



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 18th October, 2026

Mass timetable in the week ahead:

NB There is no Mass timetable in St Andrew's this Friday, 23rd October.

Weekday Masses:

St Andrew's: Wednesday 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 24th October 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.

World Mission Sunday

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday. Please see overleaf for information about the second collection.

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.

Meeting Dates

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

Collections

St Andrew's collection over 2 weeks was £1340.02 and £490.38 was collected for Retired Priests. Sunday Coffee raised £60.96. SSVP donations amounted to £196.50. **Jars of Hope** were raised by £149 to £226. **St Columba's** collection over 2 weeks was £478.29 with £223.50 for Retired Priests. £72.60 was donated 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 of non-perishable foodstuffs for the Food Bank. Suggestions include: long life milk, pasta, cooking sauce, microwave rice and tinned meat.

Rest in Peace

We pray for the repose of the souls of Sue Blake, Anne Richardson, Vera Armstrong, Therese Hunter and Marie Baran. We pray also for the comforting of family members and friends who are grieving.

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.

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18th October, 2026

29th Sunday of the Year (Missal p418) (A)

Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5b

Matthew 22: 15-21

Psalm Response

Ascribe to the Lord glory and power.

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer I

Next Sunday : 30th Sunday of the Year (Yr A)

29th Sunday of the Year

One in Christ, united in mission, today we celebrate the centenary of World Mission Sunday. Jesus sends us to proclaim to the whole world the coming of his kingdom. We choose this opportunity to recommit to supporting God's mission through prayer and sacrifice.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday: Maryna Caro

Wednesday:

Thursday: Norrie Galbraith anniversary

Friday: No Mass

Saturday: Ben Woods

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.



Prayers for Pope Leo

We pray for Pope Leo's restoration to health following his recent medical procedure and diagnosis. Godspeed his return to full strength and mission.

Consultation Process

Please pick up the consultation document from the Bishops' Conference of Scotland if you have not already done so.

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 in person or online. Please see : <http://scottishlaitynetwork.org.uk>

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.

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 October Youth newsletter, copies of which are available on the noticeboard or to take away. Youth evenings are now open to p5-S4 pupils and there are still several places available for the Advent and Galloway Seoul residents.

SSVP

As with all ministries in the parish, the society are always seeking new members. Please give serious thought to finding out more and to joining the 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.

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.



World Mission Sunday



We join Catholics in every parish throughout the world in supporting the Church's mission. Pope Leo's theme, "One in Christ, United in Mission", reminds us that our faith unites us with our brothers and sisters everywhere. Through your prayers and generous offering to Missio Scotland, you bring hope to mission communities by supporting pastoral care, evangelisation, education and essential healthcare.

You can donate to "Missio Scotland" directly using the slips and envelopes beside the magazines or via the second collection this weekend. Please complete a Giftaid form (available at the back of the Church) for the latter and put this in with the Church collection.



Parish Fundraising

Return of the Race Night with light buffet and bar on **Friday 6th November at 7pm!**

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 64 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 8 races for £25. See Fr Gerald or contact the parish office for this. Please join in to raise parish funds if you can!

.St Andrew's Shop Stall

Erin is 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.



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!

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.

