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

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Parish Notices
Week beginning 1st November, 2026

Mass timetable in the week ahead:

NB There is no Mass in St Columba's on Tuesday morning.

Weekday Masses:

St Andrew's: **Wednesday at 10am; Friday at 10am.**
St Columba's: **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 7th November 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.

Dalbeattie Vigil Mass Time Change

The Vigil Mass in Dalbeattie will be at 2pm until the Spring time.

Tractor Parade Time Change

The annual Tractor parade is currently scheduled for **Sunday 28th November** when Vigil Mass will be moved to 4pm in order to minimise inevitable disruption.

Livestream Apologies

Apologies for the ongoing problems with the Livestream which are being looked into.

Diocesan Appointments

There are a number of diocesan appointments available for anyone who may be interested. These are for Missio Scotland, Pro life issues and ecumenical issues. If anyone is interested please let me, Fr McFadden or the Diocese know.

Meeting Dates

St Andrew's SSVP– Tuesday 10th November at 4pm in the house.

Collections

St Andrew's collection was £548. **SSVP** donations amounted to £88. **St Columba's** collection was £207.95 with £38 for Jars of Hope and £42.50 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.

Rest in Peace

We pray for the repose of the soul of Harry Holmes. We pray also for the comforting of Harry's family at this time.

The Pope's prayer intention for November:

For the proper use of wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

1st November, 2026

Feast of All Saints (Missal p1066) (A)

Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-14
1 John 3: 1-3
Matthew 5: 1-12a

Psalm Response

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer III

Next Sunday : 32nd Sunday of the Year (Yr A)

Feast of All Saints

Today we celebrate All Saints: those of us still here below and those already fully in the glory of God. Today is a feast of communion, of fellowship, and of all the children of one heavenly Father.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday:	Intention
Wednesday:	Catherine Carruthers anniversary
Thursday:	Intention
Friday:	Sarah McCormick anniversary
Saturday:	Paul McQueen anniversary
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
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.



Lost Brooch Please speak with a pass-keeper if you lost a brooch around a fortnight ago.

Deanery Pastoral Council

The next Deanery Pastoral Council will be in Kirkcudbright on Saturday 14th November at 11.30am. Bishop Frank will be there also. Representatives from both parishes are requested.

Annual Census

Given the bad weather last weekend, a second Mass attendance census will be taken this weekend.



November, Month of the Holy Souls

During the month of November we will pray especially for all of those whom we have known, family, friends and fellow parishioners who have died. There are envelopes available for your lists of names. Please also add any names of family members and friends to both Churches' Books of Remembrance in pen before the books are taken for updating in print towards the end of the first week in November. There will be a Mass on **Wednesday 25th November at 7pm** in St Andrew's and one in St Columba's on **Thursday 26th November at 7pm** for all of the faithful departed of the parish and especially for those who have died in the last year..



Parish Fundraising

Return of the Race Night with light buffet and bar on **Friday 6th November at 7pm!** Just the thing for a cold November evening! **Tickets** cost £5 after Mass or on the door.

You do not have to attend to sponsor a horse or a race. Simply pick up a form if you would like to **name any of the 13 remaining horses** at the cost of £5. Winning owners receive a prize. Please return the forms and dues at Church or through the house door. **Business/corporate sponsors** can sponsor one of the 2 remaining races for £25. See Fr Gerald or contact the parish office for this. Please join in to raise parish funds if you can and bring your family and friends!

.St Andrew's Shop Stall

Erin is providing a good value selection of Christmas stationery and items in the hall after Sunday morning Masses. Do support the Church by using the shop if you can!

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 at the Diocese website. .

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.



Catholic Education Week, 2026

Catholic Education Week begins on Monday 16th November, with this year's theme being **'Know God, Love God, Serve God'.** Throughout the week, pupils in St. Andrew's RC Primary will explore this important message through learning activities that celebrate our Catholic faith and values. On **Sunday 22nd November**, we will celebrate **Catholic Education Sunday** at **10am Mass** in the Church.

St Andrew's P3 Samaritan's Purse Appeal

P3 pupils at St Andrew's are hoping to send shoeboxes to the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child appeal as a joint venture between the school community and the parish. Please see the posters in Church for items which we can supply for P3 pupils to send. Please help the pupils as generously as you can!

St Andrew's 200 Club October Draw

1.	£50	no.82	Gerry Campbell
2.	£25	no.57	Peter Sherman
3.	£15	no.64	Irene Murray

Congratulations to all of this month's winners!

Seniors' Christmas meal: Details to come next week!

***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 1st November. This month, Fr Philip Kitchen will be continuing his series on *"The History of the Church"*. 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.

Folk from Girvan



The fundraising concert with the Folk from Girvan is on **Friday 20th November at 7pm** in the Church hall. Tickets are on sale from today. Please do come along to this parish social and fundraising opportunity!

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.

