

MASS TEXT

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

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

OT Read: Ezekiel 18:25-28

RP: 24

Remember your compassion,
O Lord.

NT Read: Philippians 2:1-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep hear my voice, says
the Lord, and I know them, and
they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

PREFACE: VII

EUCH. PRAYER: III

4th October 2026
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

OT Read: Isaiah 5:1-7

RP: 79

NT Read: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. Teresa's: **£563.23**

*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 readings of today make me ponder on
my own life. The word that comes to me
immediately is, "change." The two sons in
the Gospel make me think. One did not
agree to go to the vineyard to work but
later changed his mind and went. The second agreed but
did not go. Keeping my word and being consistent is
something that I need to be careful about.



I keep thinking about what makes me change my mind,
especially in a negative way. I realise that it is my at-
tachment. In the Buddhist tradition, clinging or attach-
ment is seen as the root of all suffering. The "inordinate
attachment" Saint Ignatius of Loyola talks about is what
pulls me away from doing what is right and what is good
in the sight of God. This makes me ask myself, especial-
ly when I am unhappy, "What am I clinging to? What
are my attachments? It could be a person, an idea, an
expectation, power or possession."

Today I am invited to change, to let go, to make the right
decisions in order to be free and happy. The second
reading reminds me that Jesus, even though he was in
the form of God, did not cling to equality with God. He
did not cling to a good life or comfort. He emptied him-
self, became like one of us and died on the cross.
This self-emptying is what all of us are asked to ponder
today. You and I need that trust and faith in our heav-
enly Father to let go, to change and to become better.
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Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

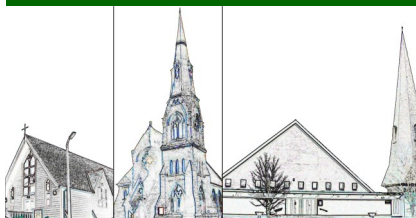
- by Pope Leo XIII

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in the day of battle.
Be our defence against the wickedness
and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

KEEP IN PRAYER the recently deceased members:

Catherine McCulloch, M. Catherine Lavery, Wilma McQuade,
Christopher P. Loy, Patricia Rennie, Sylvia Coupland, Noreen Lilly,
Marie Montgomery, Mina Murphy, RIP. Always in our minds!

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 27th 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

Year A - Cycle II - Eucharistic Prayer: III - Psalter: II

St. T (St Teresa's), St. A. (St Andrew's, Dumfries)

St. L (St Luke's, Moffat), HTL (Holy Trinity, Lockerbie)

Saturday 26th 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** – Nepal-Tibet flood victims

Sunday 27th September - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

9.30 am - **HTL - Mass** – People of the Parish

11.30 am - **St. T.- Mass** – Elzbieta Nowak, RIP. Anni

5.00 pm - St. T.– Mass. Youth (P5-S4), Talk. Games. Pizza

Monday 28th September - Feria

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

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

Tuesday 29th September - Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

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

10.00 am – **St. T. – Mass** - Jim McDermott, Wellbeing

Wednesday 30th September - St. Jerome, Priest, Doctor

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

10.00 am – **HTL –Mass** - Margaret McKay & Family, P.Int

10.00 am – **St. A. – Mass**

Thursday 1st October - St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, v., Dr

10.00 am – **Feast Day Service in School** - Staff/ Students

6.30 pm - **St. T. - Mass** - Feast Day/ Volunteers Celeb'n

Friday 2nd October - The Holy Guardian Angels

10.00 am – **St. A. - Mass**

Saturday 3rd October - 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** - Gerald Ondei & Family, P. Int

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

5.00 pm - **St. L. - Vigil Mass** - S

Sunday 4th October - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

9.30 am - **HTL - Mass** – B. G., Thanksgiving

11.30 am - **St. T.- Mass** – May Fuller, Wellbeing

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

SPIRITAN FOUNDERS DAY. 2nd October is the Feast Day of Spiritan Founder, Claude Poullart des Places. The Spiritan religious Order he founded at age 24 continues to grow stronger, carrying its mission in all continents of the world today. Thank you for your prayers, support and collaboration with the Spiritan Missions. Our Spiritan Day of Giving is on 11th October, with a special collection taken at our Masses. Special envelopes (Gift-Aid) will be available at the back of the church. Thanks

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, 3rd October. All are welcome

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

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY. October is one of the months dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the rosary is prayed in her honour and for her intercession. You are welcome to join our community Rosary and Adoration at Holy Trinity Church, Lockerbie, every Wednesday from 9.30 am, followed by Mass. Perhaps you'd offer this devotional prayer for the intentions of your family and our parish community.

RCIA. Have you been baptised as a Catholic but not yet completed your Sacraments of Initiation (Holy Communion and/or Confirmation)? Or have you thought about becoming a Catholic? Our parish 2026/27 RCIA programme starts next month with an open forum meeting on Tuesday 13th October at 6.45 pm in the Baptistry room, St Teresa's Church, Dumfries. Why not go along and find out more? Please complete and return the RCIA form, seen on our website or at the back of the church.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN (RCIC). The preparation our children in p4 for the First Holy Communion will begin soon. Please pick-up a Registration Form from the back of the Church, or download one from the parish website and return it this September so that preparations can fully start in October.

YOUNG CARITAS SCOTLAND. SCIAF is launching Young Caritas Scotland, a new movement for young adults who want to put their faith into action, meet likeminded people from the global church, and help build a better world. More information and details of how to join our movement can be found at www.sciaf.org.uk/youngcaritas

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 and 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.

CATHOLIC AND IN HOSPITAL? Unless you directly inform a member of staff to let the RC Chaplain know you (or a relative) has been admitted to Hospital and would like a routine visit, the Chaplain, Deacon Willie, will not know you are there. Make contact - text or message him on a new mobile number 0751 0159 817 or email: rcchaplain.hospital@yahoo.com.

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



CARFIN PILGRIMAGE is planned for Sunday, 4. 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.

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), 4th October. Thank you for your generosity as always.

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.



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.



WEEDS" AMONG DOGS: An instructor in a dog training workshop in Salt Lake City noted that a dog's disposition can be tested by the owner. If the owner will fall down and pretends to be hurt, a dog with a bad temper will tend to bite him. But a good dog will show concern and may lick the fallen owner's face. Susan Matice attended the class and then decided to test her two dogs. While eating pizza in her living room, she stood up, clutched her heart, screamed and fell to the floor. Her two dogs looked at her, looked at each other, then raced to the coffee table for her pizza

COFFEE MORNING. Many thanks to all those who helped to organise and run our novel Coffee Morning yesterday at Lockerbie Town Hall. It was another lovely occasion, a happy parish community event. A great team effort. Thank you for your support.

The **BLYTHSWOOD CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX** appeal leaflets are now available. Please pick one up and either complete a box, giving priority to the essential items, or drop off items in the church. The boxes are sent to those in need in Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine. Please deliver before the 1st November. Further information can be found at blythswood.org/shoeboxappeal

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

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