

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: Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7

RP: 50

Have mercy on us,
O Lord, for we have sinned.

NT Read: Romans 5:12-19

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth
from the mouth of God.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

PREFACE: The Temptation OTL
EUCH. PRAYER: III

1st March 2026
2nd Sunday of Lent (A)

OT Read: Genesis 12:1-4

RP: 33

NT Read: 2 Timothy 1:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. Teresa's: **£510.55**
Holy Trinity & St. Luke's: **£197.00**
*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.

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

This Gospel of the temptations of
Jesus in the desert reminds us that
the life of the Christian, in the foot-
steps of the Lord, is a battle against
the spirit of evil. It shows us that
Jesus willingly faced the Tempter,
and defeated him; and at the same time it reminds us that
the devil is granted the possibility of acting on us too,
with his temptations.



We must be aware of the presence of this astute enemy,
who seeks our eternal condemnation, our failure, and
prepare to defend ourselves against him and to combat
him. The grace of God assures us, with faith, prayer and
penance, of our victory over the enemy. But I would like
to underline one thing: in the temptations, Jesus never
enters into dialogue with the devil, never. In his life Je-
sus never had a dialogue with the devil, never. Either He
banishes him from the possessed or He condemns him,
or He shows his malice, but never a dialogue. And in the
desert it seems that there is a dialogue because the devil
makes three proposals and Jesus responds. But Jesus
does not respond with his words. He answers with the
Word of God, with three passages of Scripture.

And we all should also do this. When the seducer ap-
proaches, he begins to seduce us: "But think of this, do
that...", the temptation is to dialogue with him, as Eve
did. And if we enter into dialogue with the devil we will
be defeated. Keep this in your mind and in your heart:
you can never enter into dialogue with the devil, no dia-
logue is possible. Only the Word of God.
— Pope Francis, Angelus, 21 February 2021.

Lent is a personal journey in which we follow Christ to
His death and then experience the greatest of all hope in
His Resurrection. — During Lent, instead of adding more
items to our already busy schedule, why not just live nor-
mally and become more conscious of how we are doing
things and improve on them? Ask the question: "How
would Christ do this? How would Christ say this?" And
then do it as Christ would. Wouldn't it be great if we did
improve our lives during Lent and were still improving by
Lent in 2027? Wouldn't it be great if we had grown closer
to Jesus by Easter through seeing what it means to be a
real Christian?

Let's all pray for the grace to be more like Christ.

KEEP IN PRAYER the recently deceased members:
Liam Murray, Daphne Little, Catriona J. Lau, Rosie Biggin,
Delia Moscardini, Joan White, Laurie Howell, John McKay,
Tony Ade A. Egede, RIP. We pray for them, and their families.

First Sunday of Lent (A) 22nd February 2026



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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: 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 21st February - Memorial of the BVM

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

10.00 am - **St T. - Mass** - Rosie Biggin, RIP, Anni
10.30 am - **St. T. - Reconciliation, Adoration & Bene.**
5.00 pm - **St. L. - Vigil Mass** - Tony Green, Wellbeing

Sunday 22nd February - 1st Sunday of Lent (A)

9.30 am - **HTL - Mass** - Brian McIntyre, RIP, Anni
11.30 am - **St. T. - Mass** - Philomena 'Phil' Clarke, RIP

Monday 23rd February - Feria

10.00 am - **St. T. - Mass** - Tony Green, Wellbeing

Tuesday 24th February - Feria

9.30 am - **St. T. - Rosary, Adoration & Bene.**
10.00 am - **St. T. - Mass** - People of the Parish

12.00 n - St. T. - Funeral Mass, Patricia Rennie, RIP

Wednesday 25th February - Feria

9.30 am - **HTL - Reconciliation, Adoration & Bene.**
10.00 am - **HTL - Mass** - Bill & Hillary CarMichael, RIP
10.00 am - **St. A. - Mass**

7.00 pm - St. T. - Growing in Faith - Watch The Chosen

Thursday 26th February - Mass of the Holy Spirit, RCDG

7.00 pm - **St. T. - Deanery Mass - Mary Brown, 80th B'D**

Friday 27th February - Feria

10.00 am - **St. A. - Mass**
12.00 n - **St. L. Stations of the Cross**
7.00 pm - **St. T. / HT.L. - Stations of the Cross**

