

# MASS TEXT

Sunday Year A  
Weekday Cycle II  
Divine Office: Vol. 2. Week IV

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

**OT Read: Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

**RP: 23**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
There is nothing I shall want.

**NT Read: 1 Peter 2:20b-25**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am he good shepherd says the  
Lord. I know my sheep and my  
own know me. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel: John 10:1-10**

**PREFACE: III of Easter**  
**EUCH. PRAYER: IV**

**3rd May 2026**  
**5th Sunday of Easter (A)**

**OT Read: Acts 6:1-7**

**RP: 32**

**NT Read: 1 Peter 2:4-9**

**Gospel: John 14:1-12**

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. Teresa's: **£634.00**  
Holy Trinity & St. Luke's: **£287.65**  
*Thank you so much everyone  
for your generosity.*

**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.

Shepherds were im-  
portant figures in the Pal-  
estian landscape. They  
bore total responsibility  
for the flocks on which  
their people depended.  
They saw to it that the  
sheep found adequate grazing and water in a land that  
could be harsh and forbidding. They kept the animals  
safe from wild predators and human marauders, some-  
times at the cost of their own lives. If the shepherds were  
unfaithful, the sheep could not long survive. It is no wonder  
that the people of the Old Testament cast God himself  
in the image of the good shepherd, sustainer and protec-  
tor of the flock of Israel.



The Church found the perfect fulfilment of this image in  
the risen Christ, who had laid down his own life to be-  
come the very source of life for his people. He nourishes  
his flock with the word and the bread of life. In the  
mixed metaphors of today's gospel, he is the gate through  
which they pass to the safety of the sheepfold and the  
shepherd who defends them from all threats of evil.

In the First Letter of Peter, Christ the shepherd is called  
the "Guardian of your souls." The Greek word used is  
episkopos, more commonly translated "bishop". Alt-  
hough Christ is no longer visibly present to us as he was  
to his first hearers, he continues to nourish and to pre-  
serve his people through the Church's ministers. On  
Good Shepherd Sunday, then, we give thanks for the gift  
of all the good and faithful shepherds who lay down their  
lives in daily service to the Lord's flock.  
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### LET US PRAY FOR VOCATIONS TODAY.

God our Loving Father, you called each of us by name  
through the Sacrament of Baptism to holiness. Through the  
gift of the Holy Spirit, you made us the temples of the Holy  
Spirit.

Help us to listen to the cry of our Lord Jesus from the Holy  
Cross 'I thirst' and respond to the call 'Go out to the whole  
world and proclaim the good news to all the nations'.

Guide us in every step we take in life and lead us in every  
decision we make in responding to your call. Make us and  
mould us into the living images of Christ your Son, who was  
always close to those in need. Amen.

### KEEP IN PRAYER the recently deceased members:

Patrick McGlone, Catherine Sweeney, Angus McFarlane, Catherine  
McCulloch, M. Catherine Lavery, Wilma McQuade, Christopher P.  
Loy, Patricia Rennie, Sylvia Coupland, RIP. Always in our minds!

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

# Fourth Sunday of Easter (A) - 26th April 2026



## Parish Clergy

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- Parish Priest / P. Chaplaincy  
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(Please only call Deacon Willie during office  
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.**

*You are very welcome in our parish community, a special place where we gather frequently for  
worship, fellowship, ministry, inspiration, and outreach. We all respect the need for silence, of  
course, we love to welcome children, and we know that they don't always find that so easy – so relax!*

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 A - Cycle II - Eucharistic Prayer: II - Psalter: IV**

*St. T (St Teresa's), St. A. (St Andrew's, Dumfries)  
St. L (St Luke's, Moffat), HTL (Holy Trinity, Lockerbie)*

**Saturday 25th April - St. Mark, Evangelist, Feast**  
*(2nd & 4th Sat. in St Andrew's)*

10.00 am - **St A- Mass** -  
5.00 pm - **St. L. Vigil Mass** - David Johnston, RIP

