# MASS TEXT

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

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

OT Read: Acts 9:26-31 **RP**: Ps 21

> You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

NT Read: 1 John 3: 18 - 24 GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

#### Alleluia, alleluia!

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 15:1-8

PREFACE: IV of Easter **EUCH. PRAYER: III** 

5th May 2024 6th Sunday of Easter

OT Read: Acts 10:25-26.34-35.44-48

**RP: PS 97** 

NT Read: 1 John 4:7-10 Gospel: John 15:9-17

#### WEEKLY COLLECTION

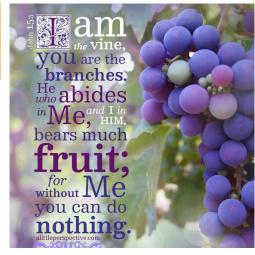
St. Teresa's: £598.27

Holy Trinity & St. Luke's: £216.30 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 requires assistance or needs to talk, please call on the Parish number.



Find Strength In **Abiding** in Me

Friends, in today's Gospel, Jesus declares that he is the vine and we are the branches who must remain in him. If we ourselves do not participate in who Jesus was, we miss the spiritual power that he meant to unleash.

If John's Gospel is any indication, Jesus does not want worshipers but followers, or better, participants: "I am the vine, you are the branches; live on in me; my body is real food and my blood real drink: the one who feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." The beautifully organic images that John presents are meant, it seems to me, to communicate the life-changing power of the Incarnation: the Logos became flesh, our flesh, so that we might allow the divine energy to come to birth in us.

Much of this is summed up in the oft-repeated patristic adage that God became human that humans might become God. Many of our great theologians and spiritual masters speak unselfconsciously of "divinization"—that is to say, a sharing in the symbiosis that is the Incarnation—as the proper goal of human life. - Bishop Robert Barron, on John 15:1 -8 (Gospel Reflections, Word on Fire Ministry, 10 May 2023)

**KEEP IN PRAYER the recently deceased members:** Kevin O'Donnell, Ronald Mitchell, Gerald O'Donnell, RIP. Andree Cain, John Bridgeman, Madeleine Callander, RIP We remember them and their families in our prayers.

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

# Fifth Sunday of Easter (B) – 28th April 2024



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**Sunday Masses are Live Streamed** from St Teresa's Church, Dumfries. Please follow the link on our website.



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#### Newsletter

#### Year B - Cycle 11 - Eucharistic Prayer: III- Psalter: I

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

## Saturday 27th April - Eastertide

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

10.00 am - St A- Mass -

5.00 pm - St. L. Vigil Mass - Jim Hairstains, RIP

# Sunday 28th April - 5th Sunday of Easter

9.30am - HTL - Mass - Madeleine Callander, RIP

11.30am - St. T. - Mass - Kenneth MacLeod

# Monday 29th April - St Catherine of Siena, - Feast

10.00 am - St. T. - Mass - Madeleine Callander, RIP

## Tuesday 30th April - St Pius V, Pope

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

10.00 am - St. T. - Mass - Kenneth MacLeod

#### Wednesday 1st May - St Joseph the Worker

9.30 am – HTL - Reconciliation, Adoration & Bene.

10.00 am - HTL - Mass - Madeleine Callander, RIP

10.00 am - St. A. - Mass

Thursday 2nd May - St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor 10.00 am - St. T. - Mass - Jim Hairstains, RIP

Friday 3rd May - Ss Philip and James, Apostles

10.00 am - St. A. - Mass

## Saturday 4th May - Eastertide

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

10.00 am - St T. - Mass - Madeleine Callander, RIP 10.30 am - St. T. - Reconciliation, Adoration & Bene.

5.00 pm - St. L. - Mass - Madeleine Callander, RIP

# Sunday 5th May - 6th Sunday of Easter

9.30am - HTL - Mass - Madeleine Callander, RIP

11.30am - St. T. - Mass - Stan Budyn, RIP - Anni

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, and of course, we love to welcome children, and we know that they don't always find that so easy - so relax! **MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY.** May is one of the months dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the rosary is prayed in her honour and for her intercession. You are welcome to join our community Rosary and Adoration at Holy Trinity Church, Lockerbie, every Wednesday from 9.30 am, followed by Mass. Perhaps you'd offer this devotional prayer for the intentions of all the families of our parish.

