Columba's on **Thursday 20th November** for all of the faithful departed of the parishes and especially for those who have died in the last year.



Feast of Christ the King on 23rd November

There is a meeting on **Thursday 6th November** at 7pm in St Teresa's to prepare and plan the Liturgy for this feast. It is a joint parish project and representation from St Andrew's is needed. Please come along.

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** (tickets are now available in Church or on the door) 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.

St Andrew's "200" Club-October Draw

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| 1. | £50 | no.126 | St Andrew's Church |
| 2. | £25 | no. 23 | Isobel Davidson |
| 3. | £15 | no.14 | Patricia Linden |
- Congratulations to all of this month's winners.



"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.

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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.

