

MASS TEXT

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

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

OT Read: Ezekiel 33:7-9

RP: 94

O that today you would listen to
his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.

NT Read: Romans 13:8-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ reconciling the
world to himself, and entrusting to
us the message of reconciliation.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

PREFACE: VI

EUCH. PRAYER: II

13th September 2026
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

OT Read: Sirach 27:30-28:7

RP: 102

NT Read: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. Teresa's: **£578.16**
Holy Trinity & St. Luke's: **£183.50**
*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.

Go and Talk ...

If my brother com-
mits a sin against me,
I must treat him chari-
tably and first of all,
speak to him privately, pointing out that what he has said
or done is wrong. This approach is known as "fraternal
correction": it is not a reaction to the offence suffered
but is motivated by love for one's brethren. (...) And
what if my brother does not listen to me? In today's
Gospel Jesus points to a gradual approach: first, speak to
him again with two or three others, the better to help him
realize what he has done; if, in spite of this, he still re-
fuses to listen, it is necessary to tell the community; and
if he refuses to listen even to the community, he must be
made to perceive that he has cut himself off (...). Each
person, aware of his own limitations and shortcomings,
is called to accept fraternal correction and to help others
with this specific service. Another fruit of love in the
community is unanimous prayer. Jesus said: (...) where
two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the
midst of them" (Mt 18:19-20). Personal prayer is of
course important, indeed indispensable, but the Lord
guarantees his presence to the community — even if it is
very small — which is united and in agreement, because
this reflects the very reality of the Triune God, perfect
communion of love. (...) We should practise both fraternal
correction — which demands deep humility and sim-
plicity of heart — and prayer so that it may rise to God
from a community truly united in Christ.

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The Memorare

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that anyone
who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or
sought thy intercession was left unaided.
Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee,
O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do
I come; before thee I stand, sinful and
sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, des-
pise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and
answer me. Amen.

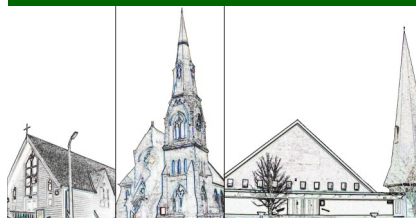
By St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 6th 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: II - Psalter: III

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

Saturday 5th September - St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)
(1st, 3rd & 5th Sat. in St. Teresa's)

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

10.00 am – **St T. - Mass** - People of the Parish

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

5.00 pm – **St. L. - Vigil Mass** - Neil & Isabella Forrest, RIP

Sunday 6th September - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

9.30 am – **HTL - Mass** – B. G. - Wellbeing

11.30 am – **St. T. - Mass** – Young people of the Parish
- Shiela McDonald, RIP

Monday 7th September - Feria

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

10.00 am – **St. T. – Mass** - Anna McNaught, RIP, Anni

Tuesday 8th September - Nativity of the BVM

6.30 pm – **St. T. - Rosary, Bene. & Mass** - Families. Parish

Wednesday 9th September - St. Peter Claver

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

10.00 am – **HTL – Mass** - Elizabeth Robertson, RIP, Anni

10.00 am – **St. A. – Mass**

Thursday 10th September - Feria

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

10.00 am – **St. T. – Anne Denise Magee, RIP, B'D Anni**

Friday 11th September - Feria

10.00 am – **St. A. - Mass**

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

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

THE BIRTHDAY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY reminds us of God's beautiful plan, preparing Mary as the pure vessel to bear Jesus Christ. Throughout history, many stories recount the Lord's intervention through her intercession for Healing Miracles, Protection, and Answered Prayers. This is a special feast for the Spiritans (Congregation of the Holy Ghost), who are dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and make their First Religious Profession on this day.

You are invited to **the Feast Day Mass, Tuesday, 8th September, from 6.30 pm**, starting with the Marian prayer/ Candlelight service at the Marian altar and Mass at St Teresa's church, followed by tea/ coffee/ potluck in the hall. All are welcome.

ST TERESA'S NURSERY CLASS invites you to a Drop-In Session, a school Consultation process on the needs and future of the nursery. All are invited to attend on Tuesday 8th September, from 2.30 pm – 6 pm at St Teresa's Primary School. A pupil, Fallon, would like to speak to us about the difference your participation will make. Thank you, Fallon.

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.*

CRIFFEL SPONSORED WALK. Fr Uchenna is taking the challenge to do 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 Reg & Sponsorship form. 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. "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.

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

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.

ABABA PROJECT: There will be a loose change collection for the Ababa Project today Sunday, 6th September. Thank you.



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.

CHURCH HEATING APPEAL. Thank you for being so generous at last Sunday's special collection for the church heating/ building fund, which raised £403.18. God bless.

100 CLUB. Congratulations to the winners of the August draw:

1st Prize: Michael Bentley;

2nd Prize: Maureen Taylor; 3rd Prize: Carlo Rinaldi.

New members are welcome; only £2 per month. Please complete the form on the church porch or contact Irene (after the Mass) in the Church Hall. Proceeds go to church funds.

THE RETIRED CLERGY SUPPORT FUND provides care for priests in their retirement and time of ill health. A gift to this fund will ensure 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. Let us be there for them. Special Collection for Retired Priests takes place on Sunday 13th September. Gift Aid envelopes will be available at the back of the Church.

YOUTH (P5-S4) EVENING: Save the date! Our Diocesan Youth Evenings for P5-S4 start back on Sunday 27th September from 5.00 – 7.00 pm in St Teresa's, Dumfries.

BISHOP FRANK NEEDS A NEW CHRISTMAS CARD: Is your child in P5-S4? Help Bishop Frank get ready for Christmas by designing his Christmas Card! Draw your favourite Christmas-themed design and send it along with your child's name and year to christmas@rcdg.org.uk – the winning design will be Bishop Frank's Christmas Card for 2026 and available to buy from the Youth Office store, with the winner receiving printed cards, their design on a set of Christmas Baubles, and a certificate from Bishop Frank! Closing date for entries Friday, 9th October, with the winner announced in mid-October.



A pastor preached a wonderful sermon, saying we should love our enemies. And, when he got through, he asked, "Is there anybody in the congregation who can truthfully say that he or she has no enemies?" An old gentleman got up right underneath the pulpit, and he said, "Father, I ain't got no enemies." So, the Pastor tells the congregation, "Let's listen. This man has the secret. He can teach us something. Go ahead, sir, now tell us how we do that." "Oh," he said, "it ain't hard. You see, I've outlived all those rascals."

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

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



SCAN ME!