

MASS TEXT

Sunday Cycle B
Weekday Cycle II
Divine Office: Vol. 1 Week 2

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

OT Read: Is. 40:1-5,9-11

RP: 84. Let us see, O Lord,
your mercy and give us
your saving help.

NT Read: 2 Peter 3: 8 - 14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,
And all mankind shall see the
salvation of God. Alleluia**

Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8

PREFACE: I of Advent
EUCH. PRAYER: II

17th December 2023
3rd Sunday of Advent (B)

OT Read: Is. 61: 1 - 2: 10 - 11

RP: Lk. 1: 46 - 50. 53 - 54

NT Read: 1Thes. 5: 16 - 24

Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-28

WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. Teresa's: £476.89

Holy Trinity & St Luke's: £196.17

*Thank you so much everyone
for your generous support.*

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.

How to Prepare a Way ...

Each year the two middle Sundays of Advent centre on John the Baptist, preparing the way for Jesus. John came to prepare a community of repentance who would be ready for the Messiah. This was to be a community not of those who went around moping about their sinfulness, but a community of those who had changed their ways and their whole system of values and priorities.

Mark describes how people from "the whole of Judean countryside and.... Jerusalem" were traveling to have John baptize them "as they acknowledged their sins." What are my sins that I need to acknowledge during this Advent season? What barriers do I need to dismantle so I can prepare my heart for Jesus? What is preventing me from becoming someone who can "organize a world according to God's heart"?

The Hebrew concept which he proclaimed was a matter of turning round and going in the opposite direction. To be ready for the Messiah meant – and still means – such a radical change of attitude. John himself had prepared by going out into the desert, for the Messiah was to come striding across the desert, as did Israel at the exodus. John's clothing and his whole way of life showed his rejection of current materialism and his single-minded dedication.

Lastly, and this is for all of us who are over-achievers and overly responsible, think back to what John the Baptist said in today's Gospel. John was very clear about what his role was: "I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." John was preparing the world for Jesus, our Redeemer. Instead of capitalizing on his newfound 'fame', John humbly continued to fulfil the mission given to him. John helps me realize that I don't have to do everything, I just need to do my part. Spending time with God will clarify my 'role' in these troubled times.

KEEP IN PRAYER the recently deceased members:
Elizabeth Robertson, George Denholm- RIP
Phyllis Hart, John Ruane, Libby Bousfield RIP
We remember them and their families in our prayers.

Second Sunday of Advent (B) - 10th December 2023



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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 B - Cycle II - Eucharistic Prayer: II - Psalter: II

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

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

Saturday 9th December - Feria

(2nd & 4th Sat. in St Andrews)

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

5.00 pm - **St. L.** Mass – Joanna Boor, RIP

Sunday 10th December - 2nd Sunday of Advent

9.30 am – **HTL** - Mass – Andrew Jardine, RIP, 10th Anni

11.30 am – **St. T.** - Mass – Maureen Findlay

Monday 11th December – Feria

10.00 am – **St. T.** - Mass – Libby Bousfield, RIP

Tuesday 12th December - Feria

9.30 am – **St. T.** – Rosary & Adoration

10.00 am – **St. T.** – Mass - Phyllis Hart, RIP

7.00 pm - St. T. - Bible Study/ Lectio Divina

Wednesday 13th December – St. Lucy, Memorial

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

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

10.00 pm – **St A.** – Mass

Thursday 14th December - St John of The Cross, M.

10.00 am – **St. T.** - Mass – Elizabeth Robertson, RIP

Friday 15th December -

10.00 am – **St. A.** – Mass

10.00 am - St. T. - Funeral Mass - John Ruane, RIP

Saturday 16th December – Feria

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

10.00 am - **St T.** - Mass - Holy Ghost Fathers & Brothers

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

5.00 pm - **St. L.** - Mass - May Kane, RIP

Sunday 17th December - 3rd Sunday of Advent

9.30 am – **HTL** - Mass – Young Families of the Parish

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

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

BAPTISM. Today, we welcome for baptism our new youngest member, MIA ANNE-MARIE TAIT. Her parents, LAUREN & JONATHAN TAIT will present her and declare their intentions before the community at the beginning of the Mass. We pray for Mia and her parents and sponsors.

