



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 17th May, 2026

Mass timetable in the week ahead:

NB Mass on Tuesday is the Requiem Mass for Mick Kerr at 10am in St Andrew's. There is no Tuesday morning Mass in St Columba's.

Weekday Masses:

St Andrew's: Tuesday at 10am; Wednesday at 10am; 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 23rd May at 10am.

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

World Communications Day

This Sunday is World Communications Day when a second collection will be taken up for the work of those 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 £520.06 with £78.88 at Sunday Coffee. **SSVP** collected £153.49. **St Columba's** collection was £232.20 with £54.32 for SCIAF. Thank you.

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. Suggestions include: coffee, long life milk, pasta, cooking sauce, microwave rice, tinned meat, vegetables and potatoes.

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.

17th May, 2026

7th Sunday of Easter (Missal p302) (A)

Acts 1: 12-14

1 Peter 4: 13-16

John 17: 1-11a

Psalm Response

I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer III

Next Sunday : Pentecost Sunday (Year A)

7th Sunday of Easter

Today, the seventh Sunday after Easter, sits between our celebration of Jesus' ascension into heaven and Pentecost Sunday, next week which, if you like, we could call the Church's birthday. So today we remember the joy of Easter and look forward to the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday: Ben Woods

Wednesday: Simon Walton intention

Thursday: Dorothy Smith

Friday: Willa McCarron

Saturday: Ann Shelley

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...

Flo Tobin

Dan McCarron

May Fuller

Anne Murdy

Thomas Gray

Anne & Peter Richardson

Cathy Pittendreigh All who are ill or in distress.

James Caro

Ted & Jean Machin

Catherine O'Neill

Eric Sherman

Catherine Smith

Anna Hart

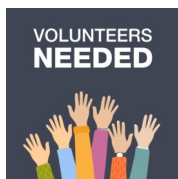
I am available for the reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion. If any parishioner requires assistance or needs to talk, please call me on the Parish number.

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.

Rest in Peace

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Mick Kerr, of Alan Denholm and of Betty Smith (nee McNaught)**. 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 take over the running of the popular shop or with pass-keeping and welcoming people at the Church door. Both roles can be extremely rewarding!

Mary would be glad if someone can take over the running of the shop (eg ordering and unpacking etc). She is happy to advise and to continue to stock the stand in the porch as well as to retain a key in case anyone requests shop items at weekday Masses. Thank you for considering and stepping forward if you can!

St Andrew's Fundraising Quiz Time

Father Gerald's annual parish quiz will take place in St Andrew's Church hall on **Friday 5th June at 7pm**. There will be a bar with beer, wine and soft drinks. Tickets costing £3 will be on sale soon. Bring friends and family along for what is always a fun and enlightening evening!

Society of St Vincent De Paul

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.

YOUTH EVENINGS

(Until the summer, these evenings are open to young people in P5 and up.) Join young people from across the cluster **tonight** (Sunday 17th May) as they gather for their monthly evening in St Teresa's, Dumfries. They'll be reflecting on The Eucharist: Jesus' Body and Blood. The evening begins with Mass at 5.00 pm after which they'll continue in the hall with games, activities, a short talk, and pizza. All young people in P5-S4 are welcome, if it's your first time, please complete an Annual Consent Form online: youth.rcdg.org.uk. Please also contact the youth office if you can help with any aspect of the youth evenings.

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](https://www.facebook.com/rcdgalloway) on Facebook, X, or Instagram, and check out the website: 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. Thank you to all who attended last week's lively "Discernment in the Spirit" meetings to think and talk about these issues. Reports from both meetings will now be compiled, checked and sent to the Diocesan office. Your input is much appreciated.

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 date for your diary

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 Diocesan events.

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.

St Mary's, New Abbey feedback from Jo Kemp

"It was lovely to welcome Fr Kevin Rennie and the group of friends from St Joseph's, Kilmarnock, and we are very grateful for their generous donation of £69. This visit has become an annual event so we catch up in the New Abbey tearoom!

On Ascension Day, a group from the Kirkconnel (Sanquhar) parish came and saw their tabernacle in place for the first time. They were interested in the history and how it fits into the resurgence of Catholicism in Scotland and also in the future. We are keeping in touch."

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.

