

MASS TEXT

Sunday Cycle C
Weekday Cycle I
Divine Office: Vol. 1. Week II

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

OT Read: Isaiah 60:1-6

RP: 71

All the nations on earth shall fall
prostrate before you, O Lord.

NT Read: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

We saw his star when
it rose and have come
to worship the Lord. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

PREFACE: Epiphany of the Lord
EUCH. PRAYER: III

12th January 2025
The Baptism of the Lord (C)

OT Read: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

RP: 28

NT Read: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. Teresa's: **£622.79**
Holy Trinity & St. Luke's: **£218.70**
*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 sick and housebound would appreciate a copy of the bulletin,
if you can please pop one through their door. Thank you.*



EPIPHANY (επιφάνεια, in Greek), means
appearance or manifestation. Multiple revela-
tions of Jesus as God are celebrated on this
Feast of the Epiphany. In the Western
Church, it celebrates Jesus' first appearance
to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi,
while in the Eastern Church, the Epiphany
event is celebrated in the commemoration of
the Baptism of Christ when the Father and
the Holy Spirit gave combined testimony to

Jesus' identity as Son of God. Later, in the synagogue at
Nazareth, Jesus revealed Himself as the promised Messiah,
and at Cana Jesus revealed His Divinity by transforming
water into wine. On the Feast of Epiphany, we recall all
these epiphany events.

If Jesus truly is who he claims to be, the eternal Son of God
and Savior of the world, then why is he not recognized by
everyone who hears his word and sees his works? John the
Evangelist states that when Jesus came into the world *the
world knew him not and his own people received him
not* (John 1:10-11).

In his commentary on the significance of the star of Bethle-
hem, John Chrysostom wrote: "Note how fitting was the
order of events: the wise men saw the star, were received
by the Jews and their king; they heard prophecy to explain
what had appeared; the angel instructed them; and then they
journeyed from Jerusalem to Bethlehem by the guidance of
the star. From all this we learn that this was not an ordinary
star, for no other star has this capacity to guide, not merely
to move but to beckon, to "go before them," drawing and
guiding them along their way. The star remained after
bringing them to the place, in order that the child might also
be seen. For there is nothing conspicuous about the place.
The inn was ordinary. The mother was not celebrated or
notable. The star was needed to manifest and illumine the
lowly place, until they had reached their destination at the
manger."

MAY WE FOLLOW STARS

**"O God Among Us,
may we be visited by angels,
may we follow stars,**

**may we bring the gifts we have to offer.
May we embrace the journey and travel in love.
May Christ bless our homes and find a home in our hearts
throughout the year. Amen."**

KEEP IN PRAYER the recently deceased members:
Steven Doyle, Patricia Mackenzie, Collin Armstrong, Jessie
McAbney, Charles McCourt, Jessie Cummings, Margaret Hart,
Alfie Cummings, RIP. We pray for them, and their families.

The Epiphany of the Lord (C) - 5th January 2025



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hours unless an emergency)

*A parish of the RC Diocese of Galloway.
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**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, and 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.
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Newsletter

Year C - Cycle 1 - 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 4th January - Feria

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

10.00 am - **St T.** - **Mass** - Peter McAleer, RIP. Anni
10.30 am - **St. T.** - Reconciliation, Adoration & Bene.
5.00 pm - **St. L.** - Vigil **Mass** - Daria Dolan, Recovery, Wellbeing

Sunday 5th January - The Epiphany of the Lord

9.30 am - **HTL** - **Mass** - Jeniffer & William Edgar, BDAnni
11.30 am - **St. T.** - **Mass** - Gerald Ondei & Family. Thanksgiving

Monday 6th January - Feria

10.00 am - **St. T.** - **Mass** - Maureen Martin, Recovery. Wellbeing

Tuesday 7th January - Feria

10.00 am - **St. T.** - **Mass** - Ivor Llewellyn, RIP, 30th Anni

Wednesday 8th January - Feria

9.30 am - **HTL** - Reconciliation, Adoration & Bene.
10.00 am - **HTL** - **Mass** - Daphne Little, Wellbeing
10.00 am - **St. A.** - **Mass**

Thursday 9th January - Feria

10.00 am - **St. T.** - **Mass** - Cath Dunne, Recovery, Wellbeing

Friday 10th January - Feria

10.00 am - **St. A.** - **Mass**

Saturday 11th January - Feria

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

10.00 am - **St A** - **Mass** -
5.00 pm - **St. L.** Vigil **Mass** - Mary Barr, Wellbeing

Sunday 12th January - The Baptism of the Lord

9.30 am - **HTL** - **Mass** - Mary Fuller, Wellbeing
11.30 am - **St. T.** - **Mass** - Jack Nelson, Mary, James Branney

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN (RCIC). A brief meeting for parents/ guardians will take place next Sunday 12th January, in the church (at our Lady's Altar) after the 11.30 am Mass. The Tuesday Club for the children will take place in the Church Hall on Tuesday 14th January, from 4.30 pm till 6.00 pm.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will take place today, in the Baptistry room. Children of primary school age are led through prayers, songs and readings that are adapted to their level.