Saturday 28th February - Memorial of the BVM

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

10.00 am - **St T. - Mass** - Peggy Marshall, P' Int.
10.30 am - **St. T. - Reconciliation, Adoration & Bene.**
5.00 pm - **St. L. - Vigil Mass** - David Foy

Sunday 1st March - 2nd Sunday of Lent (A)

9.30 am - **HTL - Mass** - Jonny McKay, Wellbeing
11.30 am - **St. T. - Mass** - Patricia Rennie, RIP

RCIA, RITE OF ENROLMENT. Today, the First Sunday of Lent, at the Cathedral, Ayr, Bishop Frank will welcome the RCIA candidates from across the diocese for their Rite of Election. The bishop will declare the catechumens to be members of the elect, "to be initiated into the sacred mysteries" at this Easter Vigil. Please pray for our candidates: **CHRISTINE, DAVID, BRIONY, ALEXANDER, ABIGAIL, TAMMIE, MOLLIE, and CAMERON** as they prayerfully prepare for full communion with the Catholic Church



RCDG YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT – You are invited to our deanery Mass with our Bishop Frank, **at St Teresa's Church, Dumfries, on Thursday, 26th February, at 7.00 pm.** Please join in praying for our diocese and our families this Year of the Holy Spirit. Thanks.

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

SCIAF CAMPAIGN 2026. Your SCIAF Lenten pack is available to pick up in the Church porch. It includes your flat-pack "Wee Box". In this year's campaign, you are helping to bring real solutions and hope to many in Ethiopia, where decades of progress are being undone by conflict, drought, floods, and cuts to international aid. Our annual SCIAF collection will be taken up on Sunday, 15th March.

BIBLE STUDIES. During Lent this year, we would like to offer everyone the opportunity to come together to 'Pray with Scripture' every Thursday, from 5th March, at 7.00 pm, in Holy Trinity Church Hall, Lockerbie.

The weekly sessions will involve listening to a Gospel passage, spending quiet time in personal prayer and reflection, and then sharing together with the group what has arisen in your time of prayer - if you wish to share. Each session should last no more than one hour. There is a sheet with an overview of the six sessions available in the porch for you to take home.

LENT TALKS will be hosted by different Churches across Moffat at St John's Church, every Tuesday, at 7.00 pm, from Tuesday, 24th February. St Luke's Church will host the Talk on Tuesday, 3rd March.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (WDP), a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women, will be held in St Luke's, Moffat, on Friday, 6th March, in the afternoon. This year's theme: "I WILL GIVE YOU REST: COME" (Matt. 11-28.30) is prepared by the women of the WDP committee of Nigeria for 2026.

GROW IN FAITH/ RCIA. The next evening, for all those interested in discussing and growing in their knowledge of the faith, and for those on the RCIA programme, will take place on **Tuesday, 24th February, from 6.15 pm in the parish hall, St Teresa's Dumfries.** All are welcome. Thanks

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.

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.



Wednesdays
Day time Hours
@ HT. Lockerbie

YOUNG ADULTS' (S5-30) EVENING: The next evening takes place on Sunday 1st March when Fr Ben Mkeri, CSSp, will be speaking on the Holy Spirit: who the Holy Spirit is, why we pray to him, and how he supports us. Join Young Adults from across the Diocese at St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock, beginning with Mass at 5.45 pm, or join from 6.30 pm online for the talk. To follow online, register through their website: youth.rcdg.org.uk and click on 'Young Adults'.

PASTORAL LETTER – FEBRUARY 2026. Bishop Frank wrote a pastoral letter to us, pointing out possible pathways for our diocese in the future. Please pick up your copy at the back of the church. Thanks

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.

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.

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.

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. Thank you.



"I gave them up for Lent!"

A Catholic priest working in an inner city was walking down an alley one evening on his way home when a young man came down the alley behind him and poked a knife against his back. "Give me your money," the young man said. The priest opened his jacket and reached into an inner pocket to remove his wallet, exposing his clerical collar. "Oh, I'm sorry, Father," said the young man, "I didn't see your collar. I don't want YOUR money." Trembling from the scare, the priest removed a cigar from his shirt pocket and offered it to the young man. "Here," he said. "Have a cigar." "Oh, no, I can't do that," the young man replied, "I gave them up for Lent!"

GALLOWAY YOUNG ADULTS 12TH-16TH OCTOBER
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- ✓ Wednesday Papal Audience



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