



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 20th 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: Friday at 10am.

St Columba's: Tuesday at 10am.; Thursday at 7pm.

Note there is NO Mass on Wednesday

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 26th September 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.

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**. Any late reports can be sent by Friday 25th September. The 2025 AGM minutes are on the noticeboard. Please speak with Fr Gerald or any PPC member if you would be willing to be nominated for PPC membership.

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 £1241. **SSVP** collected £111.43.

St Columba's collection was £149.57 with £34.30 for SCIAF.

SVDP

The Society of St Vincent de Paul Conference does great work in the parish, including visiting, providing transport for Mass and charitable giving. As with all ministries in parishes the society seeks new members. Please give serious consideration to joining the SVDP conference.

: 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.

Hospital Visiting Policy

If a patient wishes a visit from a priest or deacon text or message the RC Chaplain on 07591 230828 or you can contact him directly on 07510159817 or email rcchaplain.hospital@yahoo.com.

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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20th September, 2026

25th Sunday of the Year (Missal p403) (A)

Isaiah 55: 6-9

Philippians 1: 20c-24. 27a

Matthew 20: 1-16

Psalm Response

The Lord is close to all who call him.

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer III

Next Sunday : 26th Sunday of the Year (Yr A)

25th Sunday of the Year

.In today's Gospel parable of the workers in the vineyard, we hear the Good News that God's justice is concerned above all with mercy and compassion. God does not treat us according to what we deserve, but according to our need – and we all share the same desperate need for his love and forgiveness in our life.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday:	intention
Wednesday:	Norah Scott
Thursday:	intention
Friday:	Canion Patrick McSorley
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.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

St Margaret's Cathedral will celebrate the 200th Anniversary of it's opening in 2027. As part of the celebrations a Pilgrimage to Rome is being organised from September 16th-23rd 2027 and a few places are still available. The cost of the Pilgrimage is £1,800 (based on two people sharing a twin room on a half-board basis) and includes all transfers. Travel Insurance is not included. A deposit of £300 per pilgrim is required at the time of booking. If you would like to be part of the Pilgrimage, or would like more information, please email Fr. David Borland at david.borland@rcdg.org.uk and he will send you a Booking Form.

Galloway Diocese News

The latest edition of the Galloway Diocese News is available in the Church and online on the Galloway Diocese Website with lots of pictures of Whithorn and other articles of interest. Including youth news

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.

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.

DIOCESAN SOCIAL MEDIA

Stay up to date with all the latest news and events from across the Diocese and follow us: [@rcdgalloway](https://www.facebook.com/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 the AED (Defibrillator) will be located on the chair at the sacristy door during Masses and other liturgies.



SCIAF/CARITAS



SCIAF

Uniting for a just world

Caritas Scotland

A box marked "Special Collection for SCIAF" is at the back of St Andrew's Church for donations for the Caritas (via SCIAF) fund for Nepal. You are also welcome to put a clearly marked envelope in with the collection. All donations will be sent to SCIAF on Friday 25th September.

NB SCIAF are supporting Caritas Nepal who are "on the ground responding to the devastating floods and working closely with government authorities, local communities and partners.

Vocations Awareness Week

This week is vocations awareness wee. We continue to pray for vocations—especially in our own Diocese of Galloway.

Youth Ministry

There is a full timetable for youth and young adult events in the diocese. There is a notice on the board and all the events are listed in the Diocese website and many are covered in the Galloway Diocese News and the Youth newsletter.

St Andrew's Parish Library

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

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.

