

MASS TEXT

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

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

OT Read: Sirach 27:30-28:7
RP: 102

The Lord is compassionate
and gracious, slow to anger
and rich in mercy.

NT Read: Romans 14:7-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia!

A new commandment I give to you,
says the Lord, that you love one
another, just as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

PREFACE: III

EUCH. PRAYER: III

20th September 2026
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

OT Read: Isaiah 55:6-9

RP: 144

NT Read: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. Teresa's: **£498.94**
Holy Trinity & St. Luke's: **£248.50**
*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 Christian must forgive! Why?

Because he has been forgiven. All of
us who are here today, in the Square,
we have been forgiven. There is not one of us who, in our
own life, has had no need of God's forgiveness. And be-
cause we have been forgiven, we must forgive. We recite
this every day in the Our Father: "Forgive us our sins;
forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass
against us". That is, to forgive offences, to forgive many
things, because we have been forgiven of many offences,
of many sins. In this way it is easy to forgive: if God has
forgiven me, why do I not forgive others? Am I greater
than God? This pillar of forgiveness shows us the gratui-
tousness of the love of God, who loved us first. Judging
and condemning a brother who sins is wrong. Not because
we do not want to recognise sin, but because condemning
the sinner breaks the bond of fraternity with him and
spurns the mercy of God, who does not want to renounce
any of his children. We do not have the power to condemn
our erring brother; we are not above him: rather, we have
a duty to recover the dignity of a child of the Father and to
accompany him on his journey of conversion.

Merciful love is therefore the only way forward. We all
have a great need to be a bit more merciful, to not speak
ill of others, to not judge, to not "sting" others with criti-
cism, with envy and jealousy. We must forgive, be merci-
ful, and live our lives with love.

This love enables Jesus' disciples to never lose the identity
they received from Him, and to recognise themselves as
children of the same Father. In the love that they practice
in life, we see reflected that Mercy that will never end (cf.
1 Cor 13:1-12). Do not forget this: mercy is a gift; for-
giveness and giving. In this way, the heart expands; it
grows with love. While selfishness and anger make the
heart small, they make it harden like a stone. Which do
you prefer? A heart of stone or a heart full of love? If you
prefer a heart full of love, be merciful!

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Merciful like the Father

Lord Jesus, you have been kind and forgiving
towards me. May I be merciful as you are merciful.
Free me from all bitterness and resentment,
that I may truly forgive from the heart
those who have caused me injury or grief. 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!



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 13th September 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

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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)*

Saturday 12th September - Memorial of the BVM

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

10.00 am - **St A – Mass**

5.00 pm - **St. L. Vigil Mass** – Kenneth Kennedy, Wellbeing

Sunday 13th September - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

9.30 am - **HTL - Mass** – Persecuted Christians in Nigeria

11.30 am - **St. T. - Mass** – Ofelia Espino de Guanilo, RIP, Anni
- Ian McDonald, RIP/ Elizabeth Robertson, RIP, Anni

Monday 14th September - The Exaltation of the Cross

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

10.00 am – **St. T. – Mass** - Joe Smith, RIP, Anni

Tuesday 15th September - Our Lady of Sorrows

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

10.00 am – **St. T. – Mass** - Colin Wilkinson, Wellbeing

Wednesday 16th September - St. Ninian, Bishop

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

10.00 am – **HTL – Mass** - Deacon Willie, HBD,
- Elaine McLemon, HBD

10.00 am – **St. A. – Mass**

Thursday 17th September - Feria

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

10.00 am – **St. T. – Mass** - David McKnight, RIP, B'D Anni

Friday 18th September - Feria

10.00 am – **St. A. - Mass**

Saturday 19th September - Memorial of the BVM

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

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

10.00 am - **St T. - Mass** - D. McMillian, P. Int.

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

5.00 pm - **St. L. - Vigil Mass** - Denise Glanton, Wellbeing

Sunday 20th September - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

9.30 am - **HTL - Mass** – Tom Hines, HBD

11.30 am - **St. T. - Mass** – Mena Smith, RIP, B'D Anni
- Frank McBride, RIP

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

APPRECIATION! We thank all our parishioners for their huge participation in the parish celebration of the Birthday of our Blessed Mother, Mary, last Tuesday. The Mass was solemn and multicultural, with the intercessory prayers and hymns in different languages, and the variety of food in the hall which came from the many cultures shared in our community. It was truly a proud moment for our community. Thank you.

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

CRIFFEL SPONSORED WALK by Fr Uchenna is only days away (19th September). Many have taken up the challenge to sponsor him and many more are joining the walk. More sponsorships or walks are welcome to raise the funds for our church. See the sponsorship sheet at the back of the Church or scan the QR code in our newsletter for a cashless donation. Pray for great weather on the day, and please share the sponsorship form with your colleagues, club members, friends and families to sponsor Fr Uchenna's Criffel Walk. "Every Little Helps!"

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN (RCIC). The preparation of all the children of the parish from p.4 for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will begin soon. Families with children of this age, whether they attend Catholic Schools or any other primary school in the area, are asked to pick up a Registration Form from the back of the Church (or download one from the parish website) and return it to the Sacristy or Fr Uchenna or Deacon Willie as soon as you can, so that preparations can be organised.

