

MASS TEXT

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

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

OT Read: Micah 5:1-4

RP: 79

Bring us back, O God; let your face
shine forth, and we shall be saved.

NT Read: Luke 1:39-45

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Behold, I am the handmaid of
the Lord; let it be to me accord-
ing to your word. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

**PREFACE: ADVENT II
EUCH. PRAYER: II**

**29th December 2024
The Holy Family (C)**

OT Read: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

RP: 83

NT Read: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. Teresa's: **£637.50**

Holy Trinity & St. Luke's: **£126.10**

*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.

Arise, and Go .. Like Mary

In the last stretch of the Ad-
vent journey, let us be guid-
ed by these two verbs. To
arise and to go in haste : these are the two move-
ments that Mary made and that she also invites us to
make as Christmas approaches.

First of all, arise. After the angel's annunciation, a
difficult period loomed ahead for the Virgin: her un-
expected pregnancy exposed her to misunderstand-
ings and even severe punishment, including stoning,
in the culture of that time. Let us imagine how many
concerns and worries she had! Nevertheless, she did
not become discouraged, she was not disheartened:
but she arose. She did not look down at her problems,
but up to God. And she did not think about who to
ask for help, but to whom to bring help. She always
thought about others: that is Mary, always thinking of
the needs of others. (...) The second movement is to
go in haste. (...) On her way to Elizabeth's house,
Mary proceeds with the quick step of one whose heart
and life are full of God, full of his joy. (...) Let us not
forget that the first act of charity we can do for our
neighbours is to offer them a serene and smiling face.
It is bringing the joy of Jesus to them, as Mary did
with Elizabeth.

May the Mother of God take us by the hand, and help
us to arise and to go in haste towards Christmas!
- Pope Francis, *Angelus*, 19 December 2021

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:
Steven Doyle, Patricia Mackenzie, Collin Armstrong, Jessie
McAbney, Charles McCourt, Jessie Cummings, Margaret Hart,
Alfie Cummings, RIP. We pray for them, and their families.



Fourth Sunday of Advent (C) - 22nd December 2024



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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, 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.**
Served by **THE SPIRITANS** (Holy Ghost Congregation)

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 21st December - Feria

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

10.00 am - **St T.** - Mass - Barbara Wilkinson, RIP. Anni
10.30 am - **St. T.** - Reconciliation, Adoration & Bene.
5.00 pm - **St. L.** - Vigil Mass - Volunteers in the Parish

Sunday 22nd December - 4th Sunday of Advent, Yr. C

9.30 am - **HTL** - Mass - Nora Crolla, RIP. Anni.,
- Victims Lockerbie Air Disaster
11.30 am - **St. T.** - Mass - Young people of the Parish

Monday 23rd December - Feria

10.00 am - **St. T.** - Mass - William Hiddleston, RIP

Tuesday 24th December - Feria

10.00 am - **St. T.** - Mass - Hannah Wilkinson, Anni
6.00 pm - **St. L.** - Vigil Mass - Willie