



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 7th December, 2025

Mass timetable in the week ahead:

NB. There will be Mass on Tuesday 9th December in St Andrew's which is the Requiem Mass for Mary McBride.

There is NO Mass on Wednesday 10th December due to the funeral of Fr John Kinsler.

Weekday Masses:

St Andrew's: Friday at 10am.

St Columba's: 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, 13th December.

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

Christmas Mass timetable

Please note that Christmas Day is a Holyday of obligation. The Christmas Masses will be on Christmas Eve at **6pm at St Columba's** and at **10pm at St Andrews** (with carols from **9.30pm**). Masses on Christmas Day will be at **10am at St Andrew's and 12 noon at St Columba's.**

Sacrament of Reconciliation

There will be a Penance Service on Wednesday 17th December at 7pm in St Andrew's.

In St Columba's there will be the opportunity for Reconciliation after Mass on Thursday 11th December and Tuesday 16th December, or any time on request.

Galloway News

The most recent edition of the Galloway News is available from this weekend.

Meeting Dates

St Andrew's SSVP - Tuesday 9th December at 4pm in the house.

St Andrew's PPC - Tuesday 3rd February at 7pm in the house.

St Columba's PPC - Tuesday 20th January at 10.30am.

Collections

St Andrew's collection was £841.70. **SSVP** collected £147.63. **St Columba's** collection was £184.85 with £20.40 for SCIAF. Soup & Cake Lunch raised £141.00. Many thanks.

First Base food bank: continues to be grateful for all donations.

Rest in Peace

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Fr John Kinsler** who died. We pray also for **Mary McBride** and **Norah Scott** who have died. We pray for the comforting of their families.

The Pope's prayer intention for December:

For Christians in Areas of Conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

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Second Sunday in Advent (Missal pg 9) (Year A)

Isaiah 11: 1-9

Romans 15: 4-9

Matthew 3: 1-12

Psalm Response

In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer I

Next Sunday :

Third Sunday of Advent (Year A)

Second Sunday in Advent (Year A)

"We continue our preparation for the birth of Christ with the appearance of John the Baptist. This makes sense as John is dedicated to preparing the way of the Lord. We too prepare that way"

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday:	Intention
Wednesday:	Intention
Thursday:	Thomas Jeavons anniversary
Friday:	John Uphill anniversary
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
Anne & Peter Richardson	Helen McMillan
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.

Sacramental Preparation

Bishop Dougan has announced the normal practice for the the Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will no longer be before reception of First Holy Communion in (P4). It will be celebrated at a later age. He has yet to decide what age that will be and there will enter a process of consultation and discernment over the coming months. He will also publish a fuller explanation of his decision in the coming weeks.

St Andrew's Choir Practices

There will be no Christmas choir practice this Sunday in the Church as Barbara has another engagement. Practices will resume next Sunday 14th December at 1pm, with the final practice on Sunday 21st December. Come along if you enjoy singing, no special skill needed! All are very welcome.

St Columba's School Christmas Church Service

Come and celebrate the birth of Jesus with Christmas carols and a re-enactment of the Nativity.
On Tuesday 16th December at 10am at St Columba's Church, Scott Street, Annan

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)!

International Migrants Day Open Event

Thursday 18th December 2-7 pm
Stalls with crafts, cakes and bric-a-brac
Wreath making sessions 3-5pm



All welcome at The Depot

St Columba's Round-Up

"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!

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



St Joseph's College Carol Service

The **Christmas Carol Service** will be in the College Memorial Chapel at 6.30pm on **Tuesday** 16th December. There will be refreshments in the school afterwards and 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**. Tickets cost £10 (which includes refreshments). Donations of wine are welcome and tickets can be delivered to St Andrew's if needed. The programme will be presented by local artistes including the cellist, Alex McQuiston. Please come along!

St Columba's "100" Club:

The winner for the November draw:
£30 No 41 M Buckley
Congratulations to this month's winner

St Andrew's "200" Club:

Winners in the November draw are as follows:
£50 No 86 Patricia O'Neill
£25 No 70 Joanna Kemp
£15 No 113 Cathy Pittendreich
Congratulations to each of this month's winners



FESTIVE GIFT IDEAS



Stuck for what to put on your gift list?
Why not ask for a donation to The Depot?

Ask Friends and Family to Gift:

- Men's pants, socks and gloves
- Shaving foam, Razors,
- Soap, deodorant, shampoo
- Toothbrush, toothpaste
- Pens and notepads

Or a £20 donation buys a Welcome Bag for a new arrival

Items can be dropped off at The Depot.
For financial details and our address please visit www.thedepot.scot
or reach out to hello@thedepot.scot for more information.

Thank you for your amazing support



'The Depot' Festive Gift Campaign

In these trying times The Depot is launching its Festive Gift Campaign to help us support those who find themselves far from home. Small acts of kindness make this world a better place and they hope that you will consider adding them to your gift list this year.

DIOCESAN SOCIAL MEDIA

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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.

