

MASS TEXT

Sunday Year A
Weekday Cycle II
Divine Office: Vol. 3. Week IV

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

OT Read: Isaiah 25:6-10a
RP: 22

His goodness shall follow me all the
days of my life. I will walk in God's
kingdom forever.

NT Read: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ, enlighten the eyes of our
hearts, so that we may know the
hope to which he has called us.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14
PREFACE: V
EUCH. PRAYER: III

18th October 2026
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

OT Read: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
RP: 95

NT Read: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Gospel: Matthew 22:15-2

WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. Teresa's: **£688.73**
Holy Trinity & St. Luke's: **£217.00**
*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.

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

Today's Gospel passage tells us
about a king who prepares a wed-
ding banquet for his son (cf. Mt
22:1-14). He is a powerful man, but
he is above all a generous father,
who invites others to share in his joy. In particular, he
reveals the goodness of his heart in the fact that he does
not compel anyone, but invites everyone, even though
this way exposes him to the possibility of rejection. We
notice that he prepares a banquet, freely offering an op-
portunity for encounter, an opportunity for a feast. This is
what God prepares for us: a banquet, to be in communion
with him and among ourselves. And we, all of us, are
therefore God's invited guests. But a wedding banquet
requires time and commitment on our part: it requires a
"yes": to go, to go to the Lord's invitation. He invites,
but he leaves us free.

This is the type of relationship that the Father offers us:
he calls us to stay with him, leaving us the possibility to
accept or not accept [the invitation]. He does not propose
to us a relationship of subjection, but rather of fatherhood
and sonship, which is necessarily conditioned by our free
assent. God is very respectful regarding freedom; very
respectful. Saint Augustine uses a very beautiful expres-
sion in this regard, saying: "He who created us without
our help will not save us without our con-
sent" (Sermonclxix, 13). And certainly not because he
does not have the capacity to do so — God is omnipo-
tent! — but because, being love, he respects our freedom
fully. God proposes: he does not impose. Never.
- © Pope Francis, *Angelus*, 15 October 2023

The Memorare

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that anyone
who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or
sought thy intercession was left unaided.
Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee,
O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do
I come; before thee I stand, sinful and
sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, des-
pise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and
answer me. Amen.

By St. Bernard of Clairvaux

KEEP IN PRAYER the recently deceased members:

Wilma McQuade, Chris P. Loy, Patricia Rennie, Sylvia Coupland,
Noreen Lilly, Marie Montgomery, Mina Murphy, Colin Wilkinson,
Elsie Armstrong, Michael McCole, RIP. Always in our minds!

GO AND INVITE
EVERYONE
to the banquet

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 11th October 2026



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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

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

Saturday 10th October - Memorial of the BVM

(2nd & 4th Sat. in St Andrew's)

10.00 am - **St A – Mass**

5.00 pm - **St. L. Vigil Mass** – Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sunday 11th October - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

9.30 am - **HTL - Mass** – Jessie Boardman, RIP, Anni

11.30 am - **St. T.- Mass** – Kate Woodthorpe, RIP
- Sheila McDonald, RIP

Monday 12th October - St. Wilfrid, Bishop, Missionary

9.30 am – **St. T. -** Rosary, Adoration & Bene.

10.00 am – **St. T. – Mass** - Sheila McDonald, RIP

Tuesday 13th October - St. Edward the Confessor, King

9.30 am – **St. T. -** Rosary, Adoration & Bene.

10.00 am – **St. T. – Mass** - Mike Bagnall, RIP
- Colin Wilkinson, RiP

Wednesday 14th October - St. Callistus, Pope, Martyr

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

10.00 am – **HTL –Mass** - Douglas Wadell, RIP
10.00 am – **St. A. – Mass**

Thursday 15th October - St. Teresa of Avila, Virgin. Dr

10.00 am – St. T. – Funeral Mass - Michael McCole, RIP

Friday 16th October - St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

10.00 am – **St. A. - Mass**

Saturday 17th October - St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop

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

9.30 am – **St. T. - Divine Office** - Morning Prayer (Lauds)

10.00 am - **St T. - Mass** - Anne Stead, RIP

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

5.00 pm - **St. L. -Vigil Mass** - Charlie McCourt, RIP, Anni

Sunday 18th October - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

9.30 am - **HTL - Mass** – Alberto Coppola, RIP, 9th Anni

11.30 am - **St. T.- Mass** – Herbert Glanville Jones, RIP
- Elsie Armstrong, RIP

SPIRITAN DAY OF GIVING in support of the missions and works of the Spiritans (Congregation of the Holy Ghost) across the UK and the world is on Sunday, 11th October, with a special collection taken at Mass. (Some Go to Mission by Giving. Some Give to the Mission by Going). Special envelopes (Gift-Aid) are available at the back of the church. Thanks

MINI-CHURCH will take place today in the Baptistery room. All children of primary school age are welcome.