**HOLY TRINITY GARDEN GROUP.** Group member, Alex Mills, is once again taking part in the local Rotary Club annual "Walk the Loch" to raise funds to allow fresh planting around Holy Trinity Church. Your support of this 9 mile walk would be much appreciated.

**COFFEE MORNING:** The annual coffee morning in aid of the Ababa Project will be held at Moffat Town Hall on Saturday 18th May 10:30 am – 12 noon. Please contact Anna-Marie & Luke if you wish to help with the stalls this year. Donations can be left at the back of the church or bring them along on the day.

**CUPPA AT HOLY TRINITY.** Please join us for a cuppa after morning Mass, every Sunday in the Hall. All are welcome

**PARISH RECORDS.** If you have not already done so please pick-up a Registration Form at the back of Church, complete and return it to the box here in Church so that we can update the parish database. Thank you.

NEW LECTIONARY FOR SCOTLAND. Our parish churches in Dumfries, Lock-



erbie and Moffat will soon be able to start ordering the New Lectionary translation to be launched next Advent. Each Parish will require a Lectern copy (large) of Lectionary I, II and III and also a study version I, II and III. Costs haven't been released yet, but if you wish to dedicate by purchasing one of the books in memory of a loved one, then please contact Fr Uchenna in the first instance. He would guess that the large books will be £350 and the smaller £100, but shall confirm.

THE 50/50 CLUB. New members are always welcome, only £1 per month. Please contact Julia on her email: JMApplegarth@aol.com. All proceeds for Parish funds.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES.** If you would like a set of envelopes but do not yet have one just let Clem Maggiori know or Fr Uchenna and we'll be happy to sort that out for you.

**USED STAMPS.** Please collect your used stamps and leave them in the box at the back of each of our churches. -Thank you.

**APPEAL FOR TIGHTS.** Tights are needed so please keep handing them in when you can. They are used by the Fistula Hospital in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to help with prolapses and also craft work to raise funds.

# LECTIO: "Speak Lord, for I am listening."

You are welcome to our Bible Study/ Lectio Divina group meeting every Tuesday after Mass (10.45 am) at St Teresa's Church Hall for reading and praying of the following Sunday Scripture passages. Would you like to join in this source of Christian spirituality? "Come and see"

Lectio Divina, a dynamic way of reading the Scriptures that has been around since AD 300, invites you to savour and mull over God's words quietly, slowly and intently. It gives you the space to respond to what you feel God is saying and helps you build a vital bridge between your encounters with God and everyday life with its joys, twists and challenges.

HOLY YEAR SCOTLAND 2025. Pope Francis has designated 2025 a Holy Year in the Church. 2024 will be a Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee. A Holy Year is celebrated every 25 years. In this Year of Prayer, we examine our own lives of prayer and look to ways in which we can deepen our relationship with Christ. There is a Holy Year Facebook page at "Holy Year Scotland 2025" for those who would like to access updates and resources. This can be found at https://www.facebook.com/holyyearscotland2025.

#### ASSISTED SUICIDE – CALLED TO CARE, NOT TO

KILL. Please contact your MSPs today to stop assisted suicide becoming legal in Scotland. Use the QR code to access an online resource created by the Catholic Parliamentary Office, including guidance on contacting your MSPs. You can also visit repolitics.org/assistedsuicide or email us at office@repolitics.org for more information. Please pick a copy of Assisted Suicide Pastoral Letter from the



Please pick a copy of Assisted Suicide Pastoral Letter from t Bishop's Conference of Scotland at the back of the church, read and act.



A little boy wanted \$100 badly and prayed for two weeks, but nothing happened. Then he decided to write a letter to the Lord requesting the \$100. When the postal authorities received the letter addressed to the Lord, USA, they decided to send it to the White House so the President

could have a look at it. The President was so impressed, touched, and amused that he instructed his secretary to send the little boy a \$5.00 bill, as this would appear to be a lot of money to a little boy. The little boy was delighted with the \$5.00, and sat down to write a thank-you note to the Lord. He wrote: "Dear Lord, Thank You very much for sending me the money. However, I noticed that for some reason You had to send it through Washington, DC, and those jerks deducted 95%."