



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

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Parish Notices

Week beginning 21st June, 2026

Mass timetable in the week ahead:

There is no Mass at 10am next Saturday, 27th June.

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 NO Mass with exposition in St Andrew's on Saturday 27th June at 10am.

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.

Day for Life

This weekend we celebrate "The Day for Life". We pray for the defence of life at all stages and pray for those who defend, protect and care for life.

Feast of Sts Peter and Paul

Please note that Monday 29th June is NOT a Holyday of Obligation and that the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul is transferred to the Sunday and Vigil. Readings and Prayers for the Mass next weekend are for the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul.

Second Collection next weekend

There will be a second collection next weekend for "Peter's Pence".

Mass of the Holy Spirit

Please note that the Mass of the Holy Spirit which was due to take place in Stranraer on Tuesday 30th June has been postponed.

Meeting Dates

St Columba's PPC- Tuesday 25th August, after Mass.

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

Collections

St Andrew's collection was £1095.14 with £160 at Sunday Coffee. **SSVP** collected £157.96. **St Columba's** collection was £284 with £34.50 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 rchchaplain.hospital@yahoo.com.

First Base food bank: Please keep up your donations of non-perishable foodstuffs for the Food Bank, including coffee, long life milk, pasta, cooking sauce, microwave rice and tinned goods.

The Pope's prayer intention for June:

For the values of sports

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

21st June, 2026

12th Sunday of the Year (Missal p353) (A)

Jeremiah 20: 10-13

Romans 5: 12-15

Matthew 10: 26-33

Psalm Response

In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord.

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer II

Next Sunday : Feast of Sts Peter and Paul (Yr A)

12th Sunday of the Year

On this day when we celebrate life and living, we remember that God knows us better than we know ourselves – and loves us more than we can imagine.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday:	Intention
Wednesday:	Ben Woods
Thursday:	Intention
Friday:	Flo Tobin intention
Saturday:	Ben Woods
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	Michael McGill

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.

Bishop Dougan's Silver Jubilee

There will be a Mass to celebrate Bishop Frank Dougan's silver jubilee of ordination to the priesthood on **Friday 26th June at 7pm** at St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr. All are very welcome to join in the celebration.

Newsletter of Missio Scotland

Please find in both Churches the latest edition of the Missio Scotland newsletter which you are welcome to take home for reference. The National Director, Fr Vincent Lockhart, updates about how the Pontifical Mission Societies are responding to what has been a turbulent time for the world in recent months.

Stop assisted suicide being brought back

Assisted suicide campaigners are trying to bring back the Leadbeater Bill.

Not Dead Yet UK has launched a simple tool to help you email your MP about the risks this Bill poses to people with disabilities.

Please take 30 seconds to email your MP today using the tool here: <http://action.notdeadyetuk.org/>

Safeguarding Issues: There is a monthly, online "Safeguarding Bulletin" on the Diocesan website keeping everyone up-to-date with safeguarding issues.

St Mary's, New Abbey, update and invitation

Jo Kemp has sent the following message: "We are so lucky to have a volunteer gardener who lives in the village. Barry Smith is in the house, probably for the last time, and he has mended the ceiling in the sitting room so all is well again.

Nick and I are celebrating our 60th wedding anniversary on 11th July with Mass at 12noon at St Mary's followed by refreshments in the garden. We would love it to be a parish celebration so please come if you can."

Society of St Vincent De Paul

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.

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/fait-based studies and sharing food. For more details, please contact Christina via message/WhatsApp on 07910 478191.

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.



First Holy Communion

Many congratulations to everyone in both parishes who has celebrated their First Communion this month. Well done to you all and thank you to all who ensured that the special occasions were thoroughly enjoyable for all concerned. Please see a note below from Fr Kevin Rennie about a further celebration day to which you are all invited. We look forward to seeing the children and their families at Church and to all of their active contributions to the life of the parish community.



RC Diocese of Galloway Youth and Young Adults

Please see the noticeboard and the Diocesan social media for information about 2026 events in the Diocese.

YOUTH EVENING: (P5-S4) Join young folk from across the cluster this Sunday as they gather for their final evening before the summer in St Teresa's! They'll be reflecting on the theme of **The Church: The Family of God**. The evening begins with Mass at 5pm 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.

First Communion Celebration Day!



The Diocesan Youth Office invites all who made their First Communion this year to join them for a celebration at St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock, on Saturday 25th July from 11am to 4pm. The day will include a variety of fun and engaging games, a couple of short talks, Mass and lunch: pizza and BBQ. Interested? Scan the QR code to register. There is no charge to take part in the day.

Appeal for All Ministries

Anyone who could help Fr Gerald and the parishes by altar-serving; by doing bible readings or bidding prayers or by becoming a Eucharistic Minister is always welcome to speak with Fr Gerald or with Karen B or Rebecca. You don't need to have any particular skill to help during the Masses but do just have to be willing to learn and to give of your best.

"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.

