# **MASS TEXT**

**Sunday Year C** Weekday Cycle I Divine Office: Vol. 3. Week I

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

OT Read: Malachi 4:1-2a

**RP: 97** 

The Lord comes to judge the peoples with fairness.

NT Read: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

## Alleluia, alleluia!

Straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 21:5-19

PREFACE: IV **EUCH. PRAYER: II** 

23rd November 2025 Christ the King, Solemnity

OT Read: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

**RP: 121** 

NT Read: Colossians 1:12-20 Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. Teresa's: £702.11 Holy Trinity & St. Luke's: £222.70 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 requires assistance or needs to talk, please call on the Parish number.

Today, too, in fact, there are false "saviours" who attempt to replace Jesus: worldly leaders, religious gurus, even sorcerers, people who wish to attract hearts and minds to themselves, especially those of young people. Jesus warns us: "Do not follow them, do not follow them!".



The Lord also helps us not to be afraid in the face of war, revolution, natural disasters and epidemics. Jesus frees us from fatalism and false apocalyptic visions. The second aspect challenges us as Christians and as a Church: Jesus predicts that his disciples will have to suffer painful trials and persecution for his sake. He reassures them, however, saying: "Not a hair of your head will perish" (v. 18).

This reminds us that we are completely in God's hands! The trials we encounter for our faith and our commitment to the Gospel are occasions to give witness; we must not distance ourselves from the Lord, but instead abandon ourselves even more to him, to the power of his Spirit and his grace.

- Pope Francis, Angelus, 17 November 2013

# Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell, Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

## **KEEP IN PRAYER the recently deceased members:**

Liam Murray, Daphne Little, Catriona J. Lau, Rosie Biggin, Delia Moscardini, Joan White, Laurie Howell, John McKay, Tony Ade A. Egede, RIP. We pray for them, and their families.

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

# Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) – 16th November 2025



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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 C - Cycle 1 - 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 15th - St. Albert the Great, Bishop, Dr.

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

10.00 am - St T. - Mass - James Butterworth, Wellbeing 10.30 am - St. T. - Reconciliation, Adoration & Bene.

5.00 pm - St. L. -Vigil Mass - Edward Duffy, MM

## Sunday 16th November - 33rd Sunday in OT

9.30 am - HTL - Mass - Margaret Hart, RIP, 1st Anni

11.30 am - St. T.- Mass - Vincent Kelly, RIP

6.00 pm - St. T.- Mass - Youth (P6-S4), Talk. Games. Pizza

# Monday 17th November - St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Rel

10.00 am - St. T. - Mass - Catherine Mary McCulloch, RIP

Tuesday 18th November - Feria

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

10.00 am - St. T. - Mass - Michael Kelly, RIP

## Wednesday 19th November - Feria

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

10.00 am - HTL- Mass - Jim McLaughlin, RIP

10.00 am - St. A. - Mass

7. 00 pm - St. T. - Divine Office - Evening Prayer (Vespers)

#### Thursday 20th November - Feria

10.00 am - St. T.- Mass - Edward Duffy, RIP, Anni

Friday 21st November - Presentation of the BVM

10.00 am - St. A. - Mass

# Saturday 22nd November - St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr.

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

10.00 am - St A- Mass

5.00 pm - St. L. Vigil Mass - Catherine Coyle, RIP, Anni

Sunday 23rd November - Christ the King, Solemnity

9.30 am - HTL - Mass - Rosina Baird, RIP, Anni

11.30 am - St. T.- Mass - Nora Walsh, RIP

6.30 pm - **Joint Evening Prayers** at St Andrew's Dumfries

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! **BAPTISM.** Today, we welcome for baptism our new youngest member, NATHANIEL THOMAS. His parents, SNEHA SAJI & BIJA GEORGE, will present him and declare their intentions before the community after our Mass. We pray for Nathaniel and his parents and sponsors.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of MRS CATHERINE MARY MCCULLOCH, who has sadly died. We send our sincere condolences and prayers to her family & friends. Her funeral Mass is on Monday, 24th November 2025, at 10 am, in the church. Interment follows at 11.15 am, St Andrews Cemetery. All are welcome to attend and pray for her.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will take place today in the hall.

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. You are welcome.