RCIA / GROWING IN FAITH. The course to prepare for the reception into the Catholic Faith will begin soon. It is designed for adults, falling into 3 categories: i) for those who are not Catholics but who are interested in becoming one or just want to find out a bit more, ii) for Catholics (adults, 14 +) but who have not yet been Confirmed, and iii) for Catholics who would like to revisit their faith from the ground up. Please let the Parish clergy know if you are interested, stating which category you fall into - just email us.

THE 50/50 CLUB. New members are always welcome, only £1 per month. Please contact Julie on her email: JMApplegarth@aol.com. All proceeds go to Parish funds

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.

LECTIO DIVINA/ BIBLE STUDY - every Tuesday, from 10.45 am in St Teresa's Parish Hall. A cuppa is served at the start; it finishes at 11.45 am.

RETIRED PRIESTS FUND. A Special Collection for the Retired Priests Fund will be taken at Masses, Sunday 13th September. The Fund ensures a dignified retirement for our clergy after they have dedicated a lifetime of service to Christ, His Church and His People. They've been there for us. Thank you for being there for them. Gift Aid envelopes will be available at the back of the Church.

BISHOP FRANK NEEDS A NEW CHRISTMAS CARD: Is your child in P5-S4? Help Bishop Frank get ready for Christmas by designing his Christmas Card! Draw your favourite Christmas-themed design and send it along with your child's name & year to christmas@rcdg.org.uk – the winning design will be Bishop Frank's Christmas Card for 2026 and available to buy from the Youth Office store, with the winner receiving printed cards, their design on a set of Christmas Baubles, and a certificate from Bishop Frank! Closing date for entries Friday, 9th October, with the winner announced in mid-October.



CHURCH BUILDING FUND. Thank you for the £339.30 raised at last Sunday's special collection for repair works on the HT church/ hall doors and the Steeple, and the St Luke's garden decking. Thank you for your generosity as always.

ABABA PROJECT. Thank you to all our sponsors for your commitment and loyalty in the past years. As we look forward to the year ahead, we are excited to see the changes we can make in the lives of more children. Please advise us of your renewal and let us have your cheque/cash for the usual £240, or your normal amount, monthly by green envelope. If anyone would like to begin sponsoring, don't hesitate to let someone know. Have a word with Fr Uchenna, Beatrice (07803242372), or any member of The Ababa Project Team.

COFFEE MORNING, Saturday 26th September in Lockerbie Town Hall. Not long to go now, and we really need everyone on board to help make our Coffee Morning a success! If you can help in any way at all — setting up, manning a stall, washing up, serving teas and coffees, clearing up, or anything else — please let us know. A sign-up list will be available in the Hall after Mass, where you can put your name down for whatever you're able to help with. Please come along, lend a hand and support our Parish in this important fundraising effort. Every bit of help is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

CARFIN PILGRIMAGE is planned for Sunday, 4th October. We join the Lourdes Pilgrims to the very lovely national shrine to Our Lady at Carfin, Motherwell. Mass is celebrated at 3.00 pm, followed by the Rosary Procession. Time beforehand to explore the shrine. Register today to go on the free parish minibus, departing from Holy Trinity church at 11.00 noon and from Moffat (main bus stop) at 11.20 pm. Return approximately 6.40 pm, M/ 7.00 pm, L. Pilgrims should bring a packed lunch. Thank you.

YOUTH (P5-S4) EVENING: Save the date! Our Diocesan Youth Evenings for P5-S4 start back on Sunday 27th September from 5.00 – 7.00 pm in St Teresa's, Dumfries.

ADVENT YOUTH RETREAT: Beat the Back to School blues and sign up to join Youth (P7-S4) from across the Diocese on the Advent Youth Retreat! Taking place from 27th – 29th November, young people from across the Diocese will gather at Gowanbank SU Centre for a weekend of outdoor activities (tree climbing, archery tag, and more), fun and games, talks, prayer and reflection, Mass, and lots of time with friends! Places are limited, for details and to register go to: youth.rcdg.org.uk and click on 'Youth – Advent Youth Retreat'. The cost per person is £140 (if you register before 15th September). Bursaries are available for children in need, or families with more than one child taking part, email youth@rcdg.org.uk for details.

VIDEO COVERAGE. This September, we shall take some video recordings at Masses to make parish promotional materials online. Similar to our Livestreaming coverage, clips will be taken from the back of the church to ensure that people's faces are not readily seen. Photos may be taken outside, as people are leaving the church. You are welcome to sit at the back of the church this September if you don't wish to appear in the photos.



Thank you.

Two little brothers, Harry and James, had finished supper and were playing until bedtime. Somehow, Harry hit James with a stick, and tears and bitter words followed. Charges and accusations were still being exchanged as their mother prepared them for bed. She said, "Now boys, what would happen if either of you died tonight and you never had the opportunity again for forgiving one another?" James spoke up, "Well, OK, I'll forgive him tonight, but if we're both alive in the morning, he'd better look out."

Mass Offering/ Donations
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