

# MASS TEXT

Sunday Cycle B  
Weekday Cycle II  
Divine Office: Vol. 1 Week 1

*Praise we now the Lord our God,  
in silence we adore you.*

**OT Read: Is. 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8**

**RP:** 79. God of hosts, bring us back;  
let your face shine on us  
and we shall be saved

**NT Read: 1 Cor. 1: 3 - 9**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
and give us your saving help.**

**Alleluia**

**Gospel: Mark 13: 33 - 37**

**PREFACE: 1st Sunday of Advent**  
**EUCH. PRAYER: III**

**10th December 2023**  
**2nd Sunday of Advent (B)**

**OT Read: Is. 40: 1 - 5, 9 - 11**

**RP: 84:**

**NT Read: 2 Peter 3: 8 - 14**

**Gospel: Mark 1: 1 - 8**

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. Teresa's: **£807.50**

Holy Trinity & St Luke's: **£172.90**

*Thank you so much everyone  
for your generous support.*

**Baptisms** can easily be arranged by  
contacting Father directly

**Weddings** normally require six  
months' notice, please contact Father  
before booking.

**SICK & HOUSEBOUND.** Your Clergy  
are available to offer the sacraments of  
healing (anointing), Reconciliation and  
Holy Communion. If any parishioner re-  
quires assistance or needs to talk, please  
call on the Parish number.

*The sick and housebound would appreciate a copy of the bulletin,  
if you can please pop one through their door. Thank you.*

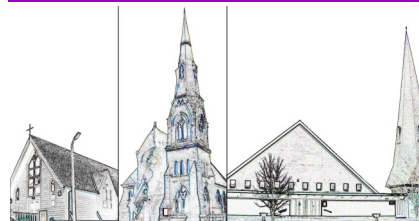
## O Come, Lord Jesus. Come!

On the First Sunday of Advent, we enter that four-week Season with which a new liturgical year begins and that immediately prepares us for the Feast of Christmas, the memorial of the Incarnation of Christ in history. Yet, the spiritual message of Advent is more profound and already orients us to the glorious return of the Lord at the end of our history. Adventus is the Latin word that could be translated by "arrival", "coming" or "presence". In the language of the ancient world it was a technical term that indicated the arrival of an official, and especially the visit of kings or emperors to the provinces, but it could also be used for the appearance of a divinity, which emerged from its hidden dwelling place and thus manifested its divine power; its presence was solemnly celebrated with worship.

By using this term, "Advent", Christians wanted to express the special relationship that bound them to the Crucified and Risen Christ. He is a King who, having entered this poor province called earth, made us the gift of his visit and after his Resurrection and Ascension into Heaven desired in any case to stay with us; we perceive his mysterious presence in the liturgical assembly. Indeed, in celebrating the Eucharist, we proclaim that he did not withdraw from the world, that he did not leave us alone and, even though we cannot see and touch him as with material and tangible realities, he is in any case with us and among us. Indeed, he is in us, because he can attract to himself and communicate his life to every believer who opens his/her heart to him. Thus, Advent means commemorating the first coming of the Lord in the flesh, with his definitive return already in mind, and, at the same time, it means recognizing that Christ present in our midst makes himself our travelling companion in the life of the Church who celebrates his mystery. - Pope Benedict XVI, 30 November, 2008

**KEEP IN PRAYER the recently deceased members:**  
Elizabeth Robertson, Marie E. McKnight - RIP  
George Denholm, Phyllis Hart, John Ruane, RIP  
We remember them and their families in our prayers.

## First Sunday of Advent (B) - 3rd December 2023



### Parish Clergy

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- Parish Priest / P. Chaplaincy

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hours unless an emergency)

*A parish of the RC Diocese of Galloway.*  
Charity Number: SC 010576

**Sunday Masses are Live Streamed  
from St Teresa's Church, Dumfries.**  
Please follow the link on our website.



**A Family  
Welcoming  
Parish.**

The Catholic Parishes of  
**St Teresa's, Dumfries,**  
**Holy Trinity, Lockerbie with St Luke's, Moffat.**  
Served by **THE SPIRITANS** (Holy Ghost Congregation)

### Newsletter

**Year B - Cycle II - Eucharistic Prayer: III - Psalter: I**

*St. T (St Teresa's), St. A. (St Andrews, Dumfries)*

*St. L (St Luke's, Moffat), HTL (Holy Trinity, Lockerbie)*

### Saturday 2nd December - Feria

*(1st, 3rd + 5th Sat. in St. Teresa's)*

10.00 am - **St T.** - Mass - Spiritan Missions

10.30 am - **St. T.** - Reconciliation, Adoration & Bene.

5.00 pm - **St. L.** - Mass - Tom Mulholland, RIP

### Sunday 3rd December - 1st Sunday of Advent

9.30 am - **HTL** - Mass - People of the Parish

11.30 am - **St. T.** - Mass - FHC Candidates & Catechists

### Monday 4th December - Feria

10.00 am - **St. T.** - Mass - Lena Matt & Nancy Gaynor

### Tuesday 5th December - Feria

9.30 am - **St. T.** - Rosary & Adoration

10.00 am - **St. T.** - Mass - John Joyce - Anni

### Wednesday 6th December - Feria

9.30 am - **HTL** - Reconciliation, Adoration & Bene.