SUNDAY COFFEE: After Mass today, please join us in the hall for coffee/tea and biscuits. Come into the hall and enjoy the community spirit here at St Teresa's. You are all welcome.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE. Tickets now available. If you would like some to take and sell, see Irene at the back of the Church after Mass. The Draw will take place on the 6th December in the hall after Mass. Soup and Coffee /Teas will be on sale. 1st Prize: £100, 2nd Prize: Luxury Hamper, and many more prizes.

DIOCESAN STRUCTURES/ BOUNDARIES CONSULTATION. The insert in the newsletter is the update from the Bishops of Scotland on the Latest Phase in the Diocesan Structures/ Boundaries Consultation.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE (PFC). Our next meeting will take place in the Baptistery Room this Thursday, 15th October, 7.00 pm. Thanks to this important group in the life of the parish, who keep our ministry activities and facilities up and running. Thanks.

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY. You are welcome to join our community Rosary every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9.30 am, followed by Mass.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? The course to prepare for the reception into the Catholic Faith as an adult (known as RCIA) will start on **Tuesday, 13th October 2026, from 6.15 pm in the Baptistery Room.** Interested? You are welcome to attend if you are an adult (aged 14+) and you have been thinking about becoming a Catholic or are interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN (RCIC). We are starting the programme for the children of the parish from p.4 who want to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2027. You can still pick up a Registration Form from the back of the Church or St Teresa's Primary School office and return it to the school office or parish office this week. **A meeting for parents/ guardians will take place in the church (our Lady's altar) after 11.30 am Mass on Sunday, 11th October, for half an hour.** Thanks.

LECTIO DIVINA/ BIBLE STUDY - every Tuesday, from 10.45 am in the Parish Hall. A cuppa is served at the start; it finishes at 11.45 am.

PARISH ART GROUP meets every Thursday, from 10.30 am – 12.00 n, in the Parish Hall. It is free for all levels- beginners will love it, drawing and enjoying the company of others.

ABABA PROJECT: Thank you all for last Sunday's loose change collection for the Ababa Project, which raised £170.59. Thank you.

MISSION SUNDAY. Next Sunday, 18th October, is World Mission Sunday, when Catholics across the world unite in prayer and generosity for the Church's missionary work, with the theme: "One in Christ, One in Mission." There is a pastoral letter on the subject to accompany a special collection. A few wee reflective booklets on mission thoughts are available free of charge in the porch. Find also a Standing Order/ Gift Aid envelope for your use. Thanks.

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 box here in the Church so that we can update the parish database and share with you the exciting opportunities for you in our parish.

SCOTTISH LAITY NETWORK - November Gathering. The Scottish Laity Network has organised a Gathering to celebrate and give thanks for the fruits of their shared journey and to discern what comes next. The event is on Saturday 7th November

at the Conforti Centre, Coatbridge, either in person or online. Please check the SLN website for further information. <http://scottishlaitynetwork.org.uk>

RACE NIGHT. Many thanks to all those who helped to organise and run the Race Night yesterday and raised £703 for the Parish fund. It was another great team effort, a happy parish community event, which we had hoped that more people in the parish would attend. Thank you

GRIEF TO GRACE – A Healing Retreat for Victims of Abuse – 22nd to 27th February 2027 – Perth
Grief to Grace is a specialised 5-day programme of spiritual and psychological healing for anyone who has suffered from sexual, physical, or emotional abuse or neglect in childhood, adolescence or adulthood, including those abused by a religious / member of the clergy. If you are interested in this confidential healing retreat, please contact: Grief to Grace (Scotland) at margaret.clarke@griefftograceuk.org

A little girl came home from Sunday school and said to her mother: "Mummy teacher told us that God puts people in this world so that they can get ready for a big banquet in Heaven." "Yes, that is right," she said. "But why doesn't grandma get ready for that banquet by getting a set of new teeth from her dentist?" Mother replied: "It is because she knows that God will give her a brand-new set of strong and beautiful teeth in heaven."

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

Mission Encounter

St. Teresa's. Holy Trinity. St. Luke's

10 th October	7 pm,
RACE NIGHT	St Teresa's Dumfries
7 th November	7 pm. - £12 Ticket
PARISH CONCERT	St Teresa's Dumfries
12 th November	We Remember Them
ANNUAL	7 pm,
MEMORIAL MASS	H. Trinity Lockerbie/ St Teresa's Dfries
19 th November	'Love Mercy,' Mic 6:8
PRISONERS WEEK	7 pm,
SERVICE	St Teresa's Dumfries
12 th December	9.30 am – 3.00 pm,
ADVENT RETREAT	St Teresa's Dumfries,

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



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