



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 13th September, 2026

Mass timetable in the week ahead:

NB There is a normal weekday 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 19th September at 10am.

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

Welcome to Canon Matt!

We welcome Canon Matt back to the parish and thank him very much for his help with supplying this weekend.

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.

St Andrew's PPC AGM Call for Reports & Nominations

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. Please speak with Fr Gerald or any PPC member if you would be willing to be nominated for PPC membership.

Christian Aid : A quiz night for Christian Aid is to be held on Thursday 17th September at 7pm in Annan Old Parish Church Hall. £10 per team of 4. Please support if you can.

Meeting Dates

St Andrew's SSVP- Tuesday 15th September at 4pm in the house

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

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

Collections

St Andrew's collection was £630.40 **SSVP** collected £140.50. **St Columba's** collection was £149.57 with £34.30 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 rchaplain.hospital@yahoo.com.

First Base food bank: Please keep up your donations of non-perishable foodstuffs, toilet roll and pet foods for Firstbase.

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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13th September, 2026

24th Sunday of the Year (Missal p399) (A)

Sirach 27: 30-28:7

Romans 14: 7-9

Matthew 18: 21-35

Psalm Response

The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
Slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer II

Next Sunday : 25th Sunday of the Year (Yr A)

24th Sunday of the Year

The theme of today's Mass is forgiveness. As we ask God to forgive our wrongdoings, we are told by Jesus that unless we forgive others whatever wrongdoings they have committed against us, we shall not receive eternal life with God after death.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday: Ted Machin intention

Wednesday: Rosemary Robinson

Thursday: Rico Beukers

Friday: Frank McBrine

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 bill on assisted dying.

Galloway Youth Newsletter

The September newsletter is available online, on the Church noticeboard and in paper copies to take away from the porch.

Young Readers and Altar Servers

We invite children from P5 onwards to read bidding prayers and become altar servers. Mrs Barnett will train those children who are keen to be more involved in their church community. Please speak with Fr Gerald, with Mrs Barnett or with your child's school teacher by 25th September if your child would like to join in and help. 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.

Young Caritas Scotland

SCIAF have launched a new platform to engage young parishioners in SCIAF's work. They are looking for young adults, aged 18+ , to sign up to help shape how we can respond in Scotland to international issues and to poverty and injustice. To begin, Bishop Brian McGee will lead an online talk on "What does following Christ ask of us in a world of poverty, injustice and inequality"? Please go to www.sciaf.org.uk/youngcaritas for info and sign-up.

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.



Vocations Awareness Week

This week is Vocations Awareness week when we continue to pray for vocations, especially to our own Diocese of Galloway.

Galloway Diocese News

The latest edition of the Galloway Diocese News is available this weekend. It features the National Pilgrimage to Whithorn. Please bring it to those whom you visit in the parish.

St Andrew's Parish Library

There are new additions to the library by contemporary Christian authors. Please do use this facility.

SCIAF/CARITAS Nepal : A box for donations for the Caritas (Via SCIAF) fund for Nepal is at the back of St Andrew's Church or you can put an envelope in with the collection.

YOUNG ADULTS (\$5-30) 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.

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.