10.00 am - **HTL** - Mass - John Ruane, RIP

10.00 pm - **St A.** - Mass

### Thursday 7th December - St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor

10.00 am - **St. T.** - Mass - Ronald Michell

### Friday 8th December - The Immaculate Conception, BVM

10.00 am - **St. A.** - Mass

### Saturday 9th December - Feria

*(2nd & 4th Sat. in St Andrews)*

10.00 am - **St A.** - Mass -

5.00 pm - **St. L.** Mass - Joann

### Sunday 10th December - 2nd Sunday of Advent

9.30 am - **HTL** - Mass - Andrew Jardine, RIP, 10th Anni

11.30 am - **St. T.** - Mass - Maureen Findlay

**PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER** last Friday night was fantastic. The food was gorgeous and our incredible volunteers and senior citizens were phenomenal. Many thanks to all who worked hard to make sure we had such a memorable evening, and raised £320.70 and counting. God bless.

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**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN (RCIC).** The RITE OF PRESENTATION of our children preparing for their First Holy Communion takes place within today's Sunday's Mass. This an important stage in the faith journey of our children. We rejoice to see them taking seriously their baptismal promises, and we pray for them and their parents and sponsors.

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**YOUTH ADVENT EVENT** : Prepare Ye the Way is an EPIC gathering for all young people P4 – S6 in our parish for friendship, games, fellowship, prayers and Advent discussions, in the Church Hall, on Monday 11th December, from 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm until 8.00 pm. You are welcome to come along with your friends.

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**BAPTISTERY ROOM** is now used for group meetings and Masses on Mondays, Tuesday and Thursdays. This reduces our Carbon Footprints, though we may well lose the livestreaming of Weekday Masses. Thanks to all who volunteered their time and energy, and made donations towards it. You can donate now to cover the cost.

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**CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL FOR PRISONERS' FAMILY.** Thanks to all who have made donations to this cause, and on this final week, if you can, they would appreciate gifts for girls aged 6-12 and boys of all ages. Please do not donate anything that looks like a weapon or telephone and we also have enough toiletries. Please do not wrap the gifts. Thank you. *Gifts can be handed into the Sacristy.*

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**TASTE OF CHRISTMAS:** After Mass on Sunday 3rd December. There will be a £2.00 admission fee, which will include Mulled Wine, Mince Meat Pies, Craft, Gifts and Cake Stalls. Come along and buy your Christmas presents early.

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**GALLOWAY DIOCESE NEWS.** The Advent edition of the GDN is out with the theme: "Out of the Tunnel ... into the Light" will resonate with many at this moment in our history. It has lots of relevant and captivating articles, reflections and photos. They are available free of charge in the Church Porch, and many have picked a copy.

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**CHURCH FACILITIES** – The cost of the refurbishment works on the Baptistry Room, the church roof/ gutters/ drains, and later, the sanding of the church hall floor is over £6,000.00. I thank all those who are contributing to the cost or plan to. We have now raised £250. Thank you. Please contact Fr Uchenna, if you can or want to support any of the parish projects.

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**CHURCH CLEANING:** More volunteers are needed to assist with the cleaning of our church. Can you help dust, sweep, mop, or vacuum the inside of the church and/or the Hall? You and your family/friends can choose the time/day of the week that suits you, and do the much as you can. Please speak to the cleaning team, Sandra or Fr Uchenna for access and the tasks tracker. Thank you.

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

*All are welcome*

Thurs. 7th Dec. – 5.30 pm – Concert, National Youth Choir - St. Teresa's Church  
Sun. 10th Dec. - 6.30 pm - Carol Service - St Luke's, Moffat  
Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. – 6.30 pm – Youth Advent Event – St Teresa's Church Hall  
Thurs. 21st Dec – 7.00 pm – Holy Trinity - Lockerbie Remembrance Service  
Sat. 23rd Dec. – 6.00 pm - Carols at Lockerbie Town Hall

### ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Wed. 13th Dec. - 7. 00 pm -Holy Trinity, Lockerbie  
Sat. 16th Dec. - 4.00 pm - St Luke's Moffat  
Mon. 18th Dec. - 7.00 pm – St Teresa's Dumfries



### MASSES OVER CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY 24th DECEMBER - 4TH Sunday of Advent:  
5.00 pm Vigil Mass – St Luke's Moffat  
9.30 am – Mass - Holy Trinity, Lockerbie  
11.30 am Mass - St Teresa's Dumfries

### CHRISTMAS EVE - VIGIL:

6.00 pm – Mass - St Teresa's Dumfries (Carols from 5.30 pm)  
9.00 pm – Mass – St Luke's Moffat



### MONDAY 25th DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30 am – Mass – Holy Trinity, Lockerbie  
11.30 am – Mass – St Teresa's Dumfries

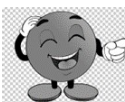


### MONDAY 1ST JANUARY – NEW YEAR DAY

10.00 am – Mass – Holy Trinity, Lockerbie  
12.00 pm – Mass – St Teresa's Dumfries

*Mass Intentions are most welcome for these Christmas Masses.*

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A preacher was completing a temperance sermon: with great expression, he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river." With even greater emphasis, he said, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river."

And then, finally, he said, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river." He sat down.

The song leader then stood very cautiously and announced with a pleasant smile, "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn #365: 'Shall We Gather At the River.'"