

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: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

RP: 85

**O Lord, you are good
and forgiving**

NT Read: Romans 8:26-27

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I thank you, Father, Lord of
heaven and earth, you have
revealed the secrets of the
kingdom to little children. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

PREFACE: VIII

EUCH. PRAYER: III

26th July 2026

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

OT Read: 1 Kings 3:5-6a, 7-12

RP: 118

NT Read: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. Teresa's: **£808.82**

Holy Trinity & St. Luke's: **£217.60**

*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 temptation to restrict the
Church to the perfect has always
haunted the Christian communi-
ty, animated as it is by a high
ideal of holiness. To conquer
evil has sometimes been inter-
preted as meaning to destroy sinners. Many a "holy
war" has been fought in the name of Christian right-
eousness. Even James and John wanted to command
fire from heaven to consume the inhospitable Samari-
tans (Lk 9:54).

Yet the God who has the power to wreak destruction
on the wicked rules instead with leniency. In his para-
bles of the kingdom, Jesus teaches his impatient fol-
lowers that the Lord of the harvest is more concerned
with the growth of the wheat than with the elimination
of the weeds. The time for separation and for burning
will come, but it is not now.

Today's readings call the servants of God's kingdom to
share in the patient tolerance of the kingdom's Lord.
Rather than devoting our energies to hunting out and
destroying every sign of deviation, we are urged to
nurture every sign of goodness in the world. To foster
the growth of what is good is in itself to overcome evil.
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St Augustine notes that ours is the "Church of saints
and sinners" in which there is room to grow and to be
converted. The "evildoers" he said, "exist in this way
either so that they will be converted, or because
through them the good exercise patience"

ANIMA CHRISTI

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of
Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O Good Jesus, hear me.

Within your wounds hide me.

Permit me not to be separated from you.

From the evil one protect me. At the hour of my
death, call me and bid me come to you

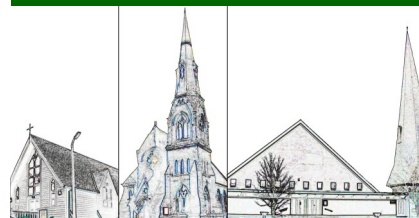
That with your saints I may praise you. **Amen**

KEEP IN PRAYER the recently deceased members:

Angus McFarlane, Catherine McCulloch, M. Catherine Lavery,
Wilma McQuade, Christopher P. Loy, Patricia Rennie, Sylvia Cou-
pland, Noreen Lilly, Marie Montgomery, RIP. Always in our minds!

WHY DOES
GOD
ALLOW EVIL?

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 19th July 2026



Parish Clergy

Fr Uchenna Odenigbo, CSSp

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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 II - Eucharistic Prayer: III - Psalter: IV

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

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

Saturday 18th July - Memorial of the BVM

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

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

10.00 am – **St T. - Mass** - Jim McDermott, Wellbeing

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

5.00 pm – **St. L. - Vigil Mass** - Seamus Power, RIP

Sunday 19th July - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

9.30 am – **HTL - Mass** – Linda Thomas, Wellbeing

11.30 am – **St. T. - Mass** – Joe Smith, RIP, B'D Rem

– Patrick & Mary Toolis, RIP, Anni

Monday 20th July - Feria

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

10.00 am – **St. T. – Mass** -Robert+Gwen Ferguson, Wedd. Anni

Tuesday 21st July - Feria

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

10.00 am – **St. T. –Mass** - Marie Montgomery, RIP

Wednesday 22nd July - St Mary Magdalen, Feast

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

10.00 am – **HTL –Mass** - Fr Uchenna Odenigbo, P. Ord'n Anni

10.00 am – **St. A. – Mass** -

Thursday 23rd July - St. Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe

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

10.00 am – **St. T. – Mass** - Brian McEwen, RIP, Anni

Friday 24th July - Feria

10.00 am – **St. A. - Mass**

Saturday 25th July –St. Benedict, Abbot, Co-Patron of Europe

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

10.00 am – **St A – Mass**

5.00 pm – **St. L. Vigil Mass** – Grandparents & the Elderly

Sunday 26th July - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

9.30 am – **HTL - Mass** – Allan Brown, RIP, Anni

11.30 am – **St. T. - Mass** – Marie Montgomery, RIP

– Grandparents & the Elderly

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

MRS MARIE MONTGOMERY RIP, a beloved wife, mother, friend and cherished member of our community, sadly passed away on Monday, 13th July. This was shocking news for the family and all in our St Teresa's community. Marie worked hard for our church and will be greatly missed. Our condolences to her family and friends at this difficult time. Her Requiem Mass is (TBC) on Wednesday, 29th July, 11.00 am. We are all consoled by our faith in the Risen Lord. SHE IS AT PEACE WITH THE LORD JESUS, WHOM SHE SERVED SO WELL HERE.

