



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

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Parish Notices

Week beginning 5th July, 2026

Mass timetable in the week ahead:

There is a normal Mass timetable in the week ahead.

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 Mass with exposition in St Andrew's on Saturday 11th July at 10am.

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

St Columba's Advance Notice

Please note that on **Sunday 26th July**, Mass will begin at the slightly earlier time of 11.45am.

First Saturday Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima

This will be said this Saturday, 4th July at 5.15pm at Our Lady's altar. All are welcome.

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.

Sea Sunday

Next weekend is "Sea Sunday".

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 £617.23 with £478.29 for Peter's Pence and £90.40 at Coffee. **SSVP** collected £134.05. **St Columba's** collection was £240.25 with £237.65 for Peter's Pence and £10 for SSVP. 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.

Rest in Peace

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Noreen Lilly, of Dan Sweeney and of Dorothy Struthers**. Noreen's funeral will be at St Teresa's on Thursday 9th July at 10am. We pray for the repose of all of their souls and for the consolation of their families and friends. May they rest in peace.

The Pope's prayer intention for July:

For respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

5th July, 2026

14th Sunday of the Year (Missal p361) (A)

Zechariah 9: 9-10

Romans 8: 9, 11-13

Matthew 11: 25-30

Psalm Response

I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer I

Next Sunday : 15th Sunday of the Year (Yr A)

14th Sunday of the Year

Today's celebration is called a Solemnity because it celebrates the two great pillars of the Church, St Peter and St Paul. Peter is the sign of unity whose task is to guide and govern the Church. Paul was the great missionary who tirelessly brought the good news of Jesus to peoples who did not know him.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday: Intention

Wednesday: Anne McKay

Thursday: Intention

Friday: Noreen Lilly

Saturday: Noreen Lilly

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

Michael McGill

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.



Happy
Holidays!

A very happy summer holiday to all pupils,
teachers and staff from all of our schools!

Parish Donation for SCIAF Venezuela Appeal

St Andrew's parish is planning to send £450 from the Jars of Hope to SCIAF in aid of those affected by the earthquake in Venezuela. If you would like to add in to this sum, please drop your donation into the weekend collections in an envelope marked clearly for "SCIAF-Venezuela" or post the same through the parish house door before Friday 17th July. Thanks

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/>

Dumfries Adult Professionals Group

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

St Mary's, New Abbey invitations

Jo Kemp has sent the following message: "Mass at St Mary's followed by refreshments in the garden on Saturday 11th July to celebrate Nick & Jo's 60th Wedding Anniversary. Please phone Jo on 07798764045 so we can cater more or less accurately! We really want it to be a Parish Party bringing us all together. NO PRESENTS thank you.

Advance notice - Fr Gerry Briody and a group of Salesians are coming again on **8th August** for 10 days and will be offering daily Mass at St Mary's, details nearer the time."

St Andrew's "200" Club

Winners in the June draw are as follows:

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| 1. £50 | no.2 | Bernadette Jeavons | Congratulations |
| 2. £25 | no.22 | David Buckley | to all of this |
| 3. £15 | no.48 | Yvonne Copland | month's winners. |

Emergency Financial Help

The cost of living crisis has now become normal and some people face unexpected costs. If this applies to you and you need exceptional help, limited funds are available. Please speak in confidence with Fr Gerald.

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.



St Columba's Fundraising Event

Please support St Columba's fundraising in the Market Hall, Annan on Saturday 19th September from 2-4pm. There will be afternoon teas, a silent auction, raffle and bottle stall along with songs from Annan Old Choir. Please sign up on the lists at the Church door to help.



St Columba's House

The extensive work is now complete and the house will shortly be let through GM Thompson in Dumfries.

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.

Society of St Vincent De Paul: Donations, one-off or by standing order, may be made online or through your bank to St Andrew's SSVP, acct 00613268, sort 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 2026 events in the Diocese.

YOUNG ADULTS' (S5-30) EVENING: The next Young Adults' evening takes place this Sunday 5th July in St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock. The group will be joined by Marianne Luchessi from the Jesuit Spirituality Centre as she speaks on the theme of prayer: looking at various forms of prayer and taking the group through some practical examples.

The evening begins with Adoration in the church from 6pm, following which Marianne's talk will be in the hall from 6.30 pm. Can't make it in person? Sign up at youth.rcdg.org.uk to follow the evening online.

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.



"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.

