

# MASS TEXT

Sunday Year A  
Weekday Cycle II  
Divine Office: Vol. 1. Week IV

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

**OT Read:** Isaiah 7:10-14

**RP:** 23

Let the Lord enter;  
He is the king of glory.

**NT Read:** Romans 1:1-7

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Behold, the virgin shall conceive  
and bear a son, and they shall call  
his name Emmanuel — which  
means, God with us. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Matthew 1:18-24

**PREFACE:** Advent II  
**EUCH. PRAYER:** II

**28th December 2024**  
**The Holy Family (A)**

**OT Read:** Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

**RP:** 127

**NT Read:** Colossians 3:12-17

**Gospel:** Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. Teresa's: **£644.61**  
Holy Trinity & St. Luke's: **£208.99**  
*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.

## KNOCK, KNOCK

"Let the Lord enter;  
He is King of glory."

– Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 24:9)

God attempted to enter into the lives of four people  
in today's Mass readings. The first, King Ahaz of  
Judah, did not let the Lord enter into his life (Is  
7:12). The other three, St. Paul, St. Joseph, and the  
Blessed Virgin Mary, let the Lord enter their lives  
and take charge of all their plans (see Rm 1:1; Mt  
1:20-24).

Today's psalm response urges us to "let the Lord en-  
ter" (see Ps 24:9). The Lord stands at the door of  
your life, knocking (Rv 3:20). He has a plan for your  
life (Heb 11:40; Jer 29:11), and He wants to enter in.  
His plan will change your life and turn it around.

The innkeepers of Bethlehem did not let the Lord  
enter (Lk 2:7). Many people in the secular culture  
refuse to let the Lord enter. None of us is "worthy to  
have [the Lord] enter" into our lives (Lk 7:6). Yet the  
Lord stands knocking at your door (Rv 3:20). Will  
you open the door and "let the Lord enter" into your  
life?

*"Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my  
roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be  
healed" (Mt 8:8).*

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### O Radiant

Dawn, splendour of eternal light, sun of justice:  
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and  
in the shadow of death.

### O King

of all nations and keystone of the Church: come  
and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

### O Emmanuel

our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord.

### KEEP IN PRAYER the recently deceased members:

Joan White, Laurie Howell, John McKay, Tony Ade A. Egede,  
Giovanna Toni, Patrick McGlone, Catherine Sweeney, Cathe-  
rine M. McCulloch, Catherine Lavery, RIP. We pray for them.



## Fourth Sunday of Advent (A) - 21st December 2025



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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 C - Cycle 1 - Eucharistic Prayer: II - Psalter: IV**

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

### Saturday 20th December - Feria

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

10.00 am - **St T. - Mass** - Young Couples/ Families, P. Int.

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

5.00 pm - **St. L. - Vigil Mass** - Tony Green, Well-being

### Sunday 21st December - 4th Sunday of Advent (A)

9.30 am - **HTL - Mass** - John Furlonger, Well-being

11.30 am - **St. T. - Mass** - Barbara Wilkinson, RIP, Anni

- Fr. Noel Colahan, HBD, 90th

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

### Monday 22nd December - Feria

10.00 am - **St. T. - Mass** - Catherine Dunne, HBD, 87th

### Tuesday 23rd December - Feria

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

10.00 am - **St. T. - Mass** - Tommy Hughes, Rem

### Wednesday 24th December - Feria

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

10.00 am - **HTL - Mass** - Nora Scott (Nee Holmes), RIP

6.00 pm - **St. T. - Vigil Mass** - Paul Joseph Brown, RIP

9.00 pm - **St. L. - Vigil Mass** - Willie/James Hiddleston, RIP

### Thursday 25th December - Christmas Day

9.30 am - **HTL - Mass** - Joan White, RIP

11.30 am - **St. T. - Mass** - Mary Renwick, RIP, B'd Rem

### Friday 26th December - St Stephen, The 1st Martyr

10.00 am - **St. T. - Mass** - Altar Servers/ Volunteers

### Saturday 27th December - St. John, Apostle, Evangelist

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

10.00 am - **St A - Mass**

5.00 pm - **St. L. Vigil Mass** - Families in the Parish

### Sunday 28th December - The Holy Family of J. M & J.

9.30 am - **HTL - Mass** - Families in the Parish

11.30 am - **St. T. - Mass** - Patrick McQuillan, RP

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

**YOUTH EVENING** (P6-S4) takes place on Sunday, 21st December. We'll be reflecting on the theme of 'Advent & Christmas' and how we can prepare to welcome Christ this Christmas. The selections of fun, games, and activities are all led by our Junior Leaders. We begin with Mass at 5.00 pm, and continue in the hall at 5.30 pm.

