



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

*Parishes of the R C Diocese of Galloway -
Registered Charity No. SCO10576*

Parish Notices

Week beginning 12th 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 Teresa's on Saturday 18th 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.

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

Today is "Sea Sunday". We remember and pray for all of those whose livelihoods are dependent on the sea.

Meeting Dates

St Andrew's SSVP –Tuesday 14th July at 4pm in the house.

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

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

Collections

St Andrew's collection was £571.71 with £180 for the SCIAF Venezuela Appeal and £79.10 at Coffee. **SSVP** collected £144.56.

St Columba's collection was £193.64 with £58.80 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 rechaplain.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.

Rest in Peace

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Dan Sweeney and of Dorothy Struthers**. We pray also 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.

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12th July, 2026

15th Sunday of the Year (Missal p364) (A)

Isaiah 55: 10-11

Romans 8: 18-23

Matthew 13: 1-23

Psalm Response

Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer II

Next Sunday : 16th Sunday of the Year (Yr A)

15th Sunday of the Year

Sea Sunday reminds us that, just as Jesus and his disciples were sometimes threatened by winds and waves, the same is true for today's seafarers. Like seed on rocky ground, their faith can be tested by hardship.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday: Martin Reilly

Wednesday: Steve Lawry

Thursday: Rose Casha

Friday: Betty Fulton anniversary

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.



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 legalised

Assisted suicide campaigners have sadly brought back the Leadbeater Bill. This can be stopped if MPs vote down the Bill on 11 September.

Right To Life UK has launched an EasyAction tool to help you email your MP to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide in the vote in the House of Commons on 11 September.

Please take 30 seconds to email your MP today to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide: <https://righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote>

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 invitation

Jo Kemp has sent the following message: "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."

Accident Book

There is an "Accident Book" located in the sacristies of both parishes and copies will be added to the church halls. If you have an accident of any kind in the church building or within the grounds of the church please log the incident. Please state the date, names of those involved and a brief description of the accident. This is to help comply with Health and Safety protocols for all churches.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO PRIESTHOOD?

If you sense a vocation to be a Priest and would like support to discern this call, please contact Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Stephen McGrattan, at vocations@rcdg.org.uk or 01563 521832.

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 a full timetable and information about 2026 events in the Diocese.

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.



65th Wedding Anniversary Congratulations!
Many congratulations to Jo and Nick Kemp as they celebrate 65 years of married life together this weekend. We wish them happy recollections and celebrations!



"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.



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