



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 16th November, 2025

Mass timetable in the week ahead:

NB Mass on Wednesday is at 7pm and is the Mass for those who have died in the parish, as is the Mass in St Columba's at 7pm on Thursday.

Weekday Masses:

St Andrew's: Wednesday at 7pm; 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 Andrew's on Saturday, 22nd November.

NB All Sunday 10am and Wednesday 10am Masses from St Andrew's are live-streamed.

This weekend is the World Day and Jubilee of the Poor.

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.

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.

St Andrew's Choir Practices

All are very welcome to Christmas singing practices with Barbara in the Church at 1pm on Sundays 30th November and 7th, 14th and 21st December. Come along if you enjoy singing-no special skill needed!

Meeting Dates

St Andrew's PPC— the next meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd February 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 £640.64 with £816.75 raised at the fundraising Race Night. **SSVP** donations amounted to £142.70. **St Columba's** total collection for 2nd and 9th November was £438.87 with £10 for SSVP and £101.20 for SCIAF. Many thanks.

First Base food bank: Please keep up your donations of non-perishable foodstuffs for the Food Bank.

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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16th November, 2025

33rd Sunday of the Year (Missal p994) (Year C)

Malachi 4: 1-2a

2 Thessalonians 3: 7-12

Luke 21: 5-19

Psalm Response

The Lord comes to judge the peoples with fairness.

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer I

Next Sunday :

Feast of Christ the King (Year C)

33rd Sunday of the Year (Year C)

Today is the Jubilee of the Poor, but poverty doesn't always mean a lack of food, or of water, or a roof over our head. We also need companionship and hope. Jesus reminds us that, however difficult things might seem, he is there for us and will keep us safe.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday:	Patricia Gray
Wednesday:	Noel Reynolds
Thursday:	November lists
Friday:	Annie Johnstone
Saturday:	Mary Digney 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
Anne and Peter Richardson	

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 will be advertised soon. All are very welcome.



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.



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 go to the caterer. Come along for this annual festive event!

Annual St Andrew's Toy Appeal

The annual toy collection for local children in need will take place on the second Sunday of Advent, 7th December. Please bring unwrapped toys for children of any age to Mass.



St Columba's "100" Club Draw

Winner: no.73 C Kieran £30. Congratulations!
Church funds: £48

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 this **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.)



SCIAF have launched a new collection of "Real Gifts", which offer hope to many.

Youth (P6-S4) Evenings

Adult leaders are needed to attend these events in St Teresa's, Dumfries, to supervise and ensure safeguarding at them and to cook pizza. All that's required is 2 hours per month, and with sufficient leaders you wouldn't need to volunteer every month. You will not be expected to lead the evenings, or to prepare resources/ activities for the evening – all of the preparation, planning, and promotion is done by our Diocesan Youth Office in collaboration with their S3 Junior Leaders. Could you help?
Email youth@rcdg.org.uk for more details or to volunteer.

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 and about the Gen Hope in June, 2026 (S1-S3)!

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 will be Mass on **Wednesday 19th November** at 7pm in St Andrew's and in St Columba's at 7pm on **Thursday 20th November** for all of the faithful departed of the parishes and especially for those who have died in the last year.



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.

Many thanks to all who contributed in any way to the enjoyable and successful **Race Night** which raised the magnificent sum of £816.75. Well done to all who attended and to those who could not attend but who donated very generously in other ways.

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!

Christmas stationery available!

The Church shop has Christmas cards, advent calendars and diaries in stock. The shop is open before and after Masses and see the stall in the hall after Sunday Mass.



"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.

