

MASS TEXT

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

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

OT Read: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

RP: 23

The Lord is my shepherd;
There is nothing I shall want.

NT Read: 1 Peter 2:20b-25

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am he good shepherd says the
Lord. I know my sheep and my
own know me. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: John 10:1-10

PREFACE: III of Easter
EUCH. PRAYER: IV

3rd May 2026
5th Sunday of Easter (A)

OT Read: Acts 6:1-7

RP: 32

NT Read: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12

WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. Teresa's: **£634.00**
Holy Trinity & St. Luke's: **£287.65**
*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.

Shepherds were im-
portant figures in the Pal-
estian landscape. They
bore total responsibility
for the flocks on which
their people depended.
They saw to it that the
sheep found adequate grazing and water in a land that
could be harsh and forbidding. They kept the animals
safe from wild predators and human marauders, some-
times at the cost of their own lives. If the shepherds were
unfaithful, the sheep could not long survive. It is no wonder
that the people of the Old Testament cast God himself
in the image of the good shepherd, sustainer and protec-
tor of the flock of Israel.



The Church found the perfect fulfilment of this image in
the risen Christ, who had laid down his own life to be-
come the very source of life for his people. He nourishes
his flock with the word and the bread of life. In the
mixed metaphors of today's gospel, he is the gate through
which they pass to the safety of the sheepfold and the
shepherd who defends them from all threats of evil.

In the First Letter of Peter, Christ the shepherd is called
the "Guardian of your souls." The Greek word used is
episkopos, more commonly translated "bishop". Al-
though Christ is no longer visibly present to us as he was
to his first hearers, he continues to nourish and to pre-
serve his people through the Church's ministers. On
Good Shepherd Sunday, then, we give thanks for the gift
of all the good and faithful shepherds who lay down their
lives in daily service to the Lord's flock.
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LET US PRAY FOR VOCATIONS TODAY.

God our Loving Father, you called each of us by name
through the Sacrament of Baptism to holiness. Through the
gift of the Holy Spirit, you made us the temples of the Holy
Spirit.

Help us to listen to the cry of our Lord Jesus from the Holy
Cross 'I thirst' and respond to the call 'Go out to the whole
world and proclaim the good news to all the nations'.

Guide us in every step we take in life and lead us in every
decision we make in responding to your call. Make us and
mould us into the living images of Christ your Son, who was
always close to those in need. 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.*

Fourth Sunday of Easter (A) - 26th April 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: II - Psalter: IV

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

Saturday 25th April - St. Mark, Evangelist, Feast
(2nd & 4th Sat. in St Andrew's)

10.00 am - **St A- Mass** -
5.00 pm - **St. L. Vigil Mass** - David Johnston, RIP

Sunday 26th April - 4th Sunday of Easter (A)

9.30 am - **HTL - Mass** - Bobby Griffen, RIP
11.30 am - **St. T. - Mass** - Catherine (Mena) Smith, 21st Ann

Monday 27th April - Eastertide

9.30 am - **St. T.** - Divine Office - Morning Prayer (Lauds)
10.00 am - **St. T. - Mass** - Patricia Mackenzie

Tuesday 28th April - Eastertide

9.30 am - **St. T.** - Rosary, Adoration & Bene.
10.00 am - **St. T. - Mass** - Maria Rosarie Banks

Wednesday 29th April. St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Dr. F.