**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

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** will take place today in the Baptistry Room. Thanks to our volunteers.

**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.

**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, am. 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

**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.



**'AWAY IN A MANGER'** Fr. Uchenna hopes to be away on holiday after the Christmas festivities. I am sure Deacon Willie and Fr. Francis will look after you all, and please look after them too. Thanks.

**THANK YOU FOR ALL THE GIFTS.** Our parish clergy team, Deacon Willie, Fr Francis and Fr Uchenna would like to sincerely thank you for all the cards and gifts they have received from Parishioners this Christmas. It is very much appreciated. God bless your thoughtfulness, support and generosity. *Wishing you all a very peaceful, holy and faith-filled Christmas... and a very Happy Year, 2026*



## 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

£23,606k £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: 28th December

## 2025 ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS DATES

### MASSES OVER CHRISTMAS

WED. 24TH DECEMBER

10.00 am Mass - Holy Trinity, Lockerbie, with Adoration/ Bene at 9.30 am

**CHRISTMAS EVE - VIGIL: WED. 24TH DECEMBER**

6.00 pm - Mass - St Teresa's Dumfries (Carols from 5.30 pm)

9.00 pm - Mass - St Luke's Moffat

**Thursday 25th DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS DAY**

9.30 am - Mass - Holy Trinity, Lockerbie

11.30 am - Mass - St Teresa's Dumfries

**Friday 26th DECEMBER - BOXING DAY**

10.00 am - Mass - St Teresa's Dumfries

**Thursday 1ST JANUARY - NEW YEAR'S DAY**

10.00 am - Mass - Holy Trinity, Lockerbie

12.00 pm - Mass - St Teresa's Dumfries

*Mass Intentions are most welcome for these Christmas Masses*



**CHRISTMAS SERVICE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.** We wish to have a Special Collection taken at our Christmas Vigil Mass in support of our Church Heating Fund. The Special Collection on Christmas Day Mass will be shared among the four charities that we support at this time of the year: 1: St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society. 2: Justice & Peace. 3: Pro-Life, and 4: our Parish Ababa Project. These good causes benefit greatly from your Christmas gifts. Thanks.

### BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2025

As we celebrate the great Feast of Christmas and also to the end of our Jubilee Year, the word that unites both things is Hope, a hope that is not an aspiration, but a sure and certain thing rooted in the presence and love of God. Pope Leo spoke of this in an Advent Angelus address: "Sisters and brothers, how much the world needs this hope! Nothing is impossible to God. Let us prepare ourselves for his Kingdom, let us welcome it. The little child, Jesus of Nazareth, will lead us! He who placed himself in our hands, from the night of his birth to the dark hour of his death on the cross, shines upon our history as the rising Sun. A new day has begun: let us arise and walk in his light!"

As I wish you and your families a happy and holy Christmas, let our prayer be that the Light of Christ will dispel the darkness of hurt and despair in those who are struggling, and that the hope that only Christ can bring will be felt in the hearts of all people. **+Frank Dougan**

**BIG "THANK YOU" TO ALL OUR HELPERS.** Many people have contributed to the preparation of the liturgy for Christmas, the cleaning and decorating of our Parish Churches and all that goes on behind the scenes for our Celebration of Advent and Christmas. A huge thank you for all the effort, time and creativity. God bless you!



**A Beautiful Diamond Ring for Christmas:** A guy bought his wife a beautiful diamond ring for Christmas. A friend of his said, "I thought she wanted one of those sporty 4-Wheel drive vehicles." "She did," he replied. "But where in the heck was I gonna find a fake Jeep?"

**Mass Offering/ Donations**  
No Cash, No problem  
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