YOUTH ADVENT EVENT : “Prepare Ye the Way” is an EPIC gathering for all young people P4 – S6 in our parish for friendship, games, fellowship, prayers and Advent discussions, in the Church Hall, on Monday 11th December, from 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm until 8.00 pm. You are welcome to come along with your friends.

LECTIO DIVINA - St Mark. This Liturgical Year B features the Gospel of Mark, you may like to join our Advent study and prayer with St. Mark on Tuesday, 12th Dec. from 7.00 pm, at St Teresa's Church Baptistery Room. All are welcome!

FINANCE COMMITTEE. We are happy to reconstitute our Parish Finance Committee, a key element for promoting the financial health of our parish, assuring accountability and assisting in the administration of temporal goods of the parish. They will meet on Thursday 14th Dec. from 7.00 pm, at St Teresa's Church Baptistery Room.

TASTE OF CHRISTMAS after last Sunday's Mass was a success, with many who turned up with families and friend. Many thanks for coming, and raising £289.30.

ST. VINCENT DE PAU SOCIETY. Thanks to our parishioners who contributed to the SVDP Charity. 3 Hampers and Toys have also been donated, and they have now been handed over to 3 families. A donation of bedding has also been given to households. All were pleased. In the next few weeks, we will send out 37 Christmas cards on your behalf. Thank you. We wish everyone at St Teresa's a peaceful and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL FOR PRISONERS' FAMILY. Thanks to all who have made donations to this cause. They are grateful to you for helping them connect with their families with the gift of Christmas.

CHURCH FACILITIES – The cost of the refurbishment works on the Baptistery Room, the church roof/ gutters/ drains, and later, the sanding of the church hall floor is over £6,000.00. I thank all those who are contributing to the cost or plan to. We have now raised £300. Thank you. Please contact Fr Uchenna, if you can or want to support any of the parish projects.

CHURCH CLEANING: More volunteers are needed to assist with the cleaning of our church. Can you help dust, sweep, mop, or vacuum the inside of the church and/or the Hall? You and your family/friends can choose the time/day of the week that suits you, and do the much as you can. Please speak to the cleaning team, Sandra or Fr Uchenna for access and the tasks tracker. Thank you.

BAPTISTERY ROOM is now used for group meetings and Masses on Mondays, Tuesday and Thursdays. This reduces our Carbon Footprints, though we may well lose the livestreaming of Weekday Masses. Thanks to all who volunteered their time and energy, and made donations towards it. You can donate now to cover the cost.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

All are welcome

Sun. 10th Dec. - 6.30 pm - Carol Service - St Luke's, Moffat
Mon 11th Dec. – 6.30 pm – Youth Advent Event – St Teresa's Church Hall
Tues. 12th Dec - 7.00 pm - Advent Reflection, St. Mark - St Teresa's Baptistery Rm
Thurs. 21st Dec – 7.00 pm – Holy Trinity - Lockerbie Remembrance Service
Sat. 23rd Dec. – 6.00 pm - Carols at Lockerbie Town Hall

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Wed. 13th Dec. - 7. 00 pm -Holy Trinity, Lockerbie
Sat. 16th Dec. - 4.00 pm - St Luke's Moffat
Mon. 18th Dec. - 7.00 pm – St Teresa's Dumfries



MASSES OVER CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY 24th DECEMBER - 4TH Sunday of Advent:
5.00 pm Vigil Mass – St Luke's Moffat
9.30 am – Mass - Holy Trinity, Lockerbie
11.30 am Mass - St Teresa's Dumfries

CHRISTMAS EVE - VIGIL:

6.00 pm – Mass - St Teresa's Dumfries (Carols from 5.30 pm)
9.00 pm – Mass – St Luke's Moffat



MONDAY 25th DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30 am – Mass – Holy Trinity, Lockerbie
11.30 am – Mass – St Teresa's Dumfries



MONDAY 1ST JANUARY – NEW YEAR 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.



The Sunday school teacher is a little concerned that his kids might be a little confused about Jesus, so he asks his class, “Where is Jesus today?”
Suzy replies, “He’s in heaven.”

Mary replies, “He’s in my heart.”

Little Johnny says, “He’s in the bathroom!”

The teacher says, “How do you know this?”

Then Little Johnny says, “Well, every morning, my father gets up, bangs on the bathroom door, and yells, ‘Jesus Christ are you still in there!’”