



*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 9th November, 2025

Mass timetable in the week ahead:

NB Mass at Columba's Church on Tuesday is at 11.30am and will be followed by a soup lunch to which all are welcome.

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 Teresa's on Saturday, 15th 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.

Remembrance Sunday

We remember and pray for all of those who have died in wars and conflicts over the years.

Evening Vespers

There will be joint evening vespers to mark the Feast of Christ the King and the end of the year of Jubilee along with St Teresa's parishioners on **Sunday 23rd November at 6.30pm in St Andrew's**. There will be refreshments in the hall afterwards and please do come along if you can.

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 £722.25 with £65.50 at Sunday Coffee. **SSVP** donations amounted to £143.50. 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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9th November, 2025

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Year C)

Ezekiel 47: 1-2. 8-9. 12

1 Corinthians 3: 9c-11. 16-17

John 2: 13-22

Psalm Response

The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place, the abode of the Most High.

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer III

Next Sunday :

33rd Sunday of the Year (Year C)

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Year C)

Today, in addition to celebrating Remembrance Sunday, we commemorate the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, remembering that all churches are sacred places of worship, committed to peace, forgiveness and compassion.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday: Raymond Kerr

Wednesday: Esther Uphill

Thursday: November lists

Friday: Robert Siddons

Saturday: Sean Tremble

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

May Fuller

Anne Murdy

Thomas Gray

Norah Scott

Anne and Peter Richardson

Ted & Jean Machin

Catherine O'Neill

Eric Sherman

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.

Children's Liturgy at St Andrew's

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



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.



Education Mass

This year's Education Mass will be celebrated in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr, on Wednesday 26th November at 6.30pm. This Mass is open to everyone involved in education, whatever their role and wherever they work.



Seniors' Christmas Dinner

Please find invitations to distribute to people who are eligible for the annual Seniors' Christmas Dinner. Please return them to the parish house or to the Church by Sunday 30th November when numbers will need to go to the caterer. Come along for this annual festive event if you can!

St Andrew's Fundraising

Girvan Folk Night will be on **Friday 21st November at 7pm**. Tickets are now available in Church or on the door, though it is handy to have an idea of numbers if you can commit to a ticket in advance. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles for what is always a warm and enjoyable evening.



The annual Christmas Fayre will be after Mass on **Sunday 30th November**. There will be more details and requests for donations and help in due course. Please put the date in your diary and bring friends and family along!

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

Christmas stationery available!

The Church shop has Christmas cards, advent calendars and diaries in stock. The shop is open before and after Masses and Mary also has a stall in the Church hall after Sunday morning Mass. Go soon, while stocks last!

Fellowship with free refreshments in the parish hall!

The Sunday Coffee Team offer tea, coffee, and cakes in the parish hall after Mass on Sunday mornings. On **Sunday 16th November** after Mass, all refreshments will be free, courtesy of St Andrew's Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul*. Please come & have a cuppie on us!
(* Funded by SSVP members to promote the Conference and the hall as a hub of parish life.)

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!



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

The Church Wheelbarrow

The long-serving Church garden wheelbarrow is "tyred out".... If you can help by donating a new tyre for this essential piece of Church garden equipment, please let Fr Gerald know. Many thanks.



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!

RC Diocese of Galloway Youth and Young Adults

Please see the noticeboard and the Diocesan social media for information about Young Adults' events on 7th and 12th December as well as a plea for more leaders to match the great response from young people in St Andrew's deanery. Can you step forward to help? Please consider it!

"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.

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.

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.



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.



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