



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 6th September, 2026

Mass timetable in the week ahead:

NB Please note that there is NO Mass on Thursday evening in St Columba's nor on Friday or Saturday mornings in St Andrew's.

Weekday Masses:

St Andrew's: Wednesday at 10am.

St Columba's: Tuesday at 10am.

Weekend Masses:

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

St Columba's: Sunday at 12noon

NB There is NO Mass with exposition in St Andrew's on Saturday 12th 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 this 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.

Fr Gerald's Landline Update

The fault with Fr Gerald's landline has now been fixed.

St Andrew's PPC AGM Call for Reports

Please submit the usual reports to the parish office in advance of the Parish Pastoral Council AGM in the hall on Tuesday 29th September at 7pm. Submission by Friday 18th September will ensure that reports can be added to the AGM pack. The 2025 AGM minutes will be on the noticeboard this weekend or next.

Christian Aid: A quiz night for Christian Aid is to be held on Thursday 18th September at 7pm in Annan Old Parish Church Hall. £10 per team of 4. Please support if you can.

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 £676. **SSVP** collected £128.43. **St Columba's** collection was £218.90 with £34.97 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. long life milk, pasta, cooking sauce, microwave rice, tinned meat, dog and cat food.

The Pope's prayer intention for September:

For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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6th September, 2026

23rd Sunday of the Year (Missal p396) (A)

Ezekiel 33: 7-9

Romans 13: 8-10

Matthew 18: 15-20

Psalm Response

O that today you would listen to his voice!
"Harden not your hearts."

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer I

Next Sunday: 24th Sunday of the Year (Yr A)

23rd Sunday of the Year

How do we put things right when they have gone wrong? Our readings today offer different ways in which we might move towards justice and reconciliation. We ponder our own families, friends and colleagues, and ask God to help us heal any divisions we recognise between us.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday: Intention

Wednesday: Ben Woods

Thursday:

Friday:

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

Dan McCarron

May Fuller

Anne Murdy

Thomas Gray

Anne & Peter Richardson

Cathy Pittendreigh

Stella McPherson

Tony Baniulis

James Caro

Ted & Jean Machin

Catherine O'Neill

Eric Sherman

Catherine Smith

Anna Hart

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.



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.



Assisted Dying Bill

Please take a postcard from the back regarding the impending bill on assisted dying.

YOUTH (P5-S4) EVENING:

Save the date! Our Diocesan Youth Evenings for P5-S4 start back on **Sunday 27th September** from 5.00 – 7.00 pm in St Teresa's.

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.

St Andrew's 200 Club

Winners in the August draw are:

1. £50 no. 74 Val Campbell
2. £25 no.116 L Jones
3. £15 no.110 Stephanie Watson

Congratulations to all winners in this month's draw.

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.



YOUNG ADULTS (S5-30) EVENING: The new series of Young Adults Evenings launches on **Sunday 13th September** when Fr Kevin Rennie will be speaking on "*Life and Death: What do we believe?*" – looking at Church teaching on life issues and some of the challenges faced today. The talk takes place in St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock (KA3 1HB) from 6.30 – 8pm and is open to all Young Adults. **If you don't live in East Ayrshire you can join online**, go to youth.rcdg.org.uk and click on 'Young Adults – Online Participation' to register. There is Adoration in the Church from 6.00 pm for those who wish.

BISHOP FRANK NEEDS A NEW CHRISTMAS CARD:

Is your child in P5-S4? Help Bishop Frank get ready for Christmas by designing his Christmas Card! Draw your favourite Christmas-themed design and send it along with your child's name and year to christmas@rcdg.org.uk – the winning design will be Bishop Frank's Christmas Card for 2026 and available to buy from the Youth Office store, with the winner receiving printed cards, their design on a set of Christmas Baubles, and a certificate from Bishop Frank! Closing date for entries Friday 9th October, with the winner announced in mid-October.

ADVENT YOUTH RETREAT: Sign up to join Youth (P7-S4) from across the Diocese on the Advent Youth Retreat! Taking place from 27th – 29th November, young people will gather at Gowanbank SU Centre for a weekend of outdoor activities, fun and games, talks, prayer and reflection, Mass, and lots of time with friends! Go to youth.rcdg.org.uk and click on 'Youth – Advent Youth Retreat'. The cost per person is £140 (if you register before 15th September). Bursaries are available for children in need, or families with more than one child taking part, email youth@rcdg.org.uk for details.

Could you be a voice for the suffering Church?

Aid to the Church in Need is looking for Parish Appalers—passionate Catholics who can speak in parishes on behalf of persecuted Christians around the world. This is a self-employed, remunerated role with full training and support. To learn more, contact Peter Diamond at peter.diamond@acnuk.org or 07706194811 or visit acnuk.org/jobs.

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.

