

MASS TEXT

Sunday Cycle B
Weekday Cycle II
Divine Office: Vol. 1 Week 4

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

OT Read: 2 Sam. 7: 1-5, 8-12.14

RP: Ps 88

**I will sing for ever
of your love, O Lord.**

NT Read: Rom 16: 25-27

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**I am the handmaid of the
Lord: let what you have said
be done to me. Alleluia**

Gospel: Lk 1:26-38

**PREFACE II OF ADVENT
EUCH. PRAYER: II**

**31st December 2023
Feast of the Holy Family**

OT Read: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

RP: Ps 127

NT Read: Col 3:12-21

Gospel: Luke:2:22-40

WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. Teresa's: **£729.20**

Holy Trinity & St Luke's: **£214.00**

*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.*

What was she thinking?

What was the young girl Mary doing
when the message came? Kneeling pious-
ly? Feeding the sheep? Fetching water?
Sweeping the mud floor?

What was she thinking? Engaged to be
married, surely about her approaching
wedding to Joseph and about the children
she would mother.

Then came the message which she could
accept or refuse, the message on which
hung the future of the world: her child
would be different from all others. How
'different'? Her thoughts were turned
back to the promise to David. It had been
read to her so often in the Bible, and now
the words were drummed into her mind,
'his reign will have no end'.

This would all be the work of the Spirit
which she had so often heard read out in
Isaiah; 'the Holy Spirit will come upon
you', the Spirit which was to come upon
the Servant of the Lord, the Spirit of Em-
manuel, 'God with us'. Her young body
was to grow, nourish and develop this
child. Then she would have the child in
her arms to cherish and shape as both Son
of God and her own son.

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent (B) - 24th December 2023



Parish Clergy

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- Parish Priest / P. Chaplaincy

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*A parish of the RC Diocese of Galloway.
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**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: II - Psalter: IV

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

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

Saturday 23rd December - Feria

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

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

5.00 pm - **St. L.** Mass - Joanna Boor, RIP

Sunday 24th December - 4th Sunday of Advent

9.30 am - **HTL** - Mass - Marie McKnight, RIP

11.30 am - **St. T.** - Mass - Norman+Margaret Blount, RIP

6.00 pm - **St. T.** Vigil Mass - Susan+Bobby Ferguson, RIP

9.00 pm - **St. L.** Vigil Mass - People of the Parish

Monday 25th December - Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity

9.30 am - **HTL** - Mass - Mitchell Birrell, RIP. 32nd ANNI

11.30 am - **St. T.** - Mass - Tom Hughes

Tuesday 26th December - St. Stephen - Feast

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

10.00 am - **St. T.** - Mass - Paul Joseph Brown

Wednesday 27th December - St John - Feast

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

10.00 am - **HTL** - Mass - Nicol MacRae, RIP

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

Thursday 28th December - Holy Innocents - Feast

10.00 am - **St. T.** - Mass - Isobel+Ivor Llewellyn, RIP

Friday 29th December - Christmas Octave

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

Saturday 30th December - Christmas Octave

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

10.00 am - **St T.** - Mass - John Ruane

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

5.00 pm - **St. L.** - Mass - People of the Parish

Sunday 31st December - Holy Family of Jesus, M & J

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

11.30 am - **St. T.** - Mass - Young families of the Parish

BEHOLD THE NEW BISHOP OF GALLOWAY.

Pope Francis has appointed Fr Frank Dougan of Motherwell Diocese, Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes, East Kilbride, as the next Bishop of Galloway. He is looking forward to meeting everyone in the diocese soon.

Fr William MacFadden has warmly welcomed Frank to the diocese, on our behalf, and the date of his episcopal ordination will be shared as soon as it is set.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE COLLECTIONS.

The collection taken at our Christmas Vigil Mass and Christmas Day Mass will be shared among four charities that we are asked to support at this time of year. The first is the St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society, the second is for the work of Justice & Peace, the third will be to support the work of Pro-Life and finally we will also support the parish Ababa Project. These good works benefit greatly from your Christmas gift.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY.

