



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 23rd 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 Teresa's on Saturday 22nd August at 10am.

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

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://rcdg.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 Andrew's SSVP– Tuesday 25th August 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 over 2 weeks was £1320.74 with £291.17 raised over 3 weeks of Sunday Coffee. **SSVP** collected £258.15 over 2 weeks. **St Columba's** collection over 2 weeks was £373.40 with £71.01 for SCIAF.

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 rchaplain.hospital@yahoo.com.

First Base food bank: Please keep up your donations of non-perishable foodstuffs for the Food Bank. Suggestions include: long life milk, pasta, cooking sauce, microwave rice, tinned meat, dog and cat food and toilet paper. (NB Coffee; tinned vegetable and potatoes are no longer needed)

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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23rd August, 2026

21st Sunday of the Year (Missal p388) (A)

Isaiah 22: 15, 19-23

Romans 11: 33-36

Matthew 16: 13-20

Psalm Response

O Lord, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands.

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer II

Next Sunday : 22nd Sunday of the Year (Yr A)

21st Sunday of the Year

We journey as a community of faith, made up of all nations and every language. Within our community, which stretches across the globe, we will learn and grow in love of God and for our neighbour.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday:	Paddy Murphy anniversary
Wednesday:	Frank McBrine
Thursday:	Doreen Johnson
Friday:	Sheila MacDonald
Saturday:	Frank McBrine
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	James Caro
Dan McCarron	Ted & Jean Machin
May Fuller	Catherine O'Neill
Anne Murdy	Eric Sherman
Thomas Gray	Catherine Smith
Anne & Peter Richardson	Anna Hart
Cathy Pittendreigh	Michael McGill
Tricia Linden	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.

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.



We wish all school pupils, teachers, staff and parents a successful time ahead as the children go back to school or start for the first time. We wish especially the new P! and S! pupils best wishes as they start their new schools.

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.



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

The Bishops' Conference Care of Creation Office invites you to the Season of Creation Conference 2026 on Saturday, 5 September 2026, from 10am to 3pm, in Eyre Hall, Archdiocese of Glasgow Offices, Clyde Street, Glasgow, G1 4JY.

Our guest speaker will be Lorna Gold, Executive Director of the Laudato Si' Movement, and there will be workshops exploring how to engage young people and parish groups. Please register at: bit.ly/SeasonofCreation26

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.

Appeal: Clothes for Ukrainian Teenagers

The Depot has requested any spare clothes of good quality which we might have for Ukrainian teenagers whom they are currently hosting on a respite visit to D and G. Please hand them in to the Depot in the hall basement or leave them at the back of the Church this weekend. Thank you.

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 SSVF, acct 00613268, sort 80 11 60. Thank you.

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 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.



GALLOWAY DIOCESAN CHOIR: The Diocesan Choir is looking to recruit new members who enjoy singing as part of a group and are committed to the enhancement of the liturgy through music. This four-part choir has been in existence in its present form for over 25 years. They sing at diocesan events in the Cathedral at least twice a year, and the rehearsal period runs from September to March (with a break in December/January). Rehearsals take place in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr on Wednesday evenings from 7.15 pm until about 8.45 pm. **There is a particular need for men to sing tenor and bass.** While being able to read music is an advantage, it is not a requirement – most members do not read music. The first rehearsal of the new season is on Wednesday 9th September at 7.15 pm. If you are interested in joining them or would like more information, please contact David Robinson at david.robinson.mj@gmail.com or on 07714 340854.

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.



"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.

