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

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Parish Notices
Week beginning 15th November, 2026

Mass timetable in the week ahead:

NB There are NO weekday Masses in the week ahead in St Andrew's nor in St Columba's due to Fr Gerald being on retreat.

Weekday Masses:

St Andrew's:

St Columba's:

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 21st 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.

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.

Livestream Apologies

Apologies for the recent problems with the Livestream which is up and running again.

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 24th November at 4pm in the house.
St Columba's PPC- Tuesday 1st December after morning Mass.
St Andrew's PPC – Tuesday 27th January, 2027, at 7pm in the house.

Collections

St Andrew's collection was £663.71. **SSVP** donations amounted to £158.76. **St Columba's** collection was £251.05 with £59.44 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.c

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, tinned meat, dog and cat food and toilet paper.

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.

15th November, 2026

33rd Sunday of the year (Missal p433) (A)

Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31
1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6
Matthew 25: 14-30

Psalm Response

Blessed are all who fear the Lord.

Today's Liturgy: Eucharistic Prayer II

Next Sunday : Feast of Christ the King (Yr A)

33rd Sunday of the Year

Today on the World Day of the Poor we are reminded that faith in God is something that is to be lived out in our actions. We have all been given different God-given gifts, and we all have a role to play in sharing God's mercy and love with others.

Fr Gerald's Mass Intentions for this week:

Tuesday:
Wednesday:
Thursday:
Friday:
Saturday:
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.

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.

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. The Books of Remembrance have now been updated to include names which had beenadded in pen. 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..

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!

Seniors' Christmas Lunch

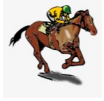


Please find invitations to distribute to people who are eligible for the annual Seniors' Christmas Lunch on **Wed 16th December at 12.30pm.** Please return them to the parish house or to the Church by Sunday 29th November when numbers will go to the caterer. Do along for this event!

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 supported Friday's Race Night in any way. Those who attended had a most enjoyable and warm, social evening. A wonderful total of £802.50 was raised for Church funds by generous sponsors, horse owners and race goers!

.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 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 sending 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!

Votive candle plea



When lighting candles at Our Lady's altar, please leave the white candle in its silver cup in order to prevent melting over the candle stand. Many thanks!

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.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO PRIESTHOOD? If you sense a vocation to be a Priest and would like support to discern this call, please contact Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Stephen McGrattan, at vocations@rcdg.org.uk or 01563 521832.

"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.