**DUMFRIES CATHOLIC CHURCHES** invites you to a joint prayer service to mark the Jubilee Year, with the Evening Prayer of Christ the King (Vespers) on Sunday, 23rd November, from 6.30 pm, at St Andrew's, followed by a Tea/ Social in the hall. All are invited to attend with family. friends, and the Christians across Dumfries.

MRS JEANNETTE TURNER sends her gratitude to all for Masses, prayers, visits, and cards during her stay in hospital and recuperation at home. She continues to improve and will pray for you all.

#### ST TERESA'S SCHOOL. DRESS REHEARSAL -

Christmas show. Parishioners are invited to join the school for their dress rehearsal of 'Lights, Camera, Action' on Wednesday, 10th December 1.30 pm

NURSERY OPEN AFTERNOON on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November, from I pm - 3 pm at St Teresa's School, Lockside Rd Do you have a child born between 01.03.23 and 28.02.24? We would love to welcome you to our open afternoon to

meet the nursery staff, see the learning environment, stay and play and ask any questions you may have. You are welcome!

The church Parish Christmas Dinner: On is Friday, 12th December at 7 pm. Two-course Christmas dinner costs Adults £20.00, Children under 12 years £10.00. Money For quiet and prayer paid by the 7th December. This Mondays/ Tuesdays

the Church.

**Heating Appeal** 

Our church's old boilers/ radiators are being replaced with a more energy-efficient system at £40,500. While we are excited that this will offer a warm and welcoming space for all, we need to raise funds to ensure St Teresa's is there for future generations, so we are asking for your support, however small or large.

## Can You Help? Donate by:

Online:

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"RCDG ST TERESA'S **DUMFRIES**"

Cash: use the H. Appeal envelope

£18.348k £40.500 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

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

Thank You

#### HEATING FUNDRAISING ideas

You can DO: Sponsored events -Walks/ Park Runs/ Sleep-outs/ Cake Sales/ Silence/ Bungee Jumping/ Skydiving, etc. - Contact the office Enter for St Teresa's Talent Show on Saturday, 29th November, and raise fund for the heating while having fun. Pick a form at the back of the church.

Special Collection at Mass on last Sunday of the month: 30th November

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is open to everyone in the parish. Sign up on the sheet at the back of

**YOUTH (P6-S4) EVENINGS:** The next monthly Cluster Youth Evening for all in P6-S4 takes place in St Teresa's, Dumfries, on Sunday 16th November. They will reflect on 'The Saints: Who are they and why do they matter?'. Young people are invited to come dressed up as their favourite saint, with a prize for the best costume. The evening runs from 5.00 - 7.00 pm.

PRISONERS' WEEK 16 - 23 NOVEMBER. The theme "Crossroads: What Next?" encourages Christians everywhere to pray for prisoners and their families, victims of crime and their communities and those working or volunteering in the criminal justice system.

The Prisoners' Families Christmas Appeal is on. This year, all are invited to kindly donate to the HMP Dumfries Common Good Fund, using the special envelopes at the back of the church. The fund benefits every prisoner and their children.

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, 25th November, from 6.15 pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. Thanks

MINIBUS TRIP: to Livingston on 19th November, leaving at 9 am. Limited places now available, so please sign up 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.

**PARISH ADVENT RETREAT.** On Saturday, 6° December, from 9.30 am – 2.30 pm. You are all invited, with your family and friends, to come away for a reflective weekend with the Lord.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Tickets are now available for sale. Please pick up raffle books from Irene after Mass at the back of the Church. Drawn on 7th December. 1st Prize £100, 2nd Prize Christmas Hamper, 3rd Prize £50.

**HAMPER:** for Christmas Raffle. If you would like to donate an item for the hamper, please put your name beside the item on the list at the back of the Church. Thank you.

ST TERESA'S GOT TALENT: If you can sing, recite poetry, dance, tell jokes, play an instrument, etc, we are looking for you. Sign up for St Teresa's Got Talent to be held on 29th November in the Church Hall. Pick up an entry form from the back of the church.

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING. All (new and long-serving) are invited to a meeting and training session in church, after Mass on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> November. Please, could parents, as always, give them the support to attend?

CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUNDAY will be celebrated next Sunday, and a special collection will be taken in support of the Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES)

One day, a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her head. She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, "Why are some of your hairs white, mom?" Her mother replied, "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me unhappy, one of my hairs turns white." The little girl thought for a while, and said, "Momma, how come that grandma's head is full of white

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



Thursdays/ Saturdays 9.00 am - 5.30 pm