**Sunday 26th April - 4th Sunday of Easter (A)**

9.30 am - **HTL - Mass** - Bobby Griffen, RIP  
11.30 am - **St. T. - Mass** - Catherine (Mena) Smith, 21st Ann

**Monday 27th April - Eastertide**

9.30 am - **St. T.** - Divine Office - Morning Prayer (Lauds)  
10.00 am - **St. T. - Mass** - Patricia Mackenzie

**Tuesday 28th April - Eastertide**

9.30 am - **St. T.** - Rosary, Adoration & Bene.  
10.00 am - **St. T. - Mass** - Maria Rosarie Banks

**Wednesday 29th April. St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Dr. F.**

9.30 am - **HTL** - Reconciliation, Adoration & Bene.  
10.00 am - **HTL - Mass** - Susan Duffie, Wellbeing  
10.00 am - **St. A. - Mass**

**Thursday 30th April - St Pius IV, Pope**

9.30 am - **St. T.** - Divine Office - Morning Prayer (Lauds)  
10.00 am - **St. T. - Mass** - Kenneth MacLeod, Snr, RIP

**Friday 1st May - St, Joseph the worker**

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

**Saturday 2nd May - St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor**

*(1st, 3rd + 5th Sat. in St. Teresa's)*  
10.00 am - **St T.** - **Mass** - Kenneth MacLeod, Jnr, RIP  
10.30 am - **St. T.** - Reconciliation, Adoration & Bene.  
5.00 pm - **St. L. - Vigil Mass** - Martin Pender, RIP

**Sunday 3rd May, 5th Sunday of Easter**

9.30 am - **HTL - Mass** - Joan White, RIP  
11.30 am - **St. T. - Mass** - Canon Pat McSorley

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)** of Parishioners takes place today, 26<sup>th</sup> April, after our 11.30 am Mass, in the Church Hall, with a PotLuck lunch served. All are invited. The Annual Report and Financial Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2025 will be presented. You are welcome.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** There is no children's Liturgy today.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** takes place today at all our Masses. We shall also take up the annual special collection for the Church Students Fund. Gift Aid envelopes are available. Please remember that we can make our offerings on the 'contactless payment' machines located at the back of the church or by scanning the payment QR Code in our newsletter.

**PARISH FAMILY MAY DAY.** All parishioners are invited to participate in the Parish May Day celebrations on Sunday, 3rd May, beginning with 11.30 am Mass, followed by a Marian procession and Crowning of Our Lady and then a BBQ with the usual Bouncy Castle, Face painting and ice-cream, for all, you can give a donation if you wish to cover the cost. Put the day in your calendar now and start praying for a lovely sunny day!

We would appreciate your helping hands at the stalls on the day. Please put your name/ details down on the volunteer form at the back of the church if you are happy to help.

*Donations can be left at the back of the church or bring them along on the day.*



**SPIRITAN RETREAT.** Fr. Francis is going away to Leeds Pastoral Centre for the Spiritan Retreat (26th – 30th May). Fr Uchenna will go for his later. Be assured of Fr Francis' prayers for you.

**HELP NEEDED** to serve the community, especially at our Sunday Tea & Coffee, Children's Liturgy, Sacramental preparation (RCIC/ RCIA), Church or Hall Cleaning, Handyman/woman ministry (Electrician/ Joiner/ Painter/ Decorator skills or Trades knowhow). We are seriously seeking volunteers to help. It is obvious that parishes that can't cover the basics from within their community do not have a future. Thanks.

**PARISH ART GROUP** meets every Thursday, from 10.30 am – 12.00 n, in the Parish Hall.

**LECTIO DIVINA/ BIBLE STUDY** - every Tuesday, from 10.45 am in St Teresa's Parish Hall? A cuppa is served at the start; finish at 11.45 am

**100 CLUB.** New members are welcome, only £2 per month. Please complete the form on the church porch or contact Irene (after the Mass) in the Church Hall. Proceeds go to church funds.

