



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 25th October, 2026

Mass timetable in the week ahead:

NB In addition to the normal Mass timetable there is also the Requiem Mass for Anne Richardson on Thursday 29th October at 11.30am in St Andrew's.

Weekday Masses:

St Andrew's: Wednesday at 10am; Thursday at 11.30am; 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 31st 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.

Feast of All Saints

Next Sunday is the Feast of All Saints. Prayers and readings will be for the Feast Day.

Dalbeattie Vigil Mass Time Change

The Vigil Mass in Dalbeattie will be at 2pm next week.

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 Andrew's PPC– Tuesday 27th October at 7pm in the house.

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

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

Collections

St Andrew's collection was £671.11 with £762.54 for Missio Scotland. **SSVP** donations amounted to £132.40. **St Columba's** collection was £171.31 with £265.80 for Missio Scotland.

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.

Rest in Peace

We pray for the repose of the souls of Anne Richardson. We pray also for the comforting of Anne's family members and friends.

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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30th Sunday of the Year (Missal p422) (A)

Exodus 22: 21-27

1 Thessalonians 1: 5c-10

Matthew 22: 34-40

Psalm Response

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer II

Next Sunday : Feast of All Saints (Yr A)

30th Sunday of the Year

Jesus came to save us and reveal the wonder of God's love for each one of us. We gather as a community of believers, thanking God for all our gifts. We commit ourselves to loving God in return and to sharing that love with others.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday:	Rico Beukers
Wednesday:	Stanley Cummings anniversary
Thursday:	Intention
Friday:	Vivien Tremble intention
Saturday:	Michael McCombe
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	Jean Machin
May Fuller	Catherine O'Neill
Anne Murdy	Eric Sherman
Thomas Gray	Catherine Smith
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.



Prayers for Pope Leo

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

Annual Census

The annual 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. The dates for Masses for all of the faithful departed of the parishes, and especially for those who have died in the last year, will be clarified soon.



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 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 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. 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.

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



Thank you for your generous response to **World Mission Sunday**. Your prayers and offerings through Missio Scotland will strengthen the Church's mission in places where resources are limited but faith is vibrant. As we continue to live the call to be **"One in Christ, United in Mission"**, let us remember missionaries and the communities they serve, asking God to bless them with courage, joy and hope.

You can still donate to "Missio Scotland" directly using the slips and envelopes beside the magazines or using the online details on the slip. Please complete a Giftaid form if you can and put this in with your donation.

YOUTH (P5-S4) EVENING – TONIGHT: Our Diocesan Youth Office's monthly Youth Evenings continue on Sunday 25th October from 5.00 – 7.00 pm! Join them in *St Teresa's, Dumfries* for an evening of games, activities, lots of pizza and sweets, a short talk on the theme of Scripture – and LOTS of time with friends, and the chance to make new friends as well! The evening begins at 5.00 pm with *Mass*. Interested? Just come along! There's no charge and anyone in P5-S4 is welcome, but if your child is coming for the first time, please complete a consent form on our website: youth.rcdg.org.uk and click on 'Youth – Youth Events Registration'.

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.

PsBishop Frank is choosing 5 Christmas cards of 320 entries!



Estate & Grounds Appeal & Update

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.

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.

