MASS TEXT

Sunday Year A
Weekday Cycle II
Divine Office: Vol. 2. Week II

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

OT Read: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

RP: 65

Cry out with joy to God,
all the earth.

NT Read: 1 Peter 3:15-18

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: John 14:15-21

PREFACE: V of Easter
EUCH. PRAYER: II

17th May 2026
7th Sunday of Easter (A)

OT Read: Acts 1:12-14
RP: 26
NT Read: 1 Peter 4:13-16
Gospel: John 17:1-11a

WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. Teresa's: **£743.94**
Holy Trinity & St. Luke's: **£276.80**
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.

COME, O HOLY SPIRIT

Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. – Acts 8
And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always,.. I will not leave you orphans; John 14

It is quite consoling to hear these words of Jesus to his disciples the night before he died. They must have been very afraid. They must have wondered what would happen to him and what would happen to them. He assures them that he will send them the Holy Spirit. The Greek word, "Paraclete," has many connotations: the Gatherer, the Comforter, the Protector, the Advocate, the one always at one's side. He also assures them that Jesus himself will remain in them. They are not going to be left orphans.

That same assurance is Good News for us today, as we prepare to celebrate the Ascension and Pentecost. Each of us could take a few minutes to pause and get in touch with our fears, perhaps even to list them on a piece of paper. What's troubling me now? What is making me anxious? Then we could each take a few minutes to listen to Jesus comforting us with the promise of the Spirit and the promise of his presence within us. We can let ourselves feel relief, joy, peace, perhaps even tears. Finally, we can express our deep gratitude. This can be so comforting, no matter what disturbs us.

"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love…"

- By Rev. Andy Alexander, SJ

Come, O Holy Spirit *- by John Henry Newman*

Come, O Holy Spirit.
Come as Holy Fire and burn in us,
come as Holy Wind and cleanse us within,
come as Holy Light and lead us in the darkness,
come as Holy Truth and dispel our ignorance,
come as Holy Power and enable our weakness,
come as Holy Life and dwell in us.
Convict us, convert us, consecrate us,
until we are set free from the service of ourselves,
to be your servants to the world. Amen.

KEEP IN PRAYER the recently deceased members:
Patrick McGlone, Catherine Sweeney, Angus McFarlane, Catherine McCulloch, M. Catherine Lavery, Wilma McQuade, Christopher P. Loy, Patricia Rennie, Sylvia Coupland, 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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter (A) - 10th May 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: II
St. T (St Teresa's), St. A. (St Andrew's, Dumfries)
St. L (St Luke's, Moffat), HTL (Holy Trinity, Lockerbie)

Saturday 9th May - Eastertide
(2nd & 4th Sat. in St Andrew's)
10.00 am - **St A- Mass** -
5.00 pm - **St. L. Vigil Mass -** Tony Green, Wellbeing

Sunday 10th May, 6th Sunday of Easter
9.30 am - **HTL - Mass** – Virginia Gilligan, Wellbeing
11.30 am - **St. T.- Mass** – David Johnstone, RIP, Anni

Monday 11th May - Eastertide
9.30 am – **St. T.** - Rosary, Adoration & Bene.
10.00 am – **St. T.** – **Mass -** Marilyn McEwen, P. Int

Tuesday 12th May - Eastertide
9.30 am – **St. T.** - Rosary, Adoration & Bene.
10.00 am – St. T. – Mem .Mass, Canon Pat McSorley, RIP

Wednesday 13th May - Eastertide
9.30 am – **HTL** - Rosary, Reconciliation, Adoration & Bene
10.00 am – **HTL –Mass** - John Richardson, Wellbeing
10.00 am – **St. A.** – **Mass**

Thursday 14th May -The Ascension of the Lord, Solemnity
9.30 am – **St. L. Mass -** People of the Parish
11.30 am – **St. T. - Mass** – Susan Blake, Wellbeing
7.00 pm – **HTL –Mass** - People of the Parish

Friday 15th May - Eastertide
10.00 am – **St. A. - Mass**

Saturday 16th May - Eastertide
(1st, 3rd + 5th Sat. in St. Teresa's)
10.00 am - **St T. - Mass** - Gwen Ferguson, HBD
10.30 am - **St. T.** - Reconciliation, Adoration & Bene.
5.00 pm - **St. L. -Vigil Mass** - Elsie Armstrong, P. Int

Sunday 17th May, 7th Sunday of Easter
9.30 am - **HTL - Mass** – Kay Edgar, B'D Rem
11.30 am - **St. T.- Mass** – Kevin Stevenson, Wellbeing
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!

