

# 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 revelations 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 Nazareth, 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 recognized 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 Bethlehem, 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 guidance 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 remained 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 destination at the manger."

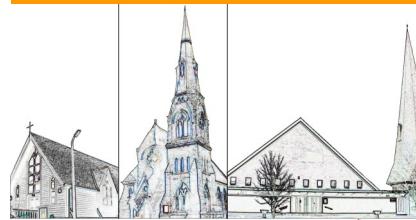
### MAY WE FOLLOW STARS

*"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, Catherine M. McCulloch, Catherine Lavery, RIP. We pray for them.

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



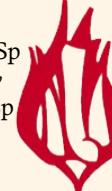
### Parish Clergy

Fr Uchenna Odenigbo, CSSp

- Parish Priest / P. Chaplaincy

Fr Francis Dometiero, CSSp

- Asst. Parish Priest



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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.

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 December - 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

*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!*

**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 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, 7<sup>th</sup> 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, 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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!



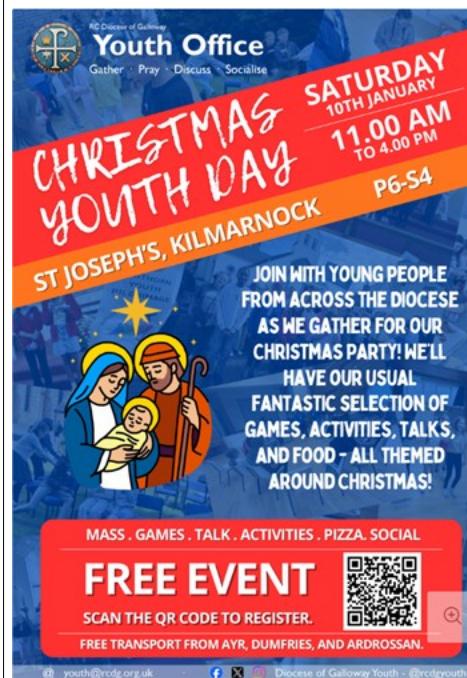
**WILLS AND BEQUESTS.** Our Parish has benefited greatly in the past from the thoughtfulness of parishioners who have remembered us in their Wills. Many funded the church's painting, the Organ, Carpet, etc. God bless them for their kindness. Please do consider a legacy to the Church in your Will to ensure 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