

MASS TEXT

Sunday Year A
Weekday Cycle II
Divine Office: Vol. 1. Week IV

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

OT Read: *Isaiah 7:10-14*

RP: *23*

Let the Lord enter;
He is the king of glory.

NT Read: *Romans 1:1-7*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel — which means, God with us. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: *Matthew 1:18-24*

PREFACE: *Advent II*
EUCH. PRAYER: *II*

28th December 2024
The Holy Family (A)

OT Read: *Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14*

RP: *127*

NT Read: *Colossians 3:12-17*

Gospel: *Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23*

WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. Teresa's: £644.61

Holy Trinity & St. Luke's: £208.99

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for your generosity.

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

KNOCK, KNOCK

"Let the Lord enter;
He is King of glory."
— *Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 24:9)*



Love

God attempted to enter into the lives of four people in today's Mass readings. The first, King Ahaz of Judah, did not let the Lord enter into his life (Is 7:12). The other three, St. Paul, St. Joseph, and the Blessed Virgin Mary, let the Lord enter their lives and take charge of all their plans (see Rm 1:1; Mt 1:20-24).

Today's psalm response urges us to "let the Lord enter" (see Ps 24:9). The Lord stands at the door of your life, knocking (Rv 3:20). He has a plan for your life (Heb 11:40; Jer 29:11), and He wants to enter in. His plan will change your life and turn it around.

The innkeepers of Bethlehem did not let the Lord enter (Lk 2:7). Many people in the secular culture refuse to let the Lord enter. None of us is "worthy to have [the Lord] enter" into our lives (Lk 7:6). Yet the Lord stands knocking at your door (Rv 3:20). Will you open the door and "let the Lord enter" into your life?

"Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed" (Mt 8:8).

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O Radiant

Dawn, splendour of eternal light, sun of justice:
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and
in the shadow of death.

O King

of all nations and keystone of the Church: come
and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

O Emmanuel

our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord.

KEEP IN PRAYER the recently deceased members:

Joan White, Laurie Howell, John McKay, Tony Ade A. Egede,
Giovanna Toni, Patrick McGlone, Catherine Sweeney, Catherine
M. McCulloch, Catherine Lavery, RIP. We pray for them.

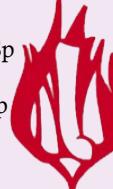
Fourth Sunday of Advent (A) - 21st December 2025

The Catholic Parishes of
St Teresa's, Dumfries,
Holy Trinity, Lockerbie with St Luke's, Moffat.
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*A parish of the RC Diocese of Galloway.
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Please follow the link on our website.



A Family
Welcoming
Parish.

Newsletter

Year C - Cycle 1 - 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 20th December - Feria

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

10.00 am - **St T. - Mass** - Young Couples/ Families, P. Int.

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

5.00 pm - **St. L. - Vigil Mass** - Tony Green, Well-being

Sunday 21st December - 4th Sunday of Advent (A)

9.30 am - **HTL - Mass** - John Furlonger, Well-being

11.30 am - **St. T. - Mass** - Barbara Wilkinson, RIP, Anni
- Fr. Noel Colahan, HBD, 90th

5.00 pm - **St. T. - Mass** - Youth (P6-S4), Talk. Games. Pizza

Monday 22nd December - Feria

10.00 am - **St. T. - Mass** - Catherine Dunne, HBD, 87th

Tuesday 23rd December - Feria

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

10.00 am - **St. T. - Mass** - Tommy Hughes, Rem

Wednesday 24th December - Feria

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

10.00 am - **HTL - Mass** - Nora Scott (Nee Holmes), RIP

6.00 pm - **St. T. - Vigil Mass** - Paul Joseph Brown, RIP

9.00 pm - **St. L. - Vigil Mass** - Willie/James Hiddleston, RIP

Thursday 25th December - Christmas Day

9.30 am - **HTL - Mass** - Joan White, RIP

11.30 am - **St. T. - Mass** - Mary Renwick, RIP, B'd Rem

Friday 26th December - St Stephen, The 1st Martyr

10.00 am - **St. T. - Mass** - Altar Servers/ Volunteers

Saturday 27th December - St. John, Apostle, Evangelist

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

10.00 am - **St A - Mass**

5.00 pm - **St. L. Vigil Mass** - Families in the Parish

Sunday 28th December - The Holy Family of J. M & J.

9.30 am - **HTL - Mass** - Families in the Parish

11.30 am - **St. T. - Mass** - Patrick McQuillan, RP

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!

