

MASS TEXT

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

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

OT Read: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

RP: 85

**O Lord, you are good
and forgiving**

NT Read: Romans 8:26-27

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 13:24-43

PREFACE: VIII

EUCH. PRAYER: III

26th July 2026

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

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

RP: 118

NT Read: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. Teresa's: **£808.82**

Holy Trinity & St. Luke's: **£217.60**

*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 temptation to restrict the
Church to the perfect has always
haunted the Christian communi-
ty, animated as it is by a high
ideal of holiness. To conquer
evil has sometimes been inter-
preted as meaning to destroy sinners. Many a "holy
war" has been fought in the name of Christian right-
eousness. Even James and John wanted to command
fire from heaven to consume the inhospitable Samari-
tans (Lk 9:54).

Yet the God who has the power to wreak destruction
on the wicked rules instead with leniency. In his para-
bles of the kingdom, Jesus teaches his impatient fol-
lowers that the Lord of the harvest is more concerned
with the growth of the wheat than with the elimination
of the weeds. The time for separation and for burning
will come, but it is not now.

Today's readings call the servants of God's kingdom to
share in the patient tolerance of the kingdom's Lord.
Rather than devoting our energies to hunting out and
destroying every sign of deviation, we are urged to
nurture every sign of goodness in the world. To foster
the growth of what is good is in itself to overcome evil.
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St Augustine notes that ours is the "Church of saints
and sinners" in which there is room to grow and to be
converted. The "evildoers" he said, "exist in this way
either so that they will be converted, or because
through them the good exercise patience"

ANIMA CHRISTI

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of
Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O Good Jesus, hear me.

Within your wounds hide me.

Permit me not to be separated from you.

From the evil one protect me. At the hour of my
death, call me and bid me come to you

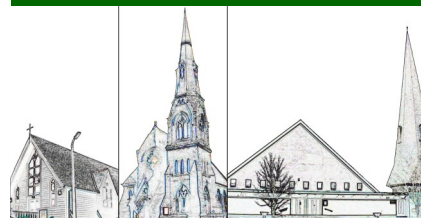
That with your saints I may praise you. **Amen**

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!

WHY DOES
GOD
ALLOW EVIL?

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 19th July 2026



Parish Clergy

Fr Uchenna Odenigbo, CSSp

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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: III - Psalter: IV

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

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

Saturday 18th July - Memorial of the BVM

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

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

10.00 am – **St T.** - **Mass** - Jim McDermott, Wellbeing

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

5.00 pm – **St. L.** - **Vigil Mass** - Seamus Power, RIP

Sunday 19th July - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

9.30 am – **HTL** - **Mass** – Linda Thomas, Wellbeing

11.30 am – **St. T.** - **Mass** – Joe Smith, RIP, B'D Rem

– Patrick & Mary Toolis, RIP, Anni

Monday 20th July - Feria

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

10.00 am – **St. T.** – **Mass** -Robert+Gwen Ferguson, Wedd. Anni

Tuesday 21st July - Feria

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

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

Wednesday 22nd July - St Mary Magdalen, Feast

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

10.00 am – **HTL** – **Mass** - Fr Uchenna Odenigbo, P. Ord'n Anni

10.00 am – **St. A.** – **Mass** -

Thursday 23rd July - St. Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe

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

10.00 am – **St. T.** – **Mass** - Brian McEwen, RIP, Anni

Friday 24th July - Feria

10.00 am – **St. A.** - **Mass**

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

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

SEA SUNDAY special collection will be taken at all Masses. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. The Seafarers Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of the church. Thanks

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. *It is observed every fourth Sunday of July, near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus (July 26).* 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.

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

SCIAF - Venezuela Earthquake Appeal. You and I can join 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 £265 from our parish hardship fund, drop your donation into the collections this July, 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.

FOOD BANK. Your contributions to this local initiative with the Salvation Army are much appreciated. Please leave items in the box/bag at the back of our church, where our parish SVP collects and delivers your contributions each week.

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

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

MISSION STAMPS. Thank you for all your used stamps - please keep leaving them in the box at the back of each of our churches! It really does make a difference! Thank you.

MASS OFFERING: Envelopes for Mass Offerings/ Intentions for your loved ones, family and friends are available at the Piety Stall. Please take one and use it for regular Mass offerings. Include the donation for the Mass in the envelope and return it to the Parish Office.

LECTIO DIVINA/ BIBLE STUDY – will continue after the summer holiday.



PARISH ART GROUP will continue after the summer break.

CATHOLIC AND IN HOSPITAL OR CARE. Your Parish Clergy are happy to be called up for pastoral visits to the Hospital, Care Homes and people's own homes for prayers and the sacraments of Healing – Anointing and Reconciliation – and Holy Communion. Why not call or ask the Hospital/ Care Home to call/ email your priest/ parish office?

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.



this call, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Stephen McGrattan, at vocations@rcdg.org.uk or 01563 521832.



SEASON OF CREATION CONFERENCE 2026. The Bishops' Conference Care of Creation Office invites you to the Season of Creation Conference 2026 on Saturday, 5th September 2026, 10am – 3pm, in Eyre Hall, Archdiocese of Glasgow Offices, Clyde Street, Glasgow, G1 4JY. Our guest speaker will be Lorna Gold, Executive Director of Laudato Si' Movement, and there will be workshops on how to engage young people and parish groups. Please register here: bit.ly/SeasonofCreation26

TIGHTS FOR HAMLIN FISTULA HOSPITAL, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, is grateful for the TIGHTS received. They are needed, so please keep handing them in when you can. The charity also gives each woman a hand-knit blanket on arrival at the hospital. They symbolise the love and care the women receive during their treatment.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO THE PRIESTHOOD? If you sense a vocation to be a Priest and would like support to discern



THE TIME TRAVELLER. Down the streets of London, an English football fan is walking when a time machine suddenly materialises in front of him. A scientist steps out and says, "Quickly! I am from the year 2150. You can ask me one question about the future!" The fan, wearing his England jersey, immediately asks, "Has football finally come home? Did England win another World Cup?!" The scientist opens his digital ledger, scrolls through decades of data, and smiles. "Ah, yes! Here it is. England wins the World Cup!" The fan is ecstatic, tearing up with joy. "That's incredible! When? What year?!" The scientist looks at the screen and says, "Well, the tournament concludes on July 19th... but you're going to have to wait for the Earth to complete its next three galactic orbits."

WE WISH ALL OUR VISITORS A VERY PLEASANT STAY IN OUR BEAUTIFUL PART OF THE COUNTRY

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

