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

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## Parish Notices
## Week beginning 8th November, 2026

***Mass timetable in the week ahead:***

NB There is a normal Mass timetable in the week ahead. Mass on Friday in St Andrew's is the Requiem Mass for Harry Holmes.

**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 14th 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.

***First Saturday Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima***

This will be said this Saturday, 7th November at 5.15pm at Our Lady's altar. All are welcome.

***Remembrance Sunday***

This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday when we remember and pray for all of those who have lost their lives through war and conflict.

***Livestream Apologies***

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

***Diocesan Appointments***

There are a number of diocesan appointments (Missio Scotland, Pro Life, ecumenical issues) available for anyone who may be interested. Please contact me, Fr McFadden or the Diocese.

***Diocesan Christmas cards:*** Please find forms on the table for those who would like to order packs in aid of Galloway Youth.

***Meeting Dates***

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

**St Andrew's PPC** –Tuesday 27th January, 2027, at 7pm in the house.

***Collections***

**St Andrew's** collection was £624.05 with £76 and £88 at recent Sunday Coffees. **SSVP** donations amounted to £159.32. **St Columba's** collection was £269.25 with £29.64 for SCIAF.

***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.

**8th November, 2026**

**32nd Sunday of the year (Missal p429) (A)**

Wisdom 6: 12-16
1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
Matthew 25: 1-13

***Psalm Response***

For you my soul is thirsting. O Lord, my God..

**Today's Liturgy:** Eucharistic Prayer I

***Next Sunday :*** 33rd Sunday of the Year ( Yr A)

**Feast of All Saints**

Today is Remembrance Sunday and so we pray for those who lost their lives in service and sacrifice in warfare. In this month we pray for the deceased members of our families; for friends, parishioners and those who have no one to pray for them. We continue to pray for peace in our world.

***Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:***

Intentions are announced daily.

***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.*

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.

***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.c

***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 3 weeks 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.

### *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..

### *Seniors' Christmas Lunch*

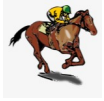


Please find invitations to distribute to people who are eligible for the annual Seniors' Christmas Lunch. Please return them to the parish house or to the Church by Sunday 29th November when numbers will go to the caterer. Come along for this annual festive event!

### *Dumfries Catholic Women's Group*

Meetings will include group Rosary, Bible/faith-based studies and sharing food. For more details, please contact Christina via message/WhatsApp on 07910 478191.

### *Parish Fundraising*



Thank you to everyone who has supported Friday's Race Night in any way. As we go to print, the horses are all owned and lined up and ready to go! There will be a race report in the next bulletin. If you are reading this on Friday, there are still tickets so do come along at 7pm!

### *.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 timetable for youth and young adult events in the diocese. There is a notice on the board and 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 and St Joseph's College will explore this important message through learning activities that celebrate our Catholic faith and values. Over the weekend of 21st/22nd November,, we will celebrate Catholic Education at our Vigil and Sunday morning Masses.

### *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!

### *Becoming a Catholic Teacher: Online event*

The St Andrew's Foundation for Catholic Teacher Education will be hosting an online information session for anyone interested in the Catholic Teacher Certificate. For further information, e-mail: **catholic-education@glasgow.ac.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 now on sale. Please do come along to this parish social and fundraising opportunity!

### *St Andrew's Annual Christmas Fayre*



This will be after Mass on **Sunday 29th November**. There will be many winter warmers including cakes, meringues and bacon rolls. Donations for the tombola (eg bottles) will be much appreciated. They can be left at the back of the Church. Please do support this event and bring family and friends!Please contact Carol on 07794 777759 with any queries or about donations. Thank you!

### *Tractor Parade Time Change*

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

***Hospital Visiting:*** Please contact the RC Chaplain on 07591 230828 or you can contact him directly on 07510 159817 or email rcchaplain.hospital@yahoo.c

### *"The Depot"*




Our friends at "The Depot" welcome any 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 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.

