

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: Sirach 27:30-28:7
RP: 102

The Lord is compassionate
and gracious, slow to anger
and rich in mercy.

NT Read: Romans 14:7-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia!

A new commandment I give to you,
says the Lord, that you love one
another, just as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

PREFACE: III

EUCH. PRAYER: III

20th September 2026
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

OT Read: Isaiah 55:6-9

RP: 144

NT Read: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. Teresa's: **£498.94**

Holy Trinity & St. Luke's: **£248.50**

*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 Christian must forgive! Why?

Because he has been forgiven. All of
us who are here today, in the Square,
we have been forgiven. There is not one of us who, in our
own life, has had no need of God's forgiveness. And be-
cause we have been forgiven, we must forgive. We recite
this every day in the Our Father: "Forgive us our sins;
forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass
against us". That is, to forgive offences, to forgive many
things, because we have been forgiven of many offences,
of many sins. In this way it is easy to forgive: if God has
forgiven me, why do I not forgive others? Am I greater
than God? This pillar of forgiveness shows us the gratui-
tousness of the love of God, who loved us first. Judging
and condemning a brother who sins is wrong. Not because
we do not want to recognise sin, but because condemning
the sinner breaks the bond of fraternity with him and
spurns the mercy of God, who does not want to renounce
any of his children. We do not have the power to condemn
our erring brother; we are not above him: rather, we have
a duty to recover the dignity of a child of the Father and to
accompany him on his journey of conversion.

Merciful love is therefore the only way forward. We all
have a great need to be a bit more merciful, to not speak
ill of others, to not judge, to not "sting" others with criti-
cism, with envy and jealousy. We must forgive, be merci-
ful, and live our lives with love.

This love enables Jesus' disciples to never lose the identity
they received from Him, and to recognise themselves as
children of the same Father. In the love that they practice
in life, we see reflected that Mercy that will never end (cf.
1 Cor 13:1-12). Do not forget this: mercy is a gift; for-
giveness and giving. In this way, the heart expands; it
grows with love. While selfishness and anger make the
heart small, they make it harden like a stone. Which do
you prefer? A heart of stone or a heart full of love? If you
prefer a heart full of love, be merciful!

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Merciful like the Father

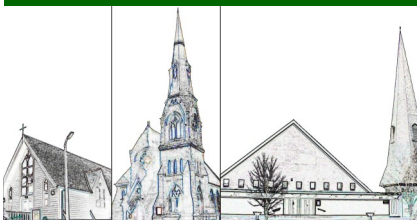
Lord Jesus, you have been kind and forgiving
towards me. May I be merciful as you are merciful.
Free me from all bitterness and resentment,
that I may truly forgive from the heart
those who have caused me injury or grief. Amen.

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!



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 13th September 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 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 12th September - Memorial of the BVM

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

10.00 am - **St A – Mass**

5.00 pm - **St. L. Vigil Mass** – Kenneth Kennedy, Wellbeing

Sunday 13th September - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

9.30 am - **HTL - Mass** – Persecuted Christians in Nigeria

11.30 am - **St. T. - Mass** – Ofelia Espino de Guanilo, RIP, Anni

- Ian McDonald, RIP/ Elizabeth Robertson, RIP, Anni

Monday 14th September - The Exaltation of the Cross

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

10.00 am – **St. T. – Mass** - Joe Smith, RIP, Anni

Tuesday 15th September - Our Lady of Sorrows

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

10.00 am – **St. T. – Mass** - Colin Wilkinson, Wellbeing

Wednesday 16th September - St. Ninian, Bishop

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

10.00 am – **HTL – Mass** - Deacon Willie, HBD,

- Elaine McLemon, HBD

10.00 am – **St. A. – Mass**

Thursday 17th September - Feria

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

10.00 am – **St. T. – David McKnight, RIP, B'D Anni**

Friday 18th September - Feria

10.00 am – **St. A. - Mass**

Saturday 19th September - 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** - D. McMillian, P. Int.