ASCENSION THURSDAY. Thursday, 9th May, is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord and is a holy day of obligation for us all. Ascension Masses will be at 9.30 am Mass in St Luke's, Moffat and an 11.30 am Mass at St Teresa's (with the school children). There is a 7.00 pm Mass in Holy Trinity, Lockerbie. In St Andrew's Church, there is a 9.30 am and 7.00 pm Mass on Thursday. Please feel free to attend any of these Masses to fulfil your obligation.

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT: Join in praying the Novena to the Holy Spirit during the nine days between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost Sunday. It will be said after Mass on each day. This novena focuses on the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. You can also offer this devotional prayer for the intentions of your family, friends and the community.

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY. You are welcome to join our community Rosary every Wednesday, from 9.30 am, followed by Mass. Perhaps you'd offer this devotional prayer for the intentions of all the families in our parish.

CUPPA AT HOLY TRINITY. Please join us for a cuppa and a chat after Mass, in the Hall.

MEMORIAL MASS for late **Canon Pat McSorley, RIP,** who was our parish priest, St Teresa's Dumfries, for 12 years (1985 – 97), will be celebrated on Tuesday, 12th May, 10.00 am, in the church. He was very much loved, and it would be appreciated if we all could come together to pray and celebrate his life.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) of our Parish will take place on Sunday, 17th May, after the 9.30 am Mass, in the Holy Trinity Church Hall. All are invited to attend. The Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2024 will give us a chance to reflect on what we have been doing and set our Vision for the year ahead. Thank you.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY will take place next Sunday, 17th May. The Church will reflect on how the Gospel is shared through media, digital platforms, broadcasting and communications. We shall have a special collection for the Church's media work. Gift Aid envelopes are available.

DEANERY PASTORAL COUNCIL Meeting will take place in Kirkcudbright on Saturday, 16th May from 11.30 am till 3.30 pm.

SCIAF Lenten Wee Boxes: raised £467.07. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

THE 50/50 CLUB. The winners from April's draw are:
1st Prize: number 41 - Maurice Slattery
2nd Prize: number 20 - Martin Ashurst
3rd Prize: number 33 - Steve Marcantonio
New members are always welcome, only £1 per month. Contact Julie at her email: JMApplegarth@aol.com

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK (10 -16 May 2026) is our shared moment to come together – across churches, communities and households – to stand alongside people living in poverty. This year, what will you do? Find out more at www.christianaid.org.uk

COFFEE MORNING in aid of the Ababa Project will be held at St Teresa's Church Hall, DG2 9DE, on Saturday, 6th June, 10:30 am – 1.00 pm. Volunteers needed. Please contact Anna-Marie, 07584528335 or anna-marie.lockhart@richemont.com, if you wish to help with the stalls. Donations of raffles, fresh baking, books, bric-a-brac, unwanted gifts, etc, can be left at the back of the church or brought along on the day. Thank you.

WILLS AND BEQUESTS. 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 our Church, ensuring the church is there for future generations.

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.

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 St Teresa's Parish Hall. *It is free for all levels- beginners will love it, drawing and enjoying the company of others.*

YOUTH EVENING takes place on Sunday, 17th May in St Teresa's, Dumfries. Join for Mass, followed by pizza, games, activities, and a short talk. The Talk is on the Eucharist: Christ's true and continuing presence among us, his gift of himself to all of us to strengthen and sustain us. If you're coming along for the first time (especially important for P5), please remember to fill in an Annual Consent Form online: youth.rcdg.org.uk.

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.

HOLY TRINITY GARDEN GROUP. Group member, Alex Mills, is once again taking part in the local Rotary Club's annual "Walk the Loch" on Sunday, 17th May. He will be doing about 3 laps of the Loch again, all to raise funds to allow fresh planting of flowers around Holy Trinity Church grounds. Your support is much appreciated. Any donations can be given to Alex, Clem or Maurice. Thank you.

DUMFRIES ADULT PROFESSIONALS GROUP for Catholics aged 30 and above. In this group, we plan to discuss how we live out our Catholic faith in our day-to-day lives and in our workplaces. There will be a group Rosary and tea/coffee. If you are interested in joining, please contact Christina Silby, St Andrew's Church, Dumfries, through message/WhatsApp on 07910 478191

A lawyer's dog, running around town unleashed, heads for a butcher shop and steals a roast. The butcher goes to the lawyer's office and asks, "If a dog running unleashed steals a piece of meat from my store, do I have a right to demand payment for the meat from the dog's owner?" The lawyer answers, "Absolutely." *"Then you owe me $8.50. Your dog was loose and stole a roast from me today."* The lawyer, without a word, writes the butcher a check for $8.50. The butcher, with a feeling of satisfaction, leaves. Three days later, the butcher finds a bill from the lawyer for $100– for consultation!

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