YOUTH EVENING (P6-S4) takes place on Sunday, 21st December, at St Teresa's Dumfries. We'll be reflecting on the theme of 'Advent & Christmas' and how we can prepare to welcome Christ this Christmas. The selections of fun, games, and activities are all led by our Junior Leaders. We begin with Mass at 5.00 pm, and continue in the hall at 5.30 pm.

LEADERS NEEDED to support our growing monthly Youth Evenings run by the Diocesan Youth Office. **What's involved?** You would be assisting with safeguarding, supervision, and cooking pizza. **What won't you need to do?** You won't be asked to prepare or lead evenings; all of this is done by our S3 Junior Leaders in collaboration with the Youth Office. **All that we ask is two hours of your time each month to help keep these evenings running.** Could you help? Email youth@rcdg.org.uk for more details or to volunteer. Thanks

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

GROW IN FAITH/ RCIA. The next evening, for all those interested in discussing and growing in their knowledge of the faith, and for those adults joining RCIA, will take place on **Tuesday, 13th January 2026, from 6.15 pm in the parish hall, St Teresa's Dumfries.** All are welcome; we look forward to seeing you.

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.

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

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.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO 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.



'AWAY IN A MANGER' Fr. Uchenna hopes to be away on holiday after the Christmas festivities. I am sure Deacon Willie and Fr. Francis will look after you all, and please look after them too. Thanks.

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE GIFTS. Our parish clergy team, Deacon Willie, Fr Francis and Fr Uchenna would like to sincerely thank you for all the cards and gifts they have received from Parishioners this Christmas. It is very much appreciated. God bless your thoughtfulness, support and generosity. *Wishing you all a very peaceful, holy and faith-filled Christmas... and a very Happy Year, 2026*



2025 ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS DATES

MASSES OVER CHRISTMAS

WED. 24TH DECEMBER

10.00 am Mass - Holy Trinity, Lockerbie, with Adoration/ Benediction at 9.30 am

CHRISTMAS EVE - VIGIL: WED. 24TH DECEMBER

6.00 pm - Mass - St Teresa's Dumfries (Carols from 5.30 pm)

9.00 pm - Mass - St Luke's Moffat

Thursday 25th DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30 am - Mass - Holy Trinity, Lockerbie

11.30 am - Mass - St Teresa's Dumfries

Friday 26th DECEMBER - BOXING DAY

10.00 am - Mass - St Teresa's Dumfries

Thursday 1ST JANUARY - NEW YEAR'S DAY

10.00 am - Mass - Holy Trinity, Lockerbie

12.00 pm - Mass - St Teresa's Dumfries

Mass Intentions are most welcome for these Christmas Masses



CHRISTMAS SERVICE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS. We wish to have a Special Collection taken at our Christmas Vigil Mass in support of our Church Building Fund. The Special Collection on Christmas Day Mass will be shared among the four charities that we support at this time of the year: 1: St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society. 2: Justice & Peace. 3: Pro-Life, and 4: our Parish Ababa Project. These good causes benefit greatly from your Christmas gifts. Thanks.

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2025

As we celebrate the great Feast of Christmas and also to the end of our Jubilee Year, the word that unites both things is Hope, a hope that is not an aspiration, but a sure and certain thing rooted in the presence and love of God. Pope Leo spoke of this in an Advent Angelus address: "Sisters and brothers, how much the world needs this hope! Nothing is impossible to God. Let us prepare ourselves for his Kingdom, let us welcome it. The little child, Jesus of Nazareth, will lead us! He who placed himself in our hands, from the night of his birth to the dark hour of his death on the cross, shines upon our history as the rising Sun. A new day has begun: let us arise and walk in his light!"

As I wish you and your families a happy and holy Christmas, let our prayer be that the Light of Christ will dispel the darkness of hurt and despair in those who are struggling, and that the hope that only Christ can bring will be felt in the hearts of all people. **+Frank Dougan**

BIG "THANK YOU" TO ALL OUR HELPERS. Many people have contributed to the preparation of the liturgy for Christmas, the cleaning and decorating of our Parish Churches and all that goes on behind the scenes for our Celebration of Advent and Christmas. A huge thank you for all the effort, time and creativity. God bless you!



A Beautiful Diamond Ring for Christmas: A guy bought his wife a beautiful diamond ring for Christmas. A friend of his said, "I thought she wanted one of those sporty 4-Wheel drive vehicles." "She did," he replied. "But where in the heck was I gonna find a fake Jeep?"

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