



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 30th 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 5th September at 10am.

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

First Saturday Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima

This will be said next Saturday, 5th September, 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.

National Pilgrimage to Whithorn

The annual National Pilgrimage to Whithorn takes place this 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. The bus leaves St Andrew's at 1pm. Please speak with Fr Gerald if you have not signed up and would like to come by bus.

Meeting Dates

St Columba's PPC— Tuesday 27th October, after Mass.

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

Collections

St Andrew's collection was £672.70 with £104 raised at Sunday Coffee. **Jars of Hope** have been given another £50 for the SCIAF Venezuela appeal. **SSVP** collected £171.24. **St Columba's** collection was £268 with £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. 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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30th August, 2026

22nd Sunday of the Year (Missal p392) (A)

Jeremiah 20: 7-9

Romans 12: 1-2

Matthew 16: 21-27

Psalm Response

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer III

Next Sunday : 23rd Sunday of the Year (Yr A)

22nd Sunday of the Year

As a community of believers we give thanks for all the many blessings we have received and commit ourselves to living out the Gospel in our daily actions.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday:	Peter Shalley
Wednesday:	Sheila MacDonald
Thursday:	Hughie Dick
Friday:	Noreen Lilly
Saturday:	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	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
Stella McPherson	Tricia Linden
Tony Baniulis	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.



Sacramental Preparation

First Holy Communion is celebrated in P4 in Galloway Diocese. If you have a child in P4 wishing to make their First Holy Communion who is NOT at St Andrew's nor St Columba's Primary School, please let Fr Gerald know as soon as is possible. Classes will be beginning shortly. Once they have started candidates cannot come in late to the classes and will have to wait until next 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 are boxes for donations for the secret auction and bottle stall. Tickets are available this weekend. Please decide to come along and support the parish since we don't have very many fundraising events. Proceeds are for parish funds. There has been considerable expense getting the parish house ready for rental so any recuperation is greatly appreciated.



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 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.

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.



Gino and the team found this memorial plaque in the grounds. John Stewart Lyon owned the Kirkmichael estate and was a local Justice of the Peace. He might have also been in Ontario, Canada, after inheriting property there through his wife, Mary Theresa Dickson, who was born in Ontario. Does anyone have any more information or memory of the plaque?

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.

Please register at: bit.ly/SeasonofCreation26

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.

