



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

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Parish Notices

Week beginning 26th July, 2026

Mass timetable in the week ahead:

NB There is no weekday Mass in the week ahead.

Weekday Masses:

St Andrew's:

St Columba's:

Weekend Masses:

St Andrew's: Saturday Vigil at 6pm; Sunday at 10am.

St Columba's: Sunday at 12noon (NB 11.45am on 26/7).

NB There is Mass with exposition in St Teresa's on Saturday 1st August at 10am.

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

NB Earlier Mass time this Sunday at St Columba's

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

Holiday

Fr Gerald is on holiday from after Masses this weekend until Monday 10th August. If you need to contact a priest urgently please contact Fr Uchenna or Fr Francis at St Teresa's, tel no. 01387 252603.

First Saturday Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima

This will be said next Saturday, 1st August, 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.

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 £585.80 with £130 for the SCIAF Venezuela Appeal and £152.90 from two Sunday Coffees. **SSVP** collected £169.75. **St Columba's** collection was £211.13 with £38.61 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 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 soul of **Frank McBrine**. We pray also for the consolation of Frank's family and friends. May he 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.

26th July, 2026

17th Sunday of the Year (Missal p373) (A)

1 Kings 3: 5-6a, 7-12

Romans 8: 28-30

Matthew 13: 44-52

Psalm Response

O Lord, how I love your law!

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer I

Next Sunday : 18h Sunday of the Year (Yr A)

17th Sunday of the Year

Today is World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly. Appropriately, our scripture readings speak of wisdom and knowing what really counts in life.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday:

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

Tricia Linden

James Caro

Ted & Jean Machin

Catherine O'Neill

Eric Sherman

Catherine Smith

Anna Hart

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.

Day for Grandparents and Older People

We pray for all grandparents and older people. May they continue to be examples of faith by word and deed.

Canon Matt McManus

We welcome to St Andrew's and St Columba's Canon McManus and thank him for his help in supplying holiday cover over the next two weekends.



Help with Shrubbery

Gino could do with assistance to cut back some shrubbery in the Church garden. If you can help with this, please contact Ana on 07753 167554 and I can pass your message on.

World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

Everyone is warmly invited to a special celebration of this occasion at Carfin Grotto this **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 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.

New Abbey Invitation

“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. All will be welcome“

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.

Season of Creation Conference

Organised by the Bishops' Conference Care of Creation Office, this year's conference takes place on **Saturday 5th September from 10am to 3pm** at Eyre Hall, Archdiocese of Glasgow Offices, Clyde St, Glasgow G1 4JY.

The theme will be “Living Water” (based on Ezekiel 47:1-12) and the Keynote speaker will be Lorna Gold, Executive Director of the Laudato Si' Movement. The day will include practical workshops exploring how parishes, schools and communities can engage young people and parish groups in caring for our common home. Register at: bit.ly/SeasonofCreation26.

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.



NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO WHITHORN:

The annual National Pilgrimage to Whithorn will take place on Sunday 30th August. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Frank Dougan on the beach near St Ninian's Cave at 4 pm, and at the church in Whithorn at 4.45 pm for those unable to reach the shore. A well-established footpath about one mile long takes you through the glen to the shore, and to be in place for Mass at 4 pm it is recommended to begin the walk by 3 pm. More information at <https://rcdg.org.uk/whithorn-pilgrimage-sunday-30th-august-2026/>.

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.

Message of Thanks

A visitor to St Andrew's last weekend was in touch with thanks for his welcome and for showing him around. On the basis of his experience, he intends to return!

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN:

The National Pilgrimage to Scotland's Marian Shrine will take place on Sunday 6th September with Mass at 3.00 pm. At the Pilgrimage Mass, the faithful will join the Universal Church in marking 800 years since the death of St Francis of Assisi. The principal celebrant and homilist will be Archbishop William Nolan of Glasgow.



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.

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.



“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.

