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: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

RP: 95

Ascribe to the Lord
glory and power.

NT Read: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine as lights in the world,
holding fast to the word of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-2

PREFACE: IV
EUCH. PRAYER: II

25th October 2026
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

OT Read: Exodus 22:21-27
RP: 17
NT Read: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. Teresa's: **£602.05**
Holy Trinity & St. Luke's: **£154.00**
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.

Catholic across the world observe today as the 100th *World Mission Sunday.* Pope Pius XI instituted this in 1926 and since then the universal Church has dedicated the month of October to reflection on, and prayer for, the missions. We celebrate the Eucharist and to contribute to a collection for the work of evangelisation around the world. Of the 3000 dioceses in the world, about 1000 are missionary dioceses - they need assistance from more established dioceses to build catechetical programs, seminaries, Religious Communities, Chapels, Churches, orphanages, hospitals, and schools. This annual celebration gives us a chance to reflect on the importance of mission work for the life of the Church. It reminds us that we are one with the Church around the world and that we are all committed to carrying on the mission of Christ, however different our situations may be.

S.D. Gordon has a beautiful story about the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven. When the grand welcome ceremony was over, the Archangel Gabriel approached Jesus to resolve his doubts. But the whole world should know .... What is Your plan of action?" Jesus answered, "I have told all My Apostles to tell other people about Me and preach My Message through their lives. That's all." "Suppose they don't do that?" Gabriel asked. "What's your Plan B?" Jesus replied, "I have no other plan; I am counting on them." On this World Mission Sunday, the Church reminds us that Jesus is counting on each one of us to make Him known loved and accepted by others around us. © Fr. Anthony Kadavil,

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, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

By St. Bernard of Clairvaux

KEEP IN PRAYER the recently deceased members:
Wilma McQuade, Chris P. Loy, Patricia Rennie, Sylvia Coupland, Noreen Lilly, Marie Montgomery, Mina Murphy, Colin Wilkinson, Elsie Armstrong, Michael McCole, 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.

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 18th October 2026



The Catholic Parishes of
St Teresa's, Dumfries,
Holy Trinity, Lockerbie with St Luke's, Moffat.
Served by **THE SPIRITANS** (Holy Ghost Congregation)

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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.

Newsletter
Year A - Cycle 1I - 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 17th October - St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop
(1st, 3rd + 5th Sat. in St. Teresa's)
9.30 am – **St. T.** - **Divine Office** - Morning Prayer (Lauds)
10.00 am - **St T.** - **Mass** - Anne Stead, RIP
10.30 am - **St. T.** - Reconciliation, Adoration & Bene.
5.00 pm - **St. L. -Vigil Mass** - Charlie McCourt, RIP, Anni

Sunday 18th October - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
9.30 am - **HTL - Mass** – Alberto Coppola, RIP, 9th Anni
11.30 am - **St. T.- Mass** – Herbert Glanville Jones, RIP
- Elsie Armstrong, RIP

Monday 19th October - Feria
9.30 am – **St. T.** - Rosary, Adoration & Bene.
10.00 am – **St. T.** – **Mass** - Joseph Dougherty, RIP
- Ellen Gracie, RIP, B'D Rem

Tuesday 20th October - Feria
10.00 am – St. T. – Funeral Mass - Mina Murphy, RIP

Wednesday 21st October - Feria
9.30 am – **HTL** - Reconciliation, Adoration & Bene
10.00 am – **HTL** –**Mass** - Barbara Weir, RIP
10.00 am – **St. A.** – **Mass**

Thursday 22nd October - St. John Paul II, Pope
10.00 am – St. T. – Funeral Mass - Elsie Armstrong, RIP

Friday 23rd October - St. John of Capistrano, Priest
10.00 am – **St. A. - No Mass** today in the church

Saturday 24th October - Memorial of the BVM
(2nd & 4th Sat. in St Andrew's)
10.00 am - **St A – Mass**
5.00 pm - **St. L. Vigil Mass** - Margaret Hawthorne, P. Int'n

Sunday 25th October - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
9.30 am - **HTL - Mass** – Renita Crolla, Wellbeing
11.30 am - **St. T.- Mass** – Jack Nelson, RIP,
- Mary + James Branney, RIP
5.00 pm - St. T.– Mass. Youth (P5-S4), Talk. Games. Pizza

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!

MISSION SUNDAY. Today Catholics across the world unite in prayer and generosity for the Church's missionary work, with the theme: "One in Christ, One in Mission." There is a pastoral letter on the subject to accompany a special collection. A few wee reflective booklets on mission thoughts are available free of charge in the porch. Find also a Standing Order/ Gift Aid envelope for your use. Thanks.

