



*Parish Bulletin of*  
*St Andrew's, Dumfries*  
*and*  
*St Columba's, Annan*

*Parishes of the R C Diocese of Galloway -  
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**Parish Notices**

**Week beginning 10th May, 2026**

*Mass timetable in the week ahead:*

NB Please note the Holyday of Obligation Mass times on Thursday.

**Weekday Masses:**

**St Andrew's: Wednesday at 10am; Thursday at 9.30am and at 7pm; Friday at 10am.**

**St Columba's: Tuesday at 10am; Thursday at 11.30am.**

**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 16th May at 10am.

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

***Ascension, Holyday of Obligation***

Thursday 14th May is the Solemnity of the Ascension and is a Holyday of Obligation. There is a Holyday Mass timetable as above. We will be joined in the morning Masses by each of the school communities.

***World Communications Day***

Next Sunday is World Communications Day when a second collection will be taken up for the work of those involved in Catholic media.

***Pentecost Sunday***

Pentecost Sunday is on the 24th May. It is hoped that we can do the same as previous years and celebrate the many languages and cultures that make up our parish. If you can recite the "Our Father" in another language, please let Fr Gerald know.

***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.

***Meeting Dates***

**St Columba's PPC**– Tuesday 9th June at 10.30am in the house.

**St Andrew's PPC**– AGM on Tuesday, 29th September.

***Collections***

St Andrew's collection was £341.75 with £623.60 for The Missionaries of Africa. SSVP collected £97.61. St Columba's collection was £152.76 with £235.80 for The Missionaries of Africa and £710.37 for SCIAF via the "Wee Boxes". Many thanks.

***Hospital Visiting Policy***

If a patient wishes a visit from a priest or deacon text or message the RC Chaplain on 07591 230828 or email rcchaplain.hospital@yahoo.com.

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

***The Pope's prayer intention for May:***

**That everyone might have food**

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to food of good quality.

**10th May, 2026**

**6th Sunday of Easter (Missal p293) (A)**

Acts 8: 5-8. 14-17

1 Peter 3: 15-18

John 14: 15-21

***Psalm Response***

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth..

**Today's Liturgy:** Eucharistic Prayer II

**Next Sunday :** 7th Sunday of Easter (Year A)

**6th Sunday of Easter**

Jesus promised us that he would never leave us alone. He is with us for ever and always – and his love changes everything

***Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:***

Tuesday: Doreen Murphy  
Wednesday: Patrick Digney anniversary  
Thursday: Norah Scott  
Friday: Henry Doanne  
Saturday: Tremble 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...***

<b>Flo Tobin</b>	<b>James Caro</b>
<b>Dan McCarron</b>	<b>Ted &amp; Jean Machin</b>
<b>May Fuller</b>	<b>Catherine O'Neill</b>
<b>Anne Murdy</b>	<b>Eric Sherman</b>
<b>Thomas Gray</b>	<b>Catherine Smith</b>
<b>Anne &amp; Peter Richardson</b>	<b>Anna Hart</b>
<b>Cathy Pittendreigh</b>	<b>All who are ill or in distress.</b>

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](http://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.

### *Rest in Peace*

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Canon Patrick (Pat) McSorley** and of **Mick Kerr**. We pray for the repose of their souls and the consolation of all who grieve. May they rest in peace.



### *Opportunities in St Andrew's*

Please think seriously and speak with Fr Gerald if you can help with the popular shop or with pass-keeping and welcoming people at the Church door. Both roles can be extremely rewarding and support will be given with both. Thank you for considering and stepping forward if you can!

### *Society of St Vincent De Paul*

The Society of St Vincent De Paul Conference does great work in the parish, including visiting, providing transport for Mass and charitable giving. Please give serious consideration to joining the SVDP conference.

Donations, either one-off or by standing order, may be made online or through your bank to St Andrew's SSVP, account number 00613268, sort code 80 11 60. Thank you.

### *RC Diocese of Galloway Youth and Young Adults*

Please see the noticeboard and the Diocesan social media for information about Youth and Young Adults' events in the Diocese in the course of 2026. The April edition of the Galloway Youth newsletter is available in Church. Please take one home if you'd like to and more can be printed.

### *YOUTH EVENING VOLUNTEERS*

The Diocesan Youth Office is currently appealing for volunteers to help support their monthly youth evenings in St Teresa's Church. These evenings have been running for almost a year now and have been seeing significant growth in the number of young people getting involved, but to sustain this growth, they need to recruit more volunteers to support these evenings. They're looking for volunteers who can assist in the kitchen. They already have a fantastic team of Junior Leaders who lead most of the activities, with existing Adult Leaders being responsible for supervision and safeguarding. Could you help with either of these roles? Email [youth@rcdg.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcdg.org.uk) for details.

### *Dumfries Adult Professionals Group*

For Catholics aged 30 and above. In this group, we are planning to discuss how we are living out our Catholic faith in our day-to-day lives and in our workplace. There will be group Rosary and tea/coffee. For more details and if you are interested to join, please contact Christina Silby through message/WhatsApp on 07910 478191.

### *Lourdes Hospitalite*

There are raffle tickets available for the Galloway Lourdes Hospitalite on the back table. Please support if you can.

### *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](http://www.rcdg.org.uk).

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



### *Discernment in the Spirit*

Bishop Frank and all of the Bishops of Scotland have asked us to think about the future of the structures of our parishes and dioceses. With this in mind, there will be "Discernment in the Spirit" meetings to think and talk about these issues. These will be on **Tuesday 12th May** in both **St Columba's in the morning** and in **St Andrew's at 7pm in the Church hall**. Please come along if you can.

### *St Mary's, New Abbey invitation from Jo Kemp*

"On Ascension, 14th May, a group from Kirkconnel (Sanquhar) is coming to visit St Mary's in the late morning after attending Mass in Dumfries. A good opportunity to get together, perhaps over a cup of coffee at the tearoom or at the new tearoom at Shambellie. Please come if you can."

### *First Holy Communion*

Please pray for all of our candidates who are due to celebrate First Holy Communion on Sunday 7th June in St Columba's and on Sunday 14th June in St Andrew's.



### *Diocesan dates for your diary*

**Saturday 16th May, 12noon at St Margaret's Cathedral:**

A day on synodality.

**Saturday 16th May, 11am at Kirkcudbright:**

Deanery Pastoral Council meeting.

**Tuesday 26th May at 6.30pm at St Paul's, Ayr:**

Parish Finance meeting for members of Parish Finance committees.

Please let Fr Gerald know if you are interested in attending any of these events.

### *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."

### *Dumfries Catholic Women's Group*

Inviting all ladies in the parish to come together to share how we are living out femininity in the current vocation which God has uniquely given us. Meetings will include group Rosary, Bible/faith-based studies and sharing food. For more details, please contact Christina via message/WhatsApp on 07910 478191.



### *"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. They would also welcome any donations of toilet rolls and of any toiletries for men eg shaving foam, deodorant, toothpaste.

### *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.

