

MASS TEXT

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

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

OT Read: Isaiah 22:15, 19-23

RP: 137

O Lord, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands.

NT Read: Romans 11:33-36

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, and on this rock I will
build my Church, and the gates of
hell shall not prevail against it.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

PREFACE: VI

EUCH. PRAYER: II

30th August 2026
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

OT Read: Jeremiah 20:7-9

RP: 62

NT Read: Romans 12:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. Teresa's: **£577.11**

Holy Trinity & St. Luke's: **£191.25**

*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.

**"You are the Christ!...
"You are 'Rock' and
on this rock I will build my Church."**



Through Peter, the man of first fervours, but also the disciple
who would deny him, Jesus makes himself known. He charges
Peter with the building up of his brothers and sisters until the
coming of the kingdom. The Rock put his mark on the Church
just as John, the mystic, or Paul, the missionary, did so in their
own ways. The Church is above all the home of us poor be-
lievers, caught between faith and doubt, generosity and infi-
delity, but, nevertheless, stuttering with Peter, "I believe."

WELCOME HOME

There's an old saying that goes, "Once a Catholic,
always a Catholic." Maybe you have been away
from the Church for a little while or for quite some
time, but now you feel a tug at your heart calling
you back to the Catholic Church. Listen to that tug.
It's your Heavenly Father reaching his arms out to
you, the Holy Spirit whispering in your ear, hoping
to draw you home.

We hope you accept this as your invitation to redis-
cover the truth, wonder and mystery of the Catholic
faith.

As your brothers and sisters in our worldwide Cath-
olic family, we want you back. We've missed you,
and our Church is not the same without you.

Regardless of why you left or got out of the habit of
going to Mass, you can always come home and re-
turn to the practice of the sacraments and the full-
ness of relationship with Jesus Christ and the
Church he founded. We are Catholic. Welcome
home.

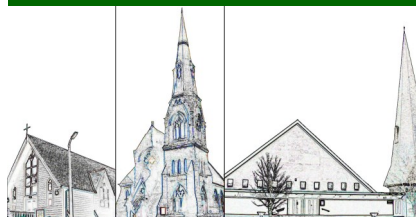
Speak with a church member today; they will be
happy to sit and chat with you sometime. Get in
touch with the parish priest to arrange a chat; per-
haps you would like to celebrate God's Mercy in the
Sacrament of Confession as a way to begin your
journey back to the Church. Father will be delighted
to do this for you. If this is not your parish and you
have simply picked this up during a visit, please
contact your local parish community - they will be
delighted to hear from you.

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!

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

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 23rd August 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: II - Psalter: I

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

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

Saturday 22nd August - The Queenship of BVM - M

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

10.00 am - **St A - Mass**

5.00 pm - **St. L. Vigil Mass** - Darren Kearney, RIP, Anni

Sunday 23rd August - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

9.30 am - **HTL - Mass** - Shirley Copland, Well being

11.30 am - **St. T. - Mass** - Steven Doyle, RIP, Anni

- Margaret Leary, RIP

Monday 24th August - St. Bartholomew, Apostle - Feast

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

10.00 am - **St. T. - Mass** - B. G. - Wellbeing

Tuesday 25th August - Feria

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

10.00 am - **St. T. - Mass** - Peg McLeod, RIP, Anni

Wednesday 26th August - Feria

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

10.00 am - **HTL - Mass** - Fr Francis Dometiero, Ord. Anni

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

Thursday 27th August - St Monica, M

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

10.00 am - **St. T. - U. B. - Wellbeing**

Friday 28th August - St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor

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

Saturday 29th August - The Beheading of St John the Baptist

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

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

10.00 am - **St T. - Mass** - Michael McCole, Wellbeing

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

5.00 pm - **St. L. - Vigil Mass** - Gwen+Innes Laurie, Wellbeing

Sunday 30th August - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

9.30 am - **HTL - Mass** - Spiritan Missions, Worldwide

11.30 am - **St. T. - Mass** - Young Families of the Parish

- Peggy Marshall - Wellbeing

ABABA PROJECT NEWS & NEW SCHOOL YEAR. In Ethiopia, the new school year starts this September, with the fantastic news about the progress among 'our children'. Three of the girls we have sponsored since they were in Kindergarten have taken the Year 12 exams, which will get them into university. We pray for their success and continued education. New sponsors are required and may join the scheme. It costs £240 per year, which you may pay annually, monthly by D/D or through the green cash envelopes. Have a word with Fr Uchenna, Beatrice (07803242372), or any member of The Ababa Project Team.

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.

MINI CHURCH, our rebranded Children's Liturgy, is on today. It is a child-focused liturgy led in the baptistery by volunteers and young student leaders; all children are welcome, pre-school and school-age. Some people have expressed an interest in leading this liturgy. If they can speak to Victoria so a rota and a plan for the sessions can be drawn up, it would be much appreciated. Thank you.

