



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 19th 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 25th 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.

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 £594.60 with £150 for the SCIAF Venezuela Appeal. **SSVP** collected £109.18. **Jars of Hope** increased by £83 to a current total of £127. **St Columba's** collection was £746.30 with £30.55 for SCIAF and £20 for the SCIAF Venezuela Appeal.. Thank you.

SCIAF Venezuela Appeal

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the total of £800 which was sent to boost this fund. £450 came from Jars of Hope with £330 from further St Andrew's donations and £20 from St Columba's. Any late donations will also be sent on.

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.

Rest in Peace

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Dorothy Struthers and of Frank McBrine**. 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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16th Sunday of the Year (Missal p369) (A)

Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19

Romans 8: 26-27

Matthew 13: 24-43

Psalm Response

O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer III

Next Sunday : 17th Sunday of the Year (Yr A)

16th Sunday of the Year

The Holy Spirit is always at work in the depths of our hearts, inviting us to love God and our neighbour. The parables of the kingdom of God invite us to enter their mystery, see and thank God for his presence among us.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday: Freddy McGee

Wednesday: Noreen Lilly

Thursday: Freddy McGee

Friday: Intention

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.

World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

Everyone is warmly invited to a special celebration of this occasion at Carfin Grotto on **Sunday 26th July**. Bishop John Keenan will celebrate Holy Mass at 3pm, as we give thanks for the invaluable contribution of grandparents and older people to our families, parishes and communities. Please bring your grandparents, family members and friends. All are welcome.

Pilgrimage for Life 2026

The annual pilgrimage will take place at Carfin Grotto on **Saturday 1st August**. Led by Bishop John Keenan, the day offers an opportunity for prayer, reflection and witness to the dignity and sanctity of every human life.

The programme includes: 12noon-Holy Mass; 2pm-Eucharistic Adoration; 2.15pm- Stations of the Cross; 2.45pm -Divine Mercy Chaplet; 3.30pm- Holy Rosary.

All are welcome and families are encouraged to attend.

Ababa Project Thanks

The Project at St Teresa's sent a thank you card on behalf of their beneficiaries to all who contributed to "Jars of Hope" for the recent £200 donation. You can find the card on the St Andrew's Church noticeboard.

Jo and Nick Kemp Invitation and Thanks

Jo Kemp has sent the following messages: "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."

"Also, many thanks to all who came and made our anniversary so special. We were blessed with ideal weather too - it was a real parish get-together, just as we hoped. Extra thanks to Fr Gerald and Fr David Tobin for offering such a lovely, prayerful Mass and for Fr Gerald's special blessing for us. Not forgetting the music provided by Barbara Lewis on keyboard and Gerry Lynch with 50's, 60's music."

"The Depot" Cookbook

Lydia from "The Depot" in our hall basement let us know about this cookbook which "...features 94 recipes from 29 different countries and celebrates the rich cultural diversity of D and G. From fragrant curries to hearty stews, sweet pastries to comforting soups, there's something for every kitchen. At £12.50, it makes a perfect gift for food lovers and anyone who believes that food brings people together. Even Pru Leith wanted a copy! All proceeds go to supporting the work of The Depot, a small charity based in D and G which supports Refugees and New Scots. You can visit the online shop at : <https://the-depot-cookbook.sumupstore.com/> There are also



copies there of the artwork in the book which was created by Nour, a Syrian artist whom The Depot support while he navigates his way through the asylum process."

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.

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, next **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. Please go along if you can!



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.

Please turn off your mobile phone in church



"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 toiletries for men, backpacks, notebooks and pens for the welcome packs.



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.

