



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 24th May, 2026

Mass timetable in the week ahead:

NB Mass on Wednesday is at 1pm and is the Requiem Mass for Alan Denholm. There is no Mass at 10am this Wednesday.

Weekday Masses:

St Andrew's: Wednesday at 1pm; 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 30th May at 10am.

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

Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday is this weekend. We are hoping to do the same as in previous years and to celebrate the many languages and cultures that make up our parish. Thank you to all who have volunteered to recite the "Our Father" in another language.

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 £619 with £526.50 at the second collection for Communications. £61.40 was raised at Sunday Coffee. **SSVP** collected £148.05. **St Columba's** collection was £169.70 with £190.25 for Communications and £19.25 for SCIAF. £171.08 was added to the funds raised for renovation of the house. 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, and tinned vegetables.

Rest in Peace

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Alan Denholm**. We pray for the repose of Alan's soul and for the consolation of his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

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.

24th May, 2026

Pentecost Sunday (Missal p321) (A)

Acts 2: 1-11

1 Corinthians 12: 3b-7, 12-13

John 20: 19-23

Psalm Response

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth..

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer I

Next Sunday : The Most Holy Trinity (Year A)

Pentecost Sunday

The message of Pentecost is that absolutely no one is left out: the Church is inclusive at her core.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday:	Joan Jeavons
Wednesday:	Ben Woods
Thursday:	Dorothy Smith
Friday:	Willa McCarron
Saturday:	Fr Pat McSorley
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	James Caro
Dan McCarron	Ted & Jean Machin
May Fuller	Catherine O'Neill
Anne Murdy	Eric Sherman
Thomas Gray	Catherine Smith
Anne & Peter Richardson	Anna Hart
Cathy Pittendreigh	All who are ill or in distress.

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.

St Andrew's Jars of Hope

Thank you to all who have helped take the Jars of Hope total up by £156 to £894. Donations of £200 each have been made to Mary's Meals and to the St Teresa's Ababa Project, leaving the Jars' current total at £494.

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.

Opportunities in St Andrew's

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**



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!

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.

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.

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.

Look out for the monthly youth evenings in St Teresa's which are open to young people in p5 and upwards until the summer.

Please contact the youth office if you can help in the kitchen or with any aspect of the youth evenings.

St Andrew's Annual Fundraising Quiz

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 are now on sale! Bring friends, work colleagues and family along for what is always a fun and at times an enlightening evening!

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.

Cleaning Thanks: Thank you to Grace, Celia and Rene for many years of Church cleaning. We marked their retirements at a celebratory lunch and we'll miss their expert input!



Invitations to wider events

Dumfries Fairtrade Group on Wednesday 20th May at 7pm at "Second Nature's" premises on the corner of Newall Terrace and Catherine St.

Good Nyburris Songs of Praise – Sun 14th June at 7pm in The new building at Dumfries High School. All welcome!

"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.

Lourdes Hospitalite

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



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.

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.

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.



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.