RCIA / GROWING IN FAITH. The course to prepare for the reception into the Catholic Faith will begin soon. It is designed for adults (aged 14+), falling into 3 categories: i) for those who are not Catholics but who are interested in becoming one or just want to find out a bit more, ii) for Catholics (adults, 14+) but who have not yet been Confirmed, and iii) for Catholics who would like to revisit their faith from the ground up. Please let the Parish clergy know if you are interested, stating which category you fall into - just email us.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN (RCIC). The preparation of all the children of the parish from p.4 for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will begin soon. Families with children of this age whether they attend St Teresa's Primary School, St Andrew's Primary School or any other primary school in the area are asked to pick-up a Registration Form from the back of the Church, or from St Teresa's Primary School office (or download one from the parish website) and return it to the school office or Fr Uchenna or Deacon Willie as soon as you can, so that preparations can be organised.

MISSIONARIES OF AFRICA APPEAL. Thank you for the £387.66 raised last week at the special collection in support of the missions and ministries of the Missionaries of Africa. Thank you all for your generosity, as always.

QUIZ NIGHT. Thank you to all those who helped to organise and run last Friday's Quiz Night. It was another lovely occasion the community together. We are grateful for the £195 raised for the church heating fund. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS. We send our best wishes to baby Caia Amelie Jao, who was welcomed into the family of the Church through holy Baptism last Friday, 21st August. Congratulations to her mum and dad, Alei Mari & Christian Jao and their family and friends on their happy day. May God bless and strengthen you all.

The church is OPEN!

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

BISHOP FRANK INVITES YOU TO...

WHITHORN

ANNUAL NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE

SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST

4.00 PM Mass on the Beach 4.45 PM Mass in Whithorn

The free bus leaves St Teresa's at 1.15 pm. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the Church. Please bring your packed lunch

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.*

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.

CRIFFEL SPONSORED WALK. Fr Uchenna is over-the-moon with your birthday prayers and gifts. Prompted by a card that read: "Another year OLDER? Don't worry, age is *irrelephant*." he is taking the challenge to do the Criffel Walk on Saturday, 19th September, to raise funds for the (phase 1) repainting of St Teresa's Church. He is delighted to invite you to: i) Sponsor him, using the sponsorship sheet at the back of the Church or scan the QR code in our newsletter for a cashless donation. ii) Join Father (if you can) in conquering Criffel summit, taking in the stunning views over the Solway Firth and the Solway coast. Speak to Father and pick up the Sponsorship form to raise funds for the church. iii) Pray for great weather on the day, and please share the sponsorship form with your colleagues, club members, friends and families to sponsor Fr Uchenna's Criffel Walk.

CHURCH HEATING APPEAL. A special collection for the church heating/ building fund will be taken next Sunday (and every last Sunday of the month), 30th August. Thank you for your generosity.

RACE NIGHT will be held on 10th October at 7 pm. This is an adults-only event. If you would like to sponsor a race at £25.00 (8 races) or buy a horse at £5.00 (8 horses per race), please put your name on the lists at the back of the Church. Thank you.

WHITHORN YOUTH PILGRIMAGE: As part of the annual National Pilgrimage to Whithorn on Sunday 30th August, the Youth Office runs a Youth Pilgrimage. Join with young people (P5-S4) from across the Diocese as we gather to learn more about the life and witness of St Ninian. In the morning, we'll have games, activities, lunch and a talk on St Ninian, before walking to the beach for Mass with Bishop Frank. After Mass, we'll enjoy a packed supper before heading home. Free transport is available from St Teresa's, Dumfries. Please scan the QR code to register now or visit the Youth Office website: youth.rcdg.org.uk. There is no charge, but please bring a packed supper.

GALLOWAY DIOCESAN CHOIR: The Diocesan Choir is looking to recruit new members who enjoy singing as part of a group and are committed to the enhancement of the liturgy through music. **There is a particular need for men to sing tenor and bass.** If you are interested in joining them or would like more information, please contact David Robinson at david.robinson.mj@gmail.com or on 07714 340854.

PARISH ROSARY PRAYER PROJECT. An intercessory prayer initiative for our parish community. Life is challenging for many at the moment and we invited join in praying a decade of the Rosary for our families, schools, parish mission, volunteers and the clergy, each day, at a time to suit you: Either by WhatsApp - you can form or join the WhatsApp group of your service team to unite with others - or offline: on your own, in your family or in a group. The prayer will lead up to the feast of the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary on 8th September 2026, at 6.30 pm in St Teresa's Church - save the date! Following the service, there will be a get-together in the hall for a potluck supper. If you would like to contribute to this, please put your name on the list at the back of the Church. Thank you.

"Do you know who I am?" The archbishop wanted to pray for and share his love with the residents of a local nursing home. As he entered the lobby of the nursing home, he saw a ninety-year-old lady sitting in a wheelchair. He faced her and asked her whether she knew who he is. She said, "Sir, if you do not know who you are, go to the front desk and ask the receptionist. It is always better to know who you are before visiting old folks like me!"

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:



SCAN ME

Cheque:

payable to
"RCDG ST
TERESA'S
DUMFRIES"

Cash: use the H. Appeal envelope

£40,500

£6,718

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

Thank You

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



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