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

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4th October, 2026

27th Sunday of the Year (Missal p406) (A)

Isaiah 5: 1-7
Philippians 4: 6-9
Matthew 21: 33-43

Psalm Response
The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer II

Next Sunday : 28th Sunday of the Year (Yr A)

27th 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.

Parish Notices
Week beginning 4th October, 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 Andrew's on Saturday 10th 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 this Saturday, 3rd October at 5.15pm at Our Lady's altar. All are welcome.

Welcome to Blue Bonnets!

We welcome all who are here for the annual Blue Bonnets gathering.

Collection for Retired Priests: This will be taken next 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 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 £726.40 with £56.50 at Church Coffee. A total of £184.28 was collected for the Nepal via SCIAF and other direct donations were made. **SSVP** collected £127.60. **St Columba's** collection over two weeks was £384.47 with £57.20 for SCIAF. £1932.50 was banked following the afternoon tea.

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 Ted Machin. We pray also for the comforting of Jean and the family.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday:	Rico Beukers
Wednesday:	Angela Gilligan intention
Thursday:	Rico Beukers
Friday:	Noreen Lilly
Saturday:	Willa McCarron
Sunday:	For the Parish

The Pope's prayer intention for October:

For mental health ministry:
Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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	**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.

.Deanery Pastoral Council

The next Deanery Pastoral Council will be in Kirkcudbright on Saturday 11th November at 11,30am. Bishop Frank will be there also. Representatives from both parishes are requested.

Latest Phase in Diocesan Structures Consultation

Please pick up a copy of the consultation document from the Bishops' Conference of Scotland.

Annual Safeguarding Statement (October, 2026)

Please find a copy of this on the noticeboard.

. 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

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 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.

St Andrew's Parish Library

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

St Andrew's "200" Club-September Draw

Winners in the September draw are as follows:

1.	£50	Mark Uphill	Congratulations to all of
2.	£25	Nicholas Kemp	this month's winners.
3.	£15	Grace Thomson	

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

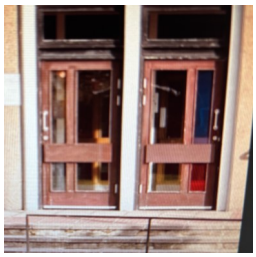
Thank you for all donations for the Caritas (via SCIAF) fund for Nepal. A total of £184.28 has been sent and other directly addressed cheques and donations have been sent and made.

Scottish Laity Network - November Gathering

The Scottish Laity Network has organised a Gathering to celebrate and give thanks for the fruits of their shared journey and to discern what comes next. The event is on Saturday 7th November at the Conforti Centre, Coatbridge either in person or online. Please check the SLN website for further information. http://scottishlaitynetwork.org.uk

Estate & Grounds Appeal & Update

Many thanks to Gino and team who are maintaining the Church and grounds so well. **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!



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.

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. Many are covered in the Galloway Diocese News and the Youth newsletter.

"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.