



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 23rd November, 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 Teresa's on Saturday, 29th 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.

Catholic Education Sunday

We celebrate Catholic Education Sunday today, when we pray for all pupils, parents, teachers and staff in our Catholic schools.

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 3rd February at 7pm in the house.

St Columba's PPC—the next meeting will be on Tuesday 20th January at 10.30am.

Collections

St Andrew's collection amounted to £655.80 with £42 added to the fundraising total and £56.50 raised at Sunday Coffee. **SSVP** donations amounted to £145.70. **St Columba's** collection was £263.10 with £25.86 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 and microwave rice.

Rest in Peace

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Fr John Kinsler** who died this week. He was a priest of the diocese and was in Gretna parish for much of his ministry.

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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Feast of Christ the King (Missal p 998) (Year C)

2 Samuel 5: 1-3

Colossians 1: 12-20

Luke 23: 35-43

Psalm Response

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer II

Next Sunday :

First Sunday of Advent (Year C)

Feast of Christ the King (Year C)

As we gather together we rejoice that, in Jesus, we have a king who has done everything necessary for us to live in his kingdom. We are created, loved, cared for and watched over by a perfect king who is the good shepherd to his sheep.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday: November lists

Wednesday: John Smalley

Thursday: Lois King

Friday: November lists

Saturday: November lists

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

The next Children's Liturgy during 10am Mass will be on **Sunday 30th Nov.** 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!

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!

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 Jo's Events-All Welcome!

The annual **Christmas Market** will be on Thursday 27th November from 6.30pm. Come and do your Christmas shopping while enjoying festive music and warmth!

The **Christmas Carol Service** will be in the College Memorial Chapel at 6.30pm on Thursday 16th December. You're welcome to stay on for refreshments in the school!

Youth (P6-S4) Evenings

Adult leaders are needed for these events in St Teresa's, Dumfries, to supervise, ensure safeguarding at them and to cook pizza. All that's required is 2 hours per month. You will not be expected to lead the evenings, or to prepare 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.

On Sunday 21st December, 5-7pm at St Teresa's, the next cluster meeting will focus on 'Advent & Christmas: Preparing to welcome Christ'.

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.



The Feast of St Andrew

Since the 30th November this year is a Sunday, the Feast of St Andrew has been moved to Monday 1st December. There will be Mass in St Andrew's at 10am on that day.



St Andrew's Fundraising

The annual **Christmas Fayre** will be after Mass on **Sunday 30th November**. There will be many goodies including cakes, meringues and bacon rolls! All donations for the tombola (eg bottles) and of baking will be much appreciated.

They can be left at the back of the Church. Please support this event as best you can and bring friends and family along! You can contact Carol on 07794 777759 with any queries or about donations. Thank you!



St Columba's Round-Up

"Soup and Cake" The recent "soup and cake" raised £150 with a further kind donation of £160, making £310 in total towards the roof. Many thanks! Please support the next "soup and cake" on **Tuesday 2nd December**. If you can volunteer to make soup, please contact Margaret Galbraith or Frances Willacy.

"100" Club: Many thanks to the "100" Club team for their years of service. They are needing to hand it over to someone new. Please do volunteer to take on this worthwhile endeavour if you can.

Other parish services: Your help would also be much appreciated with reading at Mass or with helping to count collections. We all need to pull together to manage St Columba's for every parishioner. Please do what you can!

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). Donations of wine are welcome and tickets can be delivered to St Andrew's if need be. The programme will be presented by local artistes including the cellist, Alex McQuiston. Please come along!



"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.