SUNDAY COFFEE: After Mass today, please join us in the hall for tea/coffee & biscuits. Come and enjoy the community spirit here at St Teresa's. A warm welcome awaits you. If you would like to volunteer to make the coffee and tea please speak to Rosie in the hall after Sunday Mass..

100 CLUB DRAW. Congratulations to the winners of December 2024 draw.

1st Prize: Norine Lilly

2nd Prize: Irene Hiddleston

3rd Prize: Karen Hiddleston

New members are always welcome, please complete the form on the church porch for only £2 per month. The £24.00 to cover 2025 is now due. Contact Irene after the 11.30 am Sunday Mass, in the Porch. All proceeds go to Parish funds.

ST CONAL'S PRAYER GROUP: The upper Nithsdale prayer group will meet at 2.00 pm on Thursday 9th January in the Sanquhar Meeting Room with a focus on the meaning of Epiphany. All are welcome.



"HABEMUS PARISH CONCILLIUM!" Our Parish Pastoral Council was inaugurated on 7th November. The council elected the following 3 office bearers: John Lawson – Chair; Ann-Marie Budyn - Vice-Chair and Elizabeth Blount – Secretary. The Council is charged with identifying our parish Missionary goals and vision for the future. A summary note of the recent council meeting has been published for your attention on our church noticeboard and our website/ social media platforms.

ROOF MAINTENANCE REPORT. For two days in late October a team of roofers made repairs all over the roof of the church to make sure it is waterproof and the gutters clear. On investigation, further work will be required on the sacristy roof. This cost is unknown but will have to be completed. The bill so far is £3288. As we are responsible for our own repairs and maintenance we have estimated that an additional £1 from every adult over the next 20 weeks should cover the bill so far. Thanks.



THE WEDNESDAY CLUB. This club for seniors and their friends next meets on Wednesday 8th January, beginning with their complimentary lunch at 12.30 pm. Doors open from 12 noon going on till 3 pm. All seniors and their friends are very welcome (no charge).

LECTIO DIVINA - Do you want to listen, meditate and respond to Christ speaking to you in the Scripture readings (for the coming Sunday)? By spending time pondering the Scripture, we grow in our relationship with Christ, the living Word. Like many, why not join the Lectio Divina session, every Tuesday, from 10.45 am in St Teresa's Parish Hall? A cuppa is served at the start, and we finish at 11.45 am. You're Welcome."

A JUBILEE YEAR. Jubilee 2025 opened on Christmas Eve, 24th December, with the rite of the opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican immediately before Pope Francis celebrated midnight Mass. Holy Doors will also be opened at Rome's three other major basilicas: St. John Lateran on 29th December, St. Mary Major on 1st January, and St. Paul's Outside the Walls on 5th January. The doors represent the passage to salvation Jesus opened to humanity.



Drawing on their Jewish roots, jubilee years emphasise the sacrament of reconciliation and restoring relationships with God.

The year calls Christians to action. Pope Francis called for "signs of hope" in the Jubilee Year, including the desire for peace in the world, openness to life and responsible parenthood, and closeness to prisoners, the poor, the sick, the young, the elderly, migrants and people "in difficult situations."

YOUTH FOR LOURDES – SPONSORSHIP OFFER. A parishioner, John Kane, and family are happy to offer sponsorship of £100 each to the first 10 young parishioners (St. Teresa's, Holy Trinity and St. Luke's) to book and pay their £750 deposit for the Lourdes Pilgrimage 2025. John said his son had benefited from Lourdes' pilgrimage; it was "life-changing." He wants many more young people to have the experience of Lourdes' pilgrimage. John is offering the sponsorship in memory of his late mum, Mrs May Kane, RIP. Youth for Lourdes is recruiting NOW -so scan our QR code to Register and join.



"THANK YOU" I would like to say a big thank you to all those who worked hard within our parishes to make Advent and Christmas so wonderful again this year - remembering the hard work, especially of our Choir, Youth Group, Organists, Flower Arrangers, Cribs, Welcome Ministry, Readers/ Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Sacristans, Cleaners, Sunday Tea & Coffee, Children's Liturgy and all those working in the background. Fr Uchenna

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. This New Year is another opportunity for you to serve the community, especially as a Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Sunday & Tea Coffee, Church or Hall Cleaning, etc. We need your help here and would appreciate your volunteer service. Please speak to Irene or the parish clergy if you can. Thanks



THREE WISE WOMEN? While they were talking about the story of the three wise men, a woman asked her parish priest this question, "Do you know why God gave the star to the wise men?" When he professed his ignorance, she told him: "God knows men are too proud to ask directions. If there had been three wise women instead of three wise men, they would have asked for directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole, and given some practical gifts!"