SEA SUNDAY special collection will be taken at all Masses. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. The Seafarers Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of the church. Thanks

CHILDREN'S LITURGY club, now on holiday, will resume when schools reopen in August. Thanks to our lead volunteers who facilitate the programme. You, too, can volunteer. We need you. Please speak to Father to get involved. Thank you

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. A warm welcome awaits you.

WOMEN'S 10K RUN, GLASGOW. Many congratulations to Karen Hiddleston on her excellent finish of the Women's 10K Run in 1:33:16 on Sunday, 12th July. She raised over £865 for our Church Heating Fund. Like many others, you too can still make a sponsorship commitment or redeem yours soon. Thank you.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY, Sunday, 26th July, we celebrate, pray, and "devote adequate time to actually or virtually visit our grandparents and elderly brothers and sisters in need or in difficulty," especially those who are sick, lonely or disabled. In 2021, Pope Francis established the celebration in recognition of Grandparents for their role and vocation in passing on their faith to the next generation. The National Commission for Marriage, Family and Life is marking the day at Carfin Grotto with Mass at 3 pm, celebrated by the commission's president, Bishop John Keenan.

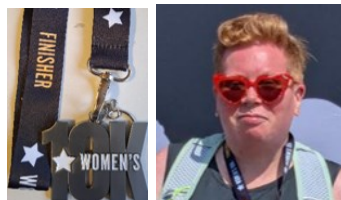
SCIAF - Venezuela Earthquake Appeal. You and I can join SCIAF/ partners as they continue to provide food, water and other essentials to those most affected, offering a promise of hope and solidarity that those affected are not forsaken. If you can add to the £265 from our parish hardship fund, drop your donation into the collections this July, please mark the envelope "SCIAF-Venezuela" or use the parish contactless donation device/ QR Code, or post the same through the parish office. Thank you.

THE AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS of St Teresa's Church, for the year ended 31 December 2025, was completed last week by AZETS, and the accounts, now with the diocese, who will publish them alongside the wider diocesan accounts with the Charity Commission. We thank our parish admin team for their hard work all year. Thank you for your meticulous attention to detail and your unwavering commitment to high standards in accounting.

MINIBUS TRIP to the Ayrshire Coast will take place on Thursday, 23rd July. Leaving Church after 10 am Mass. Please put your name on the list at the back of the Church, and enjoy the free ride.

CHURCH HEATING APPEAL. A special collection for the church heating/ building fund will be taken next Sunday (and every last Sunday of the month) 26th July. Thank you for your generosity as always.

LECTIO DIVINA/ BIBLE STUDY/ PARISH ART GROUP – will all continue after the summer break.



Youth Office
Gather · Pray · Discuss · Socialise

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING AND CELEBRATION

SATURDAY 25TH JULY - 11.00 AM - 4.00 PM - ST JOSEPH'S, KILMARNOCK

Did you receive your First Holy Communion this year?

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE!

Scan to Register

Join us for a day of games, pizza, and prayer as we celebrate YOU and invite you to become part of Galloway Youth!

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH CHURCH IN YOUR WILL: 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 the Church. Thank you.

CANONICAL VISITATION
The Spiritan General Council, Rome, is in the UK for a Canonical Visitation to the British Province. They will get to know each one of us, Spiritans, and our life and our mission in the community and the church. Fr. Jude Nnorom, the Second Assistant to the Superior General, will visit our community on Sunday, 27th July, pm, and leaves on Monday, am, for a meeting with Bishop Frank.

GIFT AID MAKES YOUR MONEY GO FURTHER - I am often asked how donations can be made to go further, and the obvious answer is... Gift Aid! Making a Gift Aid declaration means charities like your parish can claim an extra 25p back from the tax man for every £1 you give, and it doesn't cost you any extra. We invite all taxpayers to complete our new Gift Aid form at the back of the church to renew/ update your details. Thank you for your support.

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SUMMER YOUTH DAY

SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST - 11.00 AM - 4.00 PM - ST JOSEPH'S, KILMARNOCK

#youthbrodygorguk youthbrodygorguk Diocese of Galloway Youth - Brodygouth

THE TIME TRAVELLER. Down the streets of London, an English football fan is walking when a time machine suddenly materialises in front of him. A scientist steps out and says, "Quickly! I am from the year 2150. You can ask me one question about the future!" The fan, wearing his England jersey, immediately asks, "Has football finally come home? Did England win another World Cup?!" The scientist opens his digital ledger, scrolls through decades of data, and smiles. "Ah, yes! Here it is. England wins the World Cup!" The fan is ecstatic, tearing up with joy. "That's incredible! When? What year?!" The scientist looks at the screen and says, "Well, the tournament concludes on July 19th... but you're going to have to wait for the Earth to complete its next three galactic orbits."

WE WISH ALL OUR VISITORS A VERY PLEASANT STAY IN OUR BEAUTIFUL PART OF THE COUNTRY.

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

£40,500

£8,975k

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

Thank You

The church is OPEN!

For quiet and prayer
Mondays/ Tuesdays
Thursdays/ Saturdays
9.00 am – 5.30 pm

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

SCAN ME!