

MASS TEXT

Sunday Year A
Weekday Cycle II
Divine Office: Vol. 1. Week I

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

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

RP: 127

Blessed are all who fear the Lord,
and walk in his ways.

NT Read: Colossians 3:12-17

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ reign in
your hearts; let the message of
Christ find a home with you.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

PREFACE: Advent II
EUCH. PRAYER: II

4th January 2026
The Epiphany of the Lord (A)

OT Read: Isaiah 60:1-6

RP: 71

NT Read: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. Teresa's: **£488.20**
Holy Trinity & St. Luke's: **£165.70**
*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.

FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS, HOLY

"Whatever you do, whether in
speech or in action, do it in the
name of the Lord Jesus." We
must see all our activities as
linked with God's work. In keep-
ing with the Christmas season,
we can reflect on God's presence
in even the most "secular" places. Parents, children,
communities, single persons, young and old should
find hope in this presence.

The passages for this Sunday's readings specify the
shape of a happy home for their times. Whether it be
in care for an aging parent or in the loving interac-
tion of spouses, the ideals have perennial appeal. The
particular historical applications remind us that the
ideals need ever-fresh interpretation in our daily
lives. While the cultural picture of nagging fathers
and submissive wives remind us of a waning era, we
are challenged to see what a happy home can be for
us. How will our relationships evolve if we do all in
the name of Christ Jesus?

The gospels for each year open up for us a variety of
episodes in Jesus' early life. His happy home, the
Holy Family, is far from idyllic. Joseph must take the
child and Mary to Egypt. Interpreting God's will,
they are able to escape Herod and then settle in Naz-
areth (year A). Joseph and Mary marvel at the poetic
words of an aged man who awaits the consolation of
Israel. Even here, Simeon's words show the swords
of pain and division in their home. Mary, the first to
hear God's Word must encounter the challenges of
his life (year B). Jesus' later visit to the temple presag-
es his destiny and the tension this brought (year C).

In their family interaction, Joseph, Mary, and Jesus
did all in the name of God. Within our own history,
we must do all in the name of this present One.

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KEEP IN PRAYER the recently deceased members:

Joan White, Laurie Howell, John McKay, Tony Ade A. Egede,
Giovanna Toni, Patrick McGlone, Catherine Sweeney, Cathe-
rine M. McCulloch, Catherine Lavery, RIP. We pray for them.



THE HOLY FAMILY (A) - 28th December 2025



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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.

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 1 - Eucharistic Prayer: III - Psalter: I

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

Saturday 27th December – St. John, Apostle, Evangelist
(2nd & 4th Sat. in St Andrew's)

10.00 am - **St A - Mass**

5.00 pm - **St. L. Vigil Mass** – Families in the Parish

Sunday 28th December - The Holy Family of J. M & J.

9.30 am - **HTL - Mass** - Nora Crolla, RIP, 8th Anni

- Antoinetta Coppola, RIP, 39th Anni

11.30 am - **St. T - Mass** – Patrick McQuillan, RP

Monday 29th December - Feria

10.00 am – **St. T. – Mass** - Steven Doyle, Birthday, Remc

Tuesday 30th December - Feria

10.00 am – **St. T. – Mass** - Peter McAteer, RIP. Anni

Wednesday 31st December - Feria

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

10.00 am – **HTL – Mass** - Molly Bullick, RIP

10.00 am – **St. A. – Mass**

Thursday 1st January 2026 – B.V. Mary, Theotokos

10.00 am - **HTL - Mass** - Mitchell Birrell, RIP. Anni

12.00 am - **St. T.-Mass** – Dennis McMillan, Well-being

**Friday 2nd January - Ss Basil the Great and Gregory
Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors**

10.00 am – **St. A. – Mass**

Saturday 3rd January - The Most Holy Name of Jesus
(1st, 3rd + 5th Sat. in St. Teresa's)

10.00 am - **St T. - Mass** - Patricia O'Neil, RIP

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

5.00 pm - **St. L. - Vigil Mass** - Kathleen McMillan, Thanksgiving

Sunday 4th January - The Epiphany of the Lord

9.30 am - **HTL - Mass** - John McKay, RIP

11.30 am - **St. T. - Mass** – Willa McCarron, P. Int

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

THURSDAY 1st JANUARY – NEW YEAR'S DAY. We wish all our parishioners A Happy New Year. You are all welcome to attend our New Year Mass at:
10.00 am – Mass – Holy Trinity, Lockerbie.
12.00 pm – Mass – St Teresa's Dumfries



Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Wilma Ivy Frances Pagan McQuade**, whose Funeral Service is on Tuesday, 30th December, at 10.00 am, followed by burial at St Michael's Cemetery. We send our prayers and condolences to her family and friends. All are welcome to attend and pray for her. May she rest in peace, Amen.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will take place today in the Baptistry Room. Thanks to our volunteers.