**SSVP CONFERENCE:** Diocesan South Group meeting, starting with Mass, will be held on the 9th May at 11.00 am in St Teresa's Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**PARISH CONCERT:** St Teresa's Singers Present a night at the Movies on Saturday, 9th May in the Hall. Teas, Bar and Raffle on the night. Tickets £7.00 can be purchased at the back of the Church after Mass.

**WEDNESDAY LUNCH HUB:** Will take place on Wednesday, 6th May, in the hall. This is for all parishioners and their friends, beginning with their complimentary lunch at 12.30 pm. Doors open from 12 noon going on till 3 pm. All are welcome.

**ABABA PROJECT:** There will be a loose change collection for the Ababa Project on Sunday, 3rd May.



**SUCCESSFUL EASTER YOUTH DAY.** We welcomed sixty-five young people from across the Diocese on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> April at St Teresa's Dumfries, with all four deaneries well represented: 10 from North Ayrshire, 10 from South Ayrshire, 22 from East Ayrshire, and 23 from Dumfries & Galloway. These were supported by Caritas pupils from St Joseph's College, 10 Adult Leaders from across the Diocese, and volunteer parishioners from St Teresa's, Dumfries.

**YOUTH EVENING VOLUNTEERS:** The Youth Office is appealing for volunteers to help support their monthly youth evenings in St Teresa's Church, Dumfries. These evenings have been running for almost a year now and have been seeing significant growth in the number of young people getting involved, but to sustain this growth, they need to recruit more volunteers to support these evenings. They're looking for volunteers who can assist in the kitchen (catering service), as well as volunteers who would like to assist as Adult Leaders, a fantastic team of Junior Leaders who lead most of the activities, with Adult Leaders being responsible for supervision and safeguarding. Could you help with either of these roles? Email: [youth@rcdg.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcdg.org.uk) for details. Thank you.


**WILLS AND BEQUESTS.** As a parishioner of our beautiful Church, a place of worship, prayer and history, we ask you to consider leaving a legacy to the parish when you are making your Will. We are grateful for all generous donations at any time. This is a particular way of investing in the future of our Church, ensuring the church is there for future generations. Thanks

**FOOD BANK.** Your contributions to this local initiative are much appreciated. Please leave items in the box/bag at the back of our church, where our parish SSVP collects and delivers your contributions each week.

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

**PARISH SURVEY:** The diocese is carrying out a Parish Survey aimed at collating information about parishes in the Diocese and yielding a reference point for annual review. Please could you collect (from the back of the church) and complete the 5-minute survey and return it to the sacristy by 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Thank you.

**DUMFRIES ADULT PROFESSIONALS GROUP** for Catholics aged 30 and above. In this group, we plan to discuss how we live out our Catholic faith in our day-to-day lives and in our workplaces. There will be a group Rosary and tea/coffee. If you are interested in joining, please contact Christina Silby, St Andrew's Church, Dumfries, through message/WhatsApp on 07910 478191

 The young pastor was teaching the 23rd Psalm to the Sunday school children. He told them that they were sheep who needed guidance. Then the priest asked, "If you are the sheep, then who is the shepherd?"— obviously indicating himself. A silence of a few seconds followed. Then a young boy said, "Jesus. Jesus is the Shepherd." The young priest, obviously caught by surprise, said to the boy, "Well then, who am I?" The boy frowned thoughtfully and then said, "I guess you must be a sheep dog."

## Heating Appeal

Thanks to you, we now have a new Church heating system, offering a warm, welcoming worship space for all. We are grateful for any donations towards this amazing project.

**Can You Help? Donate by:**

**Online:**



**Cheque:**

payable to  
"RCDG ST  
TERESA'S  
DUMFRIES"

**Cash:** use the H. Appeal envelope



We welcome creative fundraising ideas—if you're willing to organise an event, please reach out!

**Thank You**

**Mass Offering/ Donations**  
No Cash, No problem  
Scan me to make a cashless donation to the Parish

