



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 16th August, 2026

Mass timetable in the week ahead:

NB 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 22nd August at 10am.

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

Feast of the Assumption

As the 15th August is a Saturday this year, the Feast of the Assumption is NOT a Holyday of Obligation. It is transferred to the Sunday Masses and there is no Holyday timetable on Saturday 15th.

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.

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. 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://redg.org.uk/whithorn-pilgrimage-sunday-30th-august-2026/>. There is a bus from the Dumfries parishes which will leave St Andrew's at 1pm. Please sign up if you would like to come by bus.

Meeting Dates

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

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

Collections

All collections will be reported next week.

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 and tinned goods.

The Pope's prayer intention for August:

For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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Solemnity of the Assumption (Missal p1057) (A)

Revelation 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a; 10ab

1 Corinthians 15: 20-27a

Luke 1: 39-56

Psalm Response

On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer I

Next Sunday : 21st Sunday of the Year (Yr A)

Solemnity of the Assumption

As we celebrate the Assumption of our Blessed Virgin Mary we give thanks for Mary's role in our story of salvation, her 'yes' to God's call to be the mother of the Messiah, and the example we see in her as we strive to live a life of faith.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday: Paddy and Doreen Murphy

Wednesday: Christopher Martin

Thursday: Frank McBrine

Friday: Paddy Murphy anniversary

Saturday: Butterworth intention

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.

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.

Sacristans and Altar Servers

Please don't hesitate to speak with Fr Gerald if you would like more information about either of the roles. Your help would be most welcomed by Fr Gerald and by the whole Parish.

WHITHORN YOUTH PILGRIMAGE:

As part of the annual National Pilgrimage to Whithorn on Sunday 30th August the Youth Office will be running a Youth Pilgrimage. Join with young people (P5-S4) from across the Diocese as we gather to learn more about the life and witness of St Ninian. In the morning we'll have games, activities, lunch and a talk on St Ninian, before walking to the beach for Mass with Bishop Frank. After Mass, we'll enjoy a packed supper before heading home. Free transport is available from Dumfries. Please register by scanning the QR code or going to the Youth Office website: youth.rcdg.org.uk. There is no charge, but please bring a packed supper.



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.



From B Jeavons on Ukrainian Supplies: "Please do continue to help. Analgesia, eye drops, sterile water for eye irrigation, bandages, plasters and military tourniquets are needed as are cotton t-shirts, socks & donations of money."

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.

Season of Creation Conference

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). 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.



We wish all school pupils and teachers well as they embark upon a new school year in the week to come! We pray particularly for those who are starting new jobs in the schools and for pupils who are going to new primary or secondary schools for the first time.

Library at St Andrew's

Thank you very much to Annie and James for tidying-up, reordering and restoring the library! Please do go and have a look and use the library if you can. Any donations of fairly recent or new books with themes relevant for our faith would be appreciated - please just leave them by the library door.

Centenary Concert

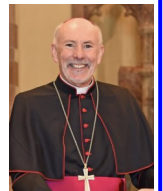
Dumfries and Castleford Male voice choirs will be staging a joint concert in St Teresa's Church on Thursday 20th August at 7.30pm. Dumfries MVC is honoured to be included in Castleford's centenary celebrations. Tickets at £12 on the door. Please go along for this fabulous evening of music!

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.

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



"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.