SUNDAY COFFEE: After Mass today, please join us in the hall for tea/ coffee & biscuits. Come and enjoy the community spirit here at St Teresa's. A warm welcome awaits you.

ST TERESA'S CHURCH RECIPE BOOK - *Made with Love and Laughter*, is on sale for £5 in the church foyer. An interesting collection of recipes representing the diversity of our congregation.

PARISH ITALIAN NIGHT; Saturday 10th January at 7 pm in the PARISH Hall. An evening of good food and company with a Mediterranean touch. Choice of Pasta dish and Dessert. Adults £20, Children (under 12) £10. No bar, but feel free to bring your own wine. Please sign up at the back of the church, and pay by the 28th December. Thank you.

ST TERESA'S 100 CLUB - New members are always welcome, only £2 per month. This is now due for 2026, at £24 for the year or £12 for 6 months. Please give money to Irene before the end of January (after the 11.30 am Sunday Mass), in the Church Hall. All proceeds go to Parish funds. Many Congratulations to the winners of the December draw:
1st Prize: Anne. 2nd Prize: Andrew Lilly. 3rd Prize: Mary Johnstone.

HELP NEEDED for the **Wednesday Lunch Hub**, which is held on the first Wednesday of the Month. We need volunteers: 1. Someone willing to make a two-course lunch. 2. Driver(s) willing to pick up and take back home people attending. 3. People to help prepare and serve meals. If you can help with any of these, please speak to Deacon Willie.

CHURCH/ HALL CLEANING. Thanks to all who weekly give our Church & hall a deep clean. More hands are needed for the cleaning. Please come along on Tuesdays or Thursdays, in the morning. Or you and your family/friends can choose the day and time that suits you and do as much as you can. Please contact Sandra/ Joan for access and the tasks tracker. Thanks

WEDNESDAY LUNCH HUB. Next meeting in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, 7th January, from 12.00 n – 3.00 pm. All Parishioners and their friends are very welcome.



GROW IN FAITH/ RCIA. The next evening, for all those interested in discussing and growing in their knowledge of the faith, and for those adults joining RCIA, will take place on Tuesday, 13th January 2026, from 6.15 pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. Thanks.

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.

PARISH ART GROUP meets every Thursday, from 10.30 am – 12.00 n, in the Parish Hall. Interested? Join us by signing up now at the back of the church.

MISSION STAMPS. Thank you for all your used stamps - please keep leaving them in the box at the back of each of our churches! It really does make a difference!

LEADERS NEEDED to support our growing monthly Youth Evenings run by the Diocesan Youth Office. **What's involved?** You would be assisting with safeguarding, supervision, and cooking pizza. **What won't you need to do?** You won't be asked to prepare or lead evenings; all of this is done by our S3 Junior Leaders in collaboration with the Youth Office. **All that we ask is two hours of your time each month to help keep these evenings running.** Could you help?

Email youth@rcdg.org.uk for more details or to volunteer. Thanks

WILLS AND BEQUESTS. Our Parish has benefited greatly in the past from the thoughtfulness of parishioners who have remembered us in their Wills. Many funded the church's painting, the Organ, Carpet, etc. God bless them for their kindness. Please do consider a legacy to the Church in your Will to ensure St Teresa's is there for future generations. It's a tax advantage as a charity. Thanks

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

PARISH RECORDS. If you have not already done so, please pick up a Registration Form at the back of the Church, complete and return it to the Church so that we can update the parish database. Thank you.

'AWAY IN A MANGER' Fr. Uchenna hopes to be away on holiday in January, visiting family and friends in Nigeria and mainland Europe for a conference, and return at the end of the month. I am sure Deacon Willie and Fr. Francis will look after you all, and please look after them too. Thanks.

"THANK YOU" TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS. Many people have contributed to the well-being of our community and all that goes on behind the scenes for our Celebrations and worship throughout the year. A huge thank you for all the effort, time and creativity. God bless and strengthen you in the New Year!



A 4-year-old boy was asked to give the blessing before Christmas dinner. The family members bowed their heads in expectation. He began his prayer, thanking God for all his friends, naming them one by one. Then he thanked God for Mommy, Daddy, brother, sister, Grandma, Grandpa, and all his aunts and uncles. Then he began to thank God for the food. He gave thanks for the turkey, the dressing, the fruit salad, the cranberry sauce, the pies, and the cakes. Then he paused, and everyone waited—and waited. After a long silence, the young fellow looked up at his mother and asked, "If I thank God for the broccoli, won't He know that I'm lying?"

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.

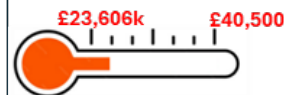
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We welcome creative fundraising ideas—if you're willing to organise an event, please reach out!

Thank You

-Special Collection at Mass on last Sunday of the month: 25th January

Mass Offering/ Donations
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