

# MASS TEXT

Sunday Year A  
Weekday Cycle II  
Divine Office: Vol. 1. Week I

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

**OT Read:** Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

**RP:** 127

Blessed are all who fear the Lord,  
and walk in his ways.

**NT Read:** Colossians 3:12-17

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

May the peace of Christ reign in  
your hearts; let the message of  
Christ find a home with you.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

**PREFACE:** Advent II  
**EUCH. PRAYER:** II

4th January 2026

The Epiphany of the Lord (A)

**OT Read:** Isaiah 60:1-6

**RP:** 71

**NT Read:** Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

**Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. Teresa's: £488.20

Holy Trinity & St. Luke's: £165.70

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.

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

## FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS, HOLY

"Whatever you do, whether in speech or in action, do it in the name of the Lord Jesus." We must see all our activities as linked with God's work. In keeping with the Christmas season, we can reflect on God's presence in even the most "secular" places. Parents, children, communities, single persons, young and old should find hope in this presence.



## THE HOLY FAMILY (A) - 28th December 2025

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

### Parish Clergy

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- Parish Priest / P. Chaplaincy  
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(Please only call Deacon Willie during office  
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.



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Welcoming  
Parish.

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**Saturday 27th December - St. John, Apostle, Evangelist**

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

10.00 am - St A- Mass

5.00 pm - St. L. Vigil Mass - Families in the Parish

**Sunday 28th December - The Holy Family of J. M & J.**

9.30 am - HTL - Mass - Nora Crolla, RIP, 8th Anni  
- Antoinetta Coppola, RIP, 39th Anni

11.30 am - St. T. - Mass - Patrick McQuillan, RP

**Monday 29th December - Feria**

10.00 am - St. T. - Mass - Steven Doyle, Birthday, Remc

**Tuesday 30th December - Feria**

10.00 am - St. T. - Mass - Peter McAteer, RIP. Anni

**Wednesday 31st December - Feria**

9.30 am - HTL - Reconciliation, Adoration & Bene.

10.00 am - HTL - Mass - Molly Bullick, RIP

10.00 am - St. A. - Mass

**Thursday 1st January 2026 - B.V. Mary, Theotokos**

10.00 am - HTL - Mass - Mitchell Birrell, RIP. Anni  
12.00 am - St. T.-Mass - Dennis McMillan, Well-being

**Friday 2nd January - Ss Basil the Great and Gregory  
Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors**

10.00 am - St. A. - Mass

**Saturday 3rd January - The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

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

10.00 am - St T. - Mass - Patricia O'Neil, RIP

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

5.00 pm - St. L. - Vigil Mass - Kathleen McMillan, Thanksgiving

**Sunday 4th January - The Epiphany of the Lord**

9.30 am - HTL - Mass - John McKay, RIP

11.30 am - St. T. - Mass - Willa McCarron, P. Int

*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!*

## THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY – NEW YEAR'S DAY.

We wish all our parishioners a Happy New Year.  
You are all welcome to attend our New Year Mass at:  
10.00 am – Mass – Holy Trinity, Lockerbie.  
12.00 pm – Mass – St Teresa's Dumfries



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

**GROW IN FAITH/ RCIA.** The next evening, for all those interested in discussing and growing in their knowledge of the faith, and for those adults joining RCIA, will take place on **Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026, from 6.15 pm in the parish hall, St Teresa's Dumfries.** All are welcome; we look forward to seeing you.

**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.

**THE 50/50 CLUB.** New members are always welcome, only £1 per month. Please contact Julie on her email: [JMAapplegarth@aol.com](mailto:JMAapplegarth@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!

**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.

**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.



**IS GOD CALLING YOU TO 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](mailto:vocations@rcdg.org.uk) or 01563 521832.

**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.

**LEADERS NEEDED** to support our growing monthly Youth Evenings run by the Diocesan Youth Office. **What's involved?** You would be assisting with safeguarding, supervision, and cooking pizza. **What won't you need to do?** You won't be asked to prepare or lead evenings; all of this is done by our S3 Junior Leaders in collaboration with the Youth Office. **All that we ask is two hours of your time each month to help keep these evenings running.** Could you help? Email [youth@rcdg.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcdg.org.uk) for more details or to volunteer. Thanks

**WILLS AND BEQUESTS.** Our Parish has benefited greatly in the past from the thoughtfulness of parishioners who have remembered us in their Wills. Many funded the church's painting, the Organ, Carpet, etc. God bless them for their kindness. Please do consider a legacy to the Church in your Will to ensure St Teresa's is there for future generations. It's a tax advantage as a charity. Thanks

**'AWAY IN A MANGER'** Fr. Uchenna hopes to be away on holiday in January, visiting family and friends in Nigeria and mainland Europe for a conference, and return at the end of the month. I am sure Deacon Willie and Fr. Francis will look after you all, and please look after them too. Thanks.

**"THANK YOU" TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS.** Many people have contributed to the well-being of our community and all that goes on behind the scenes for our Celebrations and worship throughout the year. A huge thank you for all the effort, time and creativity. God bless and strengthen you in the New Year!



A 4-year-old boy was asked to give the blessing before Christmas dinner. The family members bowed their heads in expectation. He began his prayer, thanking God for all his friends, naming them one by one. Then he thanked God for Mommy, Daddy, brother, sister, Grandma, Grandpa, and all his aunts and uncles. Then he began to thank God for the food. He gave thanks for the turkey, the dressing, the fruit salad, the cranberry sauce, the pies, and the cakes. Then he paused, and everyone waited—and waited. After a long silence, the young fellow looked up at his mother and asked, *"If I thank God for the broccoli, won't He know that I'm lying?"*

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