

MASS TEXT

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

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

OT Read: 1 Kings 3:5-6a, 7-12

RP: 118

O Lord, how I love your law!

NT Read: Romans 8:28-30

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I thank you, Father, Lord of
heaven and earth, you have
revealed the secrets of the
kingdom to little children. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

PREFACE: VI

EUCH. PRAYER: II

2nd August 2026
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

OT Read: Isaiah 55:1-3

RP: 144

NT Read: Romans 8:35, 37-39

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. Teresa's: **£593.03**

Holy Trinity & St. Luke's: **£198.50**

*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 success of casinos and state
lotteries is a witness to our hope
that somehow, we might strike it
rich without effort. The chance of
a lifetime, the unhopd-for occa-
sion, is to discover in Jesus the kingdom of heaven. To
attain that treasure we must take the risk of a speculator
and sell all that we have in order to buy that which holds
the promise of greater wealth. Woe to those who label as
foolishness that which is profound wisdom, the ability to
appreciate and search for real wealth. "Ask yourself",
says Newman, "if the Kingdom would disappear, would
you change anything in your life? If you see nothing that
you would change, it is because you have risked nothing
for Christ and the Kingdom".

A life risked for Christ and the kingdom is the demand
made by baptism. Social, professional, and even family
life are lived within parameters. Only the Christian life
is an absolute. The passion for Christ must submerge all
other controlling factors in our lives. For the one who
wishes to follow Christ must sell all, refusing to tolerate
the least measure of hypocrisy or compromise.

Selling all for Christ does not denigrate freedom. Sacri-
fice and detachment are the necessary consequences of
attachment to Jesus in whom are all the treasures of wis-
dom and knowledge. More than any great cause, Jesus
excites within us great joy, all the joy of the world: the
joy of the world: the joy of discovering the meaning of
life, the joy of finding ourselves engaged in the adven-
ture of holiness. © Vienna International Religious Centre

Prayer for Grandparents - Pope Benedict XVI

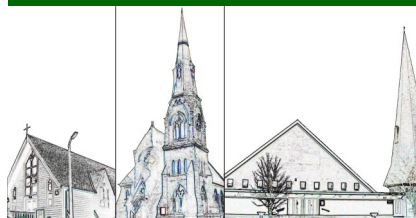
Lord Jesus, help families and society to value
always the presence and role of grandparents.
May theyalways encounter respect and love.
Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed
in all the years of life which you give them.
Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents
constantly in your care, accompany them on their
earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all
families may one day be reunited in our heavenly
homeland, where you await all humanity for the great
embrace of life without end. 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!

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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 26th July 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: I

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

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

Saturday 25th July – St. Benedict, Abbot, Co-Patron of Europe
(2nd & 4th Sat. in St Andrew's)

10.00 am - **St A – Mass**

5.00 pm - **St. L. Vigil Mass** – Grandparents & the Elderly

Sunday 26th July - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

9.30 am - **HTL - Mass** – Allan Brown, RIP, Anni

11.30 am - **St. T.- Mass** – Marie Montgomery, RIP
- Grandparents & the Elderly

Monday 27th July - Feria

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

10.00 am – **St. T. – Mass** - Marie Montgomery, RIP

Tuesday 28th July - Feria

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

10.00 am – **St. T. – Mass** - William (Willie) Murtagh, RIP

Wednesday 29th July - Ss. Martha, Mary & Lazarus

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

10.00 am – **HTL – Mass** - Volunteers of the Parish

11.00 am – St. T. – Funeral Mass-Marie Montgomery, RIP

Thursday 30th July - St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Dr.

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

10.00 am – **St. T. – Communion Service**

Friday 31st July - St. Ignatius Loyola, Priest.

10.00 am – **St. A. - Mass**

Saturday 1st August - Alphonsus Mary de' Liguori, Bishop, Dr.

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

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

10.00 am - **St T. - Mass** - Michael Brown, Wellbeing

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

5.00 pm - **St. L. - Vigil Mass** - Sick and Housebound

Sunday 2nd August - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

9.30 am - **HTL - Mass** – Novara Copolla, HBD, Wellbeing

11.30 am - **St. T.- Mass** – Spiritans in Challenging Missions
- Marie Montgomery, RIP

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY, Sunday, 26th July, we celebrate, pray, and "devote adequate time to actually or virtually visit our grandparents and elderly brothers and sisters in need or in difficulty," especially those who are sick, lonely or disabled. In 2021, Pope Francis established the celebration in recognition of Grandparents for their role and vocation in passing on their faith to the next generation. The National Commission for Marriage, Family and Life is marking the day at Carfin Grotto with Mass at 3 pm, celebrated by the commission's president, Bishop John Keenan.