SPIRITAN DAY OF GIVING. Thank you all for last Sunday's special collection, which raised £357.50 in support of the missions and works of the Spiritans (Congregation of the Holy Ghost) across the UK and the world. God bless you all.

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY today. It resumes on Sunday, 1st November, after the "Half-Term." Thanks

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. You are all welcome.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE. Tickets now available. If you would like some to take and sell, see Irene at the back of the Church after Mass. The Draw will take place on 6th December in the hall after Mass. Soup and Coffee /Teas will be on sale. 1st Prize: £100, 2nd Prize: Luxury Hamper, and many more prizes.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? The next RCIA course to prepare for the reception into the Catholic Faith as an adult is **on Tuesday, 20th October 2026, from 6.15 pm in the Baptistery Room.** Interested? You are welcome to attend if you are an adult (aged 14+) and you have been thinking about becoming a Catholic or are interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN (RCIC). The first session of the programme **will take place in the church (Baptistery Room) after 11.30 am Mass on Sunday, 1st November.** It is for the children of the parish from p.4 who want to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2027. You can still pick up a Registration Form from the back of the Church, or St Teresa's Primary School office and return it to the school office or parish office this week. Thank you.

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY. You are welcome to join our community Rosary every Monday, Tuesday & Thursday from 9.30 am, followed by Mass.

CHURCH HEATING APPEAL. Many thanks to all who have donated to this worthy cause. Special Collections will be taken at Mass on the last Sunday of the month - 25th October.



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.

PARISH ART GROUP meets every Thursday, from 10.30 am – 12.00 n, in the Parish Hall.



NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE MASS for parishioners and relatives who died in the past year will take place on Thursday 12th November, in the church, from 6.30 pm. Candles will be lit at Our Lady's Chapel for each of those who have died in the past year. - Please put the names on the form at the back of the church. (Candles can be bought at the piety stall.
Lists and envelopes are available at the church for those who would like to include their family and friends on the Altar List of the Dead during this month of the Holy Souls. In their memory, you may wish to make an offering towards the missionary work of the Lord.

GRIEF TO GRACE – A Healing Retreat for Victims of Abuse – 22nd to 27th February 2027 – Perth
Grief to Grace is a specialised 5-day programme of spiritual and psychological healing for anyone who has suffered from sexual, physical, or emotional abuse or neglect in childhood, adolescence or adulthood, including those abused by a religious / member of the clergy. If you are interested in this confidential healing retreat, please contact: Grief to Grace (Scotland) at margaret.clarke@grieftograceuk.org

JOIN GALLOWAY YOUTH FOR AFTERNOON TEA in St Teresa's, Dumfries on Saturday 31st October from 1.00 – 3.00 pm in support of their fundraising for Galloway's Seoul! Tickets cost £10 and are available through the Youth Office website, as well as from St Teresa's, Dumfries, and on the door. Donations of raffle prizes and home baking would be greatly appreciated. Bring your friends and family along? Thanks

MASS FOR THE COP31 CLIMATE SUMMIT will be celebrated by Archbishop Nolan to pray for the success of the COP31 climate summit in Türkiye, on Thursday 12th November 2026 at 1:00 pm in St Andrew's Cathedral, Clyde Street, Glasgow, G1 4JY. After Mass, join us for refreshments in Eyre Hall and a live video update from CAFOD, who will be reporting to us live from COP31. All are welcome.

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**: SCAN ME!

. **Cheque**: payable to "RCDG ST TERESA'S DUMFRIES"

. **Cash**: use the H. Appeal envelope

£40,500

£5,725

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

Thank You



CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE will take place on Saturday 14th November 2026, 11 am – 2 pm, in the parish Hall. A variety of Crafts on sale, with Tea, Coffee, Burgers, and Beacon Rolls also on sale. All are invited. If you would like to donate a prize for the Tombolla or Raffle, please leave it at the back of the church. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY is on Friday 30th October, 7 pm to 9 pm, in the parish Hall. Party games, prizes and snacks are available for free. All are welcome.

AND HELL BROKE LOOSE. Mark Twain used to tell a joke that he put a dog and a cat in a cage together as an experiment to see if they could get along. They did. So, he put in a bird, pig and goat. They, too, got along fine after a few adjustments. Then he put in a Baptist, a Presbyterian, and a Catholic, and hell broke loose.

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