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

5.00 pm - **St. L. - Vigil Mass** - Denise Glanton, Wellbeing

Sunday 20th September - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

9.30 am - **HTL - Mass** – Tom Hines, HBD

11.30 am - **St. T. - Mass** – Mena Smith, RIP, B'D Anni

- Frank McBride, RIP

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

CONGRATULATIONS. We send our best wishes to baby MAGGIE MAJELLA MAUGHAN, who will be welcomed into the family of the Church through holy Baptism at our 11.30 am Sunday Mass today. Congratulations to her mum and dad, Scarlett and Tommy Owen Maughan, who will present her and declare their intentions before the community. We pray for Maggie and her parents and Godparents.

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 (Children's Liturgy) will take place today in the Baptistry room. All children are welcome, pre-school and school-age. Some people have expressed an interest in leading this liturgy. Please speak to Victoria to get involved. *Thank you.*

FEAST OF ST TERESA is on Thursday 1st October. All are invited to our parish patronal feast Mass at 7 pm, followed by a social event in the hall, with a "Fish Supper" and tabletop games afterwards. Please put your name on the list at the back of the Church. Money to be paid by Sunday 27th September. Should you wish to attend the event but not order a supper, you are welcome to bring your own food; tea and coffee will be provided.

YOUTH SONG AT ST TERESA'S FEAST. Are you in P5-S4 and happy to sing along/ play instruments with other youths at St Teresa's feast day Mass, Thursday, 1st October? Interested? Come to a brief rehearsal after Mass on Sunday, 20th and 27th September, in the church. Come along with any musical instrument you can play. Come, sing a song to St. Teresa. Thanks.

RETIRED PRIESTS FUND. A Special Collection for the Retired Priests Fund will be taken at Masses, Sunday 13th September. The Fund ensures a dignified retirement for our clergy after they have dedicated a lifetime of service to Christ, His Church and His People. They've been there for us. Thank you for being there for them. Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of the Church.

APPRECIATION! We thank all our St. Teresa's family for their huge participation at the parish celebration of the Birthday of our Blessed Mother, Mary, last Tuesday. The Mass was solemn and multicultural, with the intercessory prayers and hymns in different languages, and the variety of food in the hall which came from the many cultures shared in our community. It was truly a proud moment for our community. Thank you.

ST TERESA'S NURSERY CLASS statutory Consultation is having a public meeting on Tuesday 22nd September at 6 pm in St Teresa's RC Primary School. You are specially invited to share your views on the significance, needs and future of the nursery class. Thanks to all who have followed up on the consultation and shared their views.

ABABA PROJECT: Thank you all for the loose change collection for the Ababa Project, which raised £219.30 on Sunday, 6th September. Thank you.



ABABA PROJECT. Thank you to all our sponsors for your commitment and loyalty in the past years. As we look forward to the year ahead, we are excited to see the changes we can make in the lives of more children. Please advise us of your renewal and let us have your cheque/cash for the usual £240, or your normal amount, monthly by green envelope. If anyone would like to begin sponsoring, don't hesitate to let someone know. Have a word with Fr Uchenna, Beatrice (07803242372), or any member of The Ababa Project Team.

GALLOWAY DIOCESE NEWS is out. Please pick up your free copy today at the back of the church. 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.

CRIFFEL SPONSORED WALK by Fr Uchenna is only days away (19th September). Many have taken up the challenge to sponsor him and many more are joining the walk. More sponsorships or walks are welcome to raise the funds for our church. See the sponsorship sheet at the back of the Church or scan the QR code in our newsletter for a cashless donation. "Every Little Helps!"

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.

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.

VIDEO COVERAGE. This September, we shall take some video recordings at Masses to make parish promotional materials online. Similar to our Livestreaming coverage, clips will be taken from the back of the church to ensure that people's faces are not readily seen. Photos may be taken outside, as people are leaving the church. You are welcome to sit at the back of the church this September if you don't wish to appear in the photos. Thanks



Two little brothers, Harry and James, had finished supper and were playing until bedtime. Somehow, Harry hit James with a stick, and tears and bitter words followed. Charges and accusations were still being exchanged as their mother prepared them for bed. She said, "Now boys, what would happen if either of you died tonight and you never had the opportunity again for forgiving one another?" James spoke up, "Well, OK, I'll forgive him tonight, but if we're both alive in the morning, he'd better look out."

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



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

Thank You



ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE P7 INFORMATION EVENING

Thursday 24th September 2026

6.30 pm - 8.30 pm

All P7 pupils and their parents/carers welcome

- Find out about our school and how we support young people throughout their secondary education.

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



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