

# MASS TEXT

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

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

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

**RP:** 118

**O Lord, how I love your law!**

**NT Read:** Romans 8:28-30

**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 13:44-52

**PREFACE:** VI

**EUCH. PRAYER:** II

**2nd August 2026**  
**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

**OT Read:** Isaiah 55:1-3

**RP:** 144

**NT Read:** Romans 8:35, 37-39

**Gospel:** Matthew 14:13-21

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. Teresa's: **£593.03**

Holy Trinity & St. Luke's: **£198.50**

*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 success of casinos and state  
lotteries is a witness to our hope  
that somehow, we might strike it  
rich without effort. The chance of  
a lifetime, the unhopd-for occa-  
sion, is to discover in Jesus the kingdom of heaven. To  
attain that treasure we must take the risk of a speculator  
and sell all that we have in order to buy that which holds  
the promise of greater wealth. Woe to those who label as  
foolishness that which is profound wisdom, the ability to  
appreciate and search for real wealth. "Ask yourself",  
says Newman, "if the Kingdom would disappear, would  
you change anything in your life? If you see nothing that  
you would change, it is because you have risked nothing  
for Christ and the Kingdom".

A life risked for Christ and the kingdom is the demand  
made by baptism. Social, professional, and even family  
life are lived within parameters. Only the Christian life  
is an absolute. The passion for Christ must submerge all  
other controlling factors in our lives. For the one who  
wishes to follow Christ must sell all, refusing to tolerate  
the least measure of hypocrisy or compromise.

Selling all for Christ does not denigrate freedom. Sacri-  
fice and detachment are the necessary consequences of  
attachment to Jesus in whom are all the treasures of wis-  
dom and knowledge. More than any great cause, Jesus  
excites within us great joy, all the joy of the world: the  
joy of the world: the joy of discovering the meaning of  
life, the joy of finding ourselves engaged in the adven-  
ture of holiness. © Vienna International Religious Centre

## Prayer for Grandparents - Pope Benedict XVI

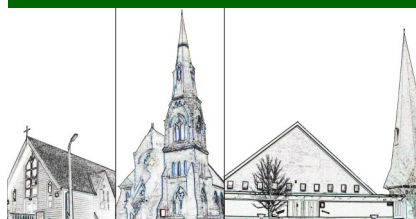
Lord Jesus, help families and society to value  
always the presence and role of grandparents.  
May they ....always encounter respect and love.  
Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed  
in all the years of life which you give them.  
Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents  
constantly in your care, accompany them on their  
earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all  
families may one day be reunited in our heavenly  
homeland, where you await all humanity for the great  
embrace of life without end. 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!

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

# Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 26th July 2026



## Parish Clergy

Fr Uchenna Odenigbo, CSSp  
- 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.



**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 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

**Monday 27th July - Feria**

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

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

**Tuesday 28th July - Feria**

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

10.00 am – **St. T. – Mass** - William (Willie) Murtagh, RIP

**Wednesday 29th July - Ss. Martha, Mary & Lazarus**

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

10.00 am – **HTL – Mass** - Volunteers of the Parish

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

**Thursday 30th July - St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Dr.**

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

10.00 am – **St. T. – Communion Service**

**Friday 31st July - St. Ignatius Loyola, Priest.**

10.00 am – **St. A. - Mass**

**Saturday 1st August - Alphonsus Mary de' Liguori**, Bishop, Dr.  
(1st, 3rd & 5th Sat. in St. Teresa's)

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

10.00 am - **St T. - Mass** - Michael Brown, Wellbeing

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

5.00 pm - **St. L. - Vigil Mass** - Sick and Housebound

**Sunday 2nd August - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

9.30 am - **HTL - Mass** – Novara Copolla, HBD, Wellbeing

11.30 am - **St. T.- Mass** – Spiritans in Challenging Missions  
- Marie Montgomery, RIP

**WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY**, Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

**TEA AT ST LUKE'S.** We look forward to your coming in for a cuppa and a chat in the Proudfoot Social Club following the 5.00 pm vigil Mass, 1<sup>st</sup> August. *You are welcome*

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

**CANONICAL VISITATION.** This Sunday evening, 26th July, we welcome to our Dumfries community the Spiritan General Council team from Rome on their Canonical Visitation to our British Province, Holy Ghost Congregation. Fr. Jude Nnorom, the Second Assistant to the Superior General, leads the visit to accompany, animate, and strengthen the community and the Spiritans. We wish to invite you to the Sunday Vespers (evening prayers) at 6.00 pm in St Teresa's Church, Dumfries, followed by tea/ coffee and an opportunity for Q&A (question and answer) in the hall. Fr. Jude will celebrate the Monday 10.00 am Mass in the church, and you are warmly invited to the community worship.

**SCIAF - Venezuela Earthquake Appeal.** As we head to the last week of this appeal, we are grateful to all who have made donations, which we will add to the £265 from our parish hardship fund. The Total will be passed on to 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 appeal fund, drop your donation into the collections this week-end; 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.

**SEA SUNDAY.** Thank you for the £323.50 raised last week at the annual special collection to support the seafarers and fishers in need. Thank you all for your generosity, as always.

**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 church  
is  
OPEN!**

**Wednesdays**  
Day time Hours  
@ HT. Lockerbie

**BISHOP FRANK INVITES YOU TO...**

**WHITHORN**

ANNUAL NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE

**SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST**

**4.00 PM** **4.45 PM**  
**Mass on the Beach** **Mass in Whithorn**

The free bus leaves HT, Lockerbie at 12.30 pm. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the Church, and bring your packed lunch

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

**LECTIO DIVINA/ BIBLE STUDY/ PARISH ART GROUP** – will continue after the summer holiday.

**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE** is possible if you want, from 2nd to 9th September 2026. Flying from Edinburgh on 2nd Sept at 7.20 am. All at an inclusive cost of £799 per person (room sharing). Single room £175 per person Supplement. Price includes all Flights, transfers, accommodation with half board, and all the local programmes in Medjugorje. To register, please contact Susanna B, 0791 941 7647 or email <sboytha@gmail.com>

### 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.

### 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.

**CHURCH BUILDING FUND.** A special collection for repair works on the HT church/ hall doors and the Steeple, and the St Luke's garden decking will be taken next Sunday (and every 1st Sunday of the month), 2nd August. Thank you for your generosity as always.

**Pilgrimage for Life 2026.** The annual **Pilgrimage for Life** will take place at **Carfin Grotto** on **Saturday 1 August 2026**, from 12.00 pm. Led by **Bishop John Keenan**, the day offers an opportunity for prayer, reflection and witness to the dignity and sanctity of every human life. Families are especially encouraged to attend. All are welcome.

**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.

 A wealthy socialite who travelled to Europe with several friends. Her husband stayed home and played the stock market. While in Paris, she found a fur coat that was the most beautiful she had ever seen. She sent a telegram to her husband that said, "Have found the perfect coat for only \$50,000. What do you think?" He responded immediately with a telegram saying, "No, price too high." Imagine his surprise when she returned home with that \$50,000 coat. The angry husband said, "Didn't you get my telegram?" "Yes," she said, "and here it is." — The husband had forgotten to put a period after the NO.

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

**CARFIN**

**NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE**

**SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER**

Joining with the Universal Church in marking  
800 years since the death of St Francis of Assisi.

**3.00 PM**

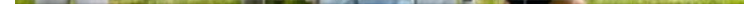
**Holy Mass at the Shrine**

Celebrant and Homilist: Most Rev. William Nolan

NATIONAL SHRINE TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES, CARFIN, ML1 5AJ

 **Youth Office**  
Gather - Pray - Discuss - Serve

 **SUMMER YOUTH DAY**  
SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST - 11.00 AM - 4.00 PM - ST JOSEPH'S, KILMARNOCK

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