

MASS TEXT

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

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

OT Read: Isaiah 60:1-6

RP: 71

All the nations on earth shall fall
prostrate before you, O Lord

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

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 2:1-12

PREFACE: Epiphany of the Lord
EUCH. PRAYER: II

11th January 2026
The Baptism of the Lord (A)

OT Read: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

RP: 28

NT Read: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. Teresa's: **£662.93**
Holy Trinity & St. Luke's: **£217.95**
*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.*



EPIPHANY (επιφάνεια, in Greek), means
appearance or manifestation. Multiple reve-
lations of Jesus as God are celebrated on
this Feast of the Epiphany. In the Western
Church, it celebrates Jesus' first appearance
to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi,
while in the Eastern Church, the Epiphany
event is celebrated in the commemoration
of the Baptism of Christ when the Father

and the Holy Spirit gave combined testimony to Jesus'
identity as Son of God. Later, in the synagogue at Naza-
reth, Jesus revealed Himself as the promised Messiah, and
at Cana Jesus revealed His Divinity by transforming water
into wine. On the Feast of Epiphany, we recall all these
epiphany events.

If Jesus truly is who he claims to be, the eternal Son of
God and Saviour of the world, then why is he not recog-
nized by everyone who hears his word and sees his works?
John the Evangelist states that when Jesus came into the
world *the world knew him not and his own people received
him not* (John 1:10-11).

In his commentary on the significance of the star of Beth-
lehem, John Chrysostom wrote: "Note how fitting was the
order of events: the wise men saw the star, were received
by the Jews and their king; they heard prophecy to explain
what had appeared; the angel instructed them; and then
they journeyed from Jerusalem to Bethlehem by the guid-
ance of the star. From all this we learn that this was not an
ordinary star, for no other star has this capacity to guide,
not merely to move but to beckon, to "go before them,"
drawing and guiding them along their way. The star re-
mained after bringing them to the place, in order that the
child might also be seen. For there is nothing conspicuous
about the place. The inn was ordinary. The mother was not
celebrated or notable. The star was needed to manifest and
illumine the lowly place, until they had reached their desti-
nation at the manger."

MAY WE FOLLOW STARS

**"O God Among Us,
may we be visited by angels,
may we follow stars,
may we bring the gifts we have to offer.
May we embrace the journey and travel in love.
May Christ bless our homes and find a home in our hearts
throughout the year. Amen."**

KEEP IN PRAYER the recently deceased members:

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

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

Year A - Cycle 1 - Eucharistic Prayer: II - Psalter: II

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

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

Monday 5th January - Feria

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

Tuesday 6th January - Feria

9.30 am - **St. T.** - Rosary, Adoration & Bene.
10.00 am - **St. T. - Mass** - Peter McAteer, RIP. Anni

Wednesday 7th January - Feria

9.30 am - **HTL** - Reconciliation, Adoration & Bene.
10.00 am - **HTL - Mass** - Jennifer & Will Edgar, B'D Rem
10.00 am - **St. A. - Mass**

Thursday 8th January - Feria

10.00 am - **St. T. - Mass** - Ivor Llewellyn, RIP, 31st Anni

Friday 9th January - Feria

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

Saturday 10th January - Feria

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

10.00 am - **St A - Mass**
5.00 pm - **St. L. Vigil Mass** - People of the Parish

Sunday 11th January - The Baptism of the Lord

9.30 am - **HTL - Mass** - People of the Parish
11.30 am - **St. T. - Mass** - Norman + Margaret Blount, Rem

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will take place today in the Baptistery 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 fund.

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.



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

"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!

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.

TIGHTS FOR HAMLIN FISTULA HOSPITAL, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia is grateful for the Tights received. They are needed, so please keep handing them in when you can. The charity also gives each woman a hand-knit blanket on arrival at the hospital. They symbolise the love and care the women receive during their treatment.

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!



THREE WISE WOMEN? While they were talking about the story of the three wise men, a woman asked her parish priest this question, *"Do you know why God gave the star to the wise men?"* When he professed his ignorance, she told him: *"God knows men are too proud to ask directions. If there had been three wise women instead of three wise men, they would have asked for directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole, and given some practical gifts!"*

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



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

£25, 111k **£40,500**



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