MASS TEXT

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

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

OT Read: Acts 6:1-7

RP: 32

May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.

NT Read: 1 Peter 2:4-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:1-12

PREFACE: IV of Easter
EUCH. PRAYER: III

10th May 2026
6th Sunday of Easter (A)

OT Read: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
RP: 65
NT Read: 1 Peter 3:15-18
Gospel: John 14:15-21

WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. Teresa's: **£575.38**
Holy Trinity & St. Luke's: **£194.65**
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 requires assistance or needs to talk, please call on the Parish number.

The Gospel of this Fifth Sunday of Easter proposes a twofold commandment of faith: to believe in God and to believe in Jesus. In fact, the Lord said to his disciples: "Believe in God, believe also in me" (Jn 14:1). They are not two separate acts but one single act of faith, full adherence to salvation wrought by God the Father through his Only begotten Son. The New Testament puts an end to the Father's invisibility. God has shown his face, as Jesus's answer to the Apostle Philip confirms: "He who has seen me has seen the Father" (Jn 14:9).

These words sum up the newness of the New Testament, that newness which appeared in the Bethlehem Grotto: God can be seen, God has shown his face, he is visible in Jesus Christ. Jesus' answer ushers us into the heart of Christological faith. (…) In Jesus, too, the mediation between God and man attains fulfilment.
- **Pope Benedict XV I**, General audience, 16 January 2013

JESUS' SURE WAY TO GOD
is the narrow Way of the cross.

It is the least-travelled Way of humble, loving, self-giving, and committed service to others.

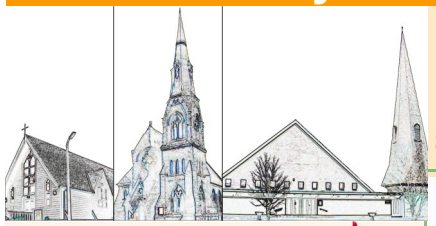
To follow the Way of Jesus is to become a special kind of person, a person whose whole being reflects the Truth and the Life that Jesus is, and reveals to us. It is to be a person of Truth and Life who is totally identified with the vision and the values of Jesus.

The medieval monk Thomas à Kempis, the author of *Imitation of Christ*, explains Jesus' statement, "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life" thus: "Without the way, there is no going;
without the truth, there is no knowing; and
without the life, there is no living."

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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter (A) - 3rd May 2026



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

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, RIP
– Catherine (Mena) Smith, RIP, Ann

Monday 4th May - Eastertide
9.30 am – **St. T.** - Rosary, Adoration & Bene.
10.00 am – **St. T.** – **Mass -** Nancy Reid / Heather Murray

Tuesday 5th May - Eastertide
9.30 am – **St. T.** - Rosary, Adoration & Bene.
10.00 am – **St. T.** –**Mass -**Susan McLaughlin, RIP,B'D Anni

Wednesday 6th May - Eastertide
9.30 am – **HTL** - Reconciliation, Adoration & Bene.
10.00 am – **HTL** –**Mass** - Novara Coppola, Wellbeing
10.00 am – **St. A.** – **Mass**

Thursday 7th May - Eastertide
9.30 am – **St. T.** - Rosary, Adoration & Bene.
10.00 am – **St. T. - Mass -** Cornelia Owen, RIP

Friday 8th May - Eastertide
10.00 am – **St. A. - Mass**

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

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!

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Canon Pat McSorley, RIP, who served as parish priest, St Teresa's Dumfries, for 12 years (1985 – 97) and was very much loved. He died peacefully on Thursday, 30th April, with his family around him.
The Requiem Mass for Pat will take place on Tuesday, 5th May at 12.00 in St Patrick's Church, Clogher, BT76 0AD. Our condolences to his family and the community at this difficult time. We are all consoled by our faith in the Risen Lord. HE IS AT PEACE WITH THE LORD JESUS, WHOM HE SERVED SO WELL HERE.

May, The Month of the Rosary. As we have now entered the month of May, dedicated by the Church to Our Lady, let us call on Our Lady to come to our aid on our journey of life, love and faith. We know that the intercessions of Mary, the Mother of God, have been greatly effective, and therefore we can feel confident in asking her to come to our aid during crises around the world, petitioning for an end to conflicts, suffering and for the conversion of the world. We encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary, especially during this month, either as a community, family or individually.

You are welcome to join our community Rosary and Adoration at Holy Trinity Church, Lockerbie, every Wednesday from 9.30 am, followed by Mass.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

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, Saturday 2nd May. You are welcome

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

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.

DEANERY MEETING. The next deanery pastoral council will meet in Kirkcudbright on Saturday 16TH May from 11.30 am till 3.30 pm. Using the Synodal Listening process, we will be looking at a response to Bishop Frank's Pastoral letters, including what should be the focus for a Diocesan Pastoral Council, and at the invitation to look at the reorganising of the dioceses of Scotland, and how that might apply specifically to our deanery.

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: JMApplegarth@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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

"How many of you would like to go to Heaven?"
A Sunday School teacher asked the children in her class: *"How many of you would like to go to Heaven?"* All of the children raised their hands except one little guy named Derrick. When the teacher asked him why he didn't want to go to Heaven, he said, *"I'm sorry Mrs. Smith, but my Mommy told me to come home right after the Sunday school class, and she was baking an apple pie for me."*

Mass Offering/ Donations
No Cash, No problem
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