9.30 am - **HTL** - Reconciliation, Adoration & Bene.
10.00 am - **HTL - Mass** - Susan Duffie, Wellbeing
10.00 am - **St. A. - Mass**

Thursday 30th April - St Pius IV, Pope

9.30 am - **St. T.** - Divine Office - Morning Prayer (Lauds)
10.00 am - **St. T. - Mass** - Kenneth MacLeod, Snr, RIP

Friday 1st May - St, Joseph the worker

10.00 am - **St. A. - Mass**

Saturday 2nd May - St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor

(1st, 3rd + 5th Sat. in St. Teresa's)
10.00 am - **St T.** - **Mass** - Kenneth MacLeod, Jnr, RIP
10.30 am - **St. T.** - Reconciliation, Adoration & Bene.
5.00 pm - **St. L. - Vigil Mass** - Martin Pender, RIP

Sunday 3rd May, 5th Sunday of Easter

9.30 am - **HTL - Mass** - Joan White, RIP
11.30 am - **St. T. - Mass** - Canon Pat McSorley

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS takes place today at all our Masses. We shall also take up the annual special collection for the Church Students Fund. Gift Aid envelopes are available. Please remember that we can make our offerings on the 'contactless payment' by scanning the payment QR Code in our newsletter.

TEA AT ST LUKE'S. We look forward to your coming in for a cuppa and a chat in the Proud-foot Social Club following the 5.00 pm vigil Mass, Saturday 2nd May. You are welcome

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

SPIRITAN RETREAT. Fr. Francis is going away to Leeds Pastoral Centre for the Spiritan Retreat (26th – 30th May). Fr Uchenna will go for his later. Be assured of Fr Francis' prayers for you.

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. Thanks.

ADVENT YOUTH RETREAT: Takes place from 27th – 29th November at Gowanbank SU Centre, near Darvel. The retreat is open to all young people currently in P6-S3. Register before Easter for a discounted rate of only £140 pp, and only pay a £50 deposit. The weekend includes a range of times of prayer, Mass, spiritual reflection, different outdoor activities and lots of time to relax and spend time with friends. Subsidies are available for those in need, or for families with more than one child wishing to attend – please contact the Youth Office by emailing: youth@rcdg.org.uk. Go to youth.rcdg.org.uk for more details and to register.

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. Contact Julie at her email: JMApplethorpe@aol.com

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.

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.



Wednesdays
Day time Hours
@ HT. Lockerbie

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.

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.

SUCCESSFUL EASTER YOUTH DAY. We welcomed sixty-five young people from across the Diocese on Saturday, 18th April at St Teresa's Dumfries, with all four deaneries well represented: 10 from North Ayrshire, 10 from South Ayrshire, 22 from East Ayrshire, and 23 from Dumfries & Galloway. These were supported by Caritas pupils from St Joseph's College, 10 Adult Leaders from across the Diocese, and volunteer parishioners from St Teresa's, Dumfries.

YOUTH EVENING VOLUNTEERS: The Youth Office is appealing for volunteers to help support their monthly youth evenings in St Teresa's Church, Dumfries. These evenings have been running for almost a year now and have been seeing significant growth in the number of young people getting involved, but to sustain this growth, they need to recruit more volunteers to support these evenings. They're looking for volunteers who can assist in the kitchen (catering service), as well as volunteers who would like to assist as Adult Leaders, a fantastic team of Junior Leaders who lead most of the activities, with Adult Leaders being responsible for supervision and safeguarding. Could you help with either of these roles? Email youth@rcdg.org.uk for details.

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.

PARISH SURVEY: The diocese is carrying out a Parish Survey aimed at collating information about parishes in the Diocese and yielding a reference point for annual review. Please could you collect (from the back of the church) and complete the 5-minute survey and return it to the sacristy by 3rd May. Thank you.

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

SSVP CONFERENCE: Diocesan South Group meeting, starting with Mass, will be held on the 9th May at 11.00 am in St Teresa's Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.



The young pastor was teaching the 23rd Psalm to the Sunday school children. He told them that they were sheep who needed guidance. Then the priest asked, "If you are the sheep, then who is the shepherd?"— obviously indicating himself. A silence of a few seconds followed. Then a young boy said, "Jesus. Jesus is the Shepherd." The young priest, obviously caught by surprise, said to the boy, "Well then, who am I?" The boy frowned thoughtfully and then said, "I guess you must be a sheep dog."

Mass Offering/ Donations
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