This will be offered today Sunday 24th December. Our children will be invited, after the Introduction of the Mass, to go to the Baptistry to celebrate and reflect on the Sunday Gospel reading in an age-appropriate way. They will be led through prayers, songs and readings that are adapted to their level of understanding. All children are welcome.

WEDNESDAY CLUB.

The next session of this club for seniors takes place in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 10th January beginning at 12.30pm when a complimentary lunch is served followed by activities till 3pm. All seniors and friends are welcome-invite others to join you-there is no charge.

CHURCH FACILITIES.

Thanks to you and a donation from The John Primrose Trust, we have now raised £1,370.00 towards the cost of the refurbishment works on the Baptistry Room, the church roof/ gutters/ drains, and later, the sanding of the church hall floor, all of which is over £6,000.00. Thanks to all who are contributing to the cost or plan to. Please contact Fr Uchenna, if you can or want to support any of the parish projects. Thank you.

31ST DECEMBER 2023

To wish all our parishioners a Happy New Year, we will be holding a Pie & Peas lunch after Mass. You are all welcome to attend with your family and friends. Family tickets £6.00 individual £3.00 Pay at the door.

ST TERESA'S 100 CLUB

We are re-starting the 100 Club on 1st January 2024 to boost community life together. There will be a monthly draw, on the last Sunday of the month. New members are always welcome, only £1 per month. Please contact Rosie (after the 11.30 am Sunday Mass), in the Church Hall. All proceeds for Parish funds, and Tax payers could as well Gift Aid this.

26TH JANUARY 2024 - NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY

We are planning to hold a Murder Mystery Evening and Haggis Supper on Friday 26 January 2024, in the Church Hall. I can't wait. Please watch the space.

MASSES OVER CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR

	H. Trinity Lockerbie	St. Teresa's Dumfries	St. Luke's Moffat
Christmas Eve - am	9.30 am	11.30 am	
Christmas Eve - Vigil		6.00 pm (<i>Carols from 5.30 pm</i>)	9.00 pm
Christmas Day	9.30 am	11.30 am	
New Year Day	10.00 am	12.00 n	



THANK YOU FOR ALL THE GIFTS.

Our parish clergy team, Deacon Willie, Fr Dennis and Fr Uchenna would like to sincerely thank you for all the cards and gifts they have received from Parishioners this Christmas. It is very much appreciated.

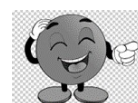
God bless your thoughtfulness, support and generosity.

*Wishing you all a very peaceful, holy and faith-filled Christmas... and
a very Happy 2024*

'AWAY IN A MANGER'

I hope to be away in Nigeria, after Christmas, from 28th Dec, to be with my family. My younger sister, Amoge, had triplets (Boys country) and I will join in at their first birthday celebration. And what a celebration it will be, thanks to your goodwill support. I am glad Fr Dennis and Deacon Willie will look after you all, and please look after them too, especially now that Fr Dennis is often singing parts of the Mass. You don't want Simon Cowell visiting for another "One Direction" find or Sussan Boyle Effect. - Fr Uchenna

BIG "THANK YOU" TO ALL OUR HELPERS. Many people have contributed to the preparation of the liturgy for Christmas, the cleaning and decorating of our Parish Churches and all that goes on behind the scenes for our Celebration of Advent and Christmas. A huge thank you for all the effort, time and creativity



God's Not Deaf.

Two young boys were spending the night at their grandparents' house the week before Christmas. At bedtime, the two boys knelt beside their beds to say their prayers. The younger one began praying at the top of his voice:

"I PRAY FOR A NEW BICYCLE..."

"I PRAY FOR A NEW NINTENDO..."

His older brother leaned over, nudged him and said, "Why are you shouting? God isn't deaf." to which the little brother replied, "No, but Grandma is!"