CANONICAL VISITATION. This Sunday evening, 26th July, we welcome to our Dumfries community the Spiritan General Council team from Rome on their Canonical Visitation to our British Province, Holy Ghost Congregation. Fr. Jude Nnorom, the Second Assistant to the Superior General, leads the visit to accompany, animate, and strengthen the community and the Spiritans. We wish to **invite you to the Sunday Vespers (evening prayers) at 6.00 pm in St Teresa's Church, Dumfries, followed by tea/ coffee and an opportunity for Q&A** (question and answer) in the hall. Fr. Jude will celebrate the Monday 10.00 am Mass in the church, and you are warmly invited to the community worship.

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.

SCIAF - Venezuela Earthquake Appeal. As we head to the last week of this appeal, we are grateful to all who have made donations, which we will add to the £265 from our parish hardship fund. The Total will be passed on to SCIAF/ partners as they continue to provide food, water and other essentials to those most affected, offering a promise of hope and solidarity that those affected are not forsaken. If you can add to the appeal fund, drop your donation into the collections this weekend; please mark the envelope "SCIAF-Venezuela" or use the parish contactless donation device/ QR Code, or post the same through the parish office. Thank you.

CHURCH HEATING APPEAL. A special collection for the church heating/ building fund will be taken this Sunday (and every last Sunday of the month) 26th July. Thank you for your generosity as always.

SEA SUNDAY. Thank you for the £192.42 raised last week at the annual special collection to support the seafarers and fishers in need. Thank you all for your generosity, as always.

LECTIO DIVINA/ BIBLE STUDY/ PARISH ART GROUP – will all continue after the summer break.

WEDNESDAY LUNCH HUB: Will take place on Wednesday, 5th August, in the hall. This is for all parishioners and their friends, beginning with their complimentary lunch at 12.30 pm. Doors open from 12 noon going on till 3 pm. All are welcome. Thank you.

The Ababa Project: The small change collection for the Ababa Project will be taken next Sunday, 2nd August. Thank You.

The church is OPEN!

For quiet and prayer
Mondays/ Tuesdays
Thursdays/ Saturdays
9.00 am – 5.30 pm

BISHOP FRANK INVITES YOU TO...

WHITHORN

ANNUAL NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE

SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST

4.00 PM Mass on the Beach 4.45 PM Mass in Whithorn

The free bus leaves St Teresa's at 1.15 pm. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the Church. Please bring your packed lunch

QUIZ NIGHT. The social evening will be held on Friday 21st August at 7 pm. Entrance £3.00 adults, £1.50 Children under 12. Coffee, Tea & Biscuits included. If you would like to donate a Raffle Prize, please leave it in the box at the back of the Church. Thank you.

RACE NIGHT will be held in September (date to be arranged). 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 speak to a member of the entertainment committee. Thank you.

CARFIN

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE

SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

Joining with the Universal Church in marking 800 years since the death of St Francis of Assisi.

3.00 PM

Holy Mass at the Shrine

Celebrant and Homilist: Most Rev. William Nolan

NATIONAL SHRINE TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES, CARFIN, ML1 5AJ



preciated. Please leave items in the box/bag at the back of our church, where our parish SSVP collects and delivers your contributions each week.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH CHURCH IN YOUR WILL: As a parishioner of our beautiful Church, a place of worship, prayer and history, we ask you to consider leaving a legacy to the parish when you are making your Will. We are grateful for all generous donations at any time. This is a particular way of investing in the future of the Church. Thank you.

Pilgrimage for Life 2026. The annual **Pilgrimage for Life** will take place at **Carfin Grotto** on **Saturday 1 August 2026**, from 12.00 pm. Led by **Bishop John Keenan**, the day offers an opportunity for prayer, reflection and witness to the dignity and sanctity of every human life. Families are especially encouraged to attend. All are welcome.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO THE PRIESTHOOD? If you sense a vocation to be a Priest and would like support to discern this call, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Stephen McGrattan, at vocations@rcdg.org.uk or 01563 521832.



A wealthy socialite who travelled to Europe with several friends. Her husband stayed home and played the stock market. While in Paris, she found a fur coat that was the most beautiful she had ever seen. She sent a telegram to her husband that said, "Have found the perfect coat for only \$50,000. What do you think?" He responded immediately with a telegram saying, "No, price too high." Imagine his surprise when she returned home with that \$50,000 coat. The angry husband said, "Didn't you get my telegram?" "Yes," she said, "and here it is." — The husband had forgotten to put a period after the NO.

WE WISH ALL OUR VISITORS A VERY PLEASANT STAY

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



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

Thank You

FOOD BANK. Your contributions to this local initiative are much ap-

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

