Parish Bulletin of St Andrew's, Dumfries and St Columba's, Annan

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Parish Notices
Week beginning 27th 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 3rd October 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, 3rd October 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.

Tempus Fugit

This weekend sees the tenth anniversary of my time here in St Andrew's and St Columba's!

St Andrew's PPC AGM

Please come along to the Parish Pastoral Council AGM in the hall on **Tuesday 29th September at 7pm.** The 2025 AGM minutes are on the noticeboard and paper copies will be available at the AGM. Please speak with Fr Gerald or any PPC member if you would be willing to be nominated for PPC membership.

St Andrew's Shop Stall

Erin will be providing a good selection of Christmas stationery and other items on a stall in the hall after Sunday morning Masses. Do have a look and support the Church in this way if you can.

Meeting Dates

St Andrew's SSVP– Tuesday 6th October at 4pm in the house.
St Columba's PPC– Tuesday 27th October, after Mass.

Collections

St Andrew's collection was £620.40 with £242.15 raised at Church Coffee over the last 3 Sundays. £49.28 was donated for SCIAF and a further cheque was forwarded. **SSVP** collected £112.84. **St Columba's** collection on 13th September was £154.80 with £24.30 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 you can contact him directly on 07510159817 or email rcchaplain.hospital@yahoo.com.

First Base food bank: Please keep up your donations.

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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26th Sunday of the Year (Missal p406) (A)

Ezekiel 18: 25-28
Philippians 2: 1-11
Matthew 21: 28-32

Psalm Response

Remember your compassion, O Lord.

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer I

Next Sunday : 27th Sunday of the Year (Yr A)

26th Sunday of the Year

Today, the twenty-seventh Sunday of the year, is also the closing day of the Season of Creation and the Feast of St Francis of Assisi.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday:	Intention
Wednesday:	Ella Morgan intention
Thursday:	Intention
Friday:	Mary Joseph
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
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 Round-Up

Christian Aid: Last week's Christian Aid quiz raised £207.50. Many thanks to those who came along to support the event.

Afternoon Tea: Last Saturday's afternoon tea was a great success. Many thanks to those who supported the event in any way. The music provided by Annan Old Church choir was greatly appreciated. The excellent amount of £1932.50 was raised.

Invtitation: All in St Columba's parish community are invited to attend the induction of Revd Sean Swindells, new minister of Annan Old Parish Church, followed by refreshments in the hall.

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.

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.

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.

SVDP

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.

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 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

Thank you for all donations for the Caritas (via SCIAF) fund for Nepal. There is still counting to do before a final total can be reported and sent to SCIAF.

Estate & Grounds Appeal & Update

Many thanks to Gino for transforming the Church front doors so that they look as good as new. **Can anyone help Gino with the next stage of painting and restoration?** If so, please catch him or Fr Gerald at Mass or phone in to the parish office. The fruits of your labour would be appreciated!

Also, thank you to Darren who has contacted the Regional Archaeologist about the provenance of the plaques which were found by the grounds team. Darren thinks that the plaque could have been placed in the cemetery on the north side of the pro-Cathedral after this closed in 1855. Watch this space!

. **GRIEF TO GRACE – A Healing Retreat for Victims of Abuse – 22nd to 27th February 2027 – Perth**

Grief to Grace is a specialised 5-day programme of spiritual and psychological healing for anyone who has suffered from sexual, physical, or emotional abuse or neglect in childhood, adolescence or adulthood, including those abused by a religious / member of the clergy. If you are interested in this confidential healing retreat, please contact: **Grief to Grace (Scotland) at margaret.clarke@grieftograceuk.org**

YOUTH (P5-S4) EVENINGS: Resume tonight (27th September) from 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm in St Teresa's. Join young people from across the region for an evening of games and activities, faith and fun. The evening begins with Mass at 5.00 pm, followed by games, activities, pizza, and a short talk. This session, the evenings will be exploring the Mass and what happens at Mass. All welcome, there is no charge to take part. If your child is coming for the first time, please complete a Consent Form on the Youth Office website: youth.rcdg.org.uk.

YOUNG ADULTS (S5-30) EVENING: The next Young Adults evening takes place from 6.30 pm - 8.00 pm in St Joseph's, Kilmarnock on Sunday 4th October. This month, we'll be looking at examples of different methods of prayer as well as trying some for ourselves as we explore the theme of *"Talking to God: does he hear me?"*. Any young adults welcome to come along and take part. Can't join in person? Follow online! Register for online participation on the Youth Office website: youth.rcdg.org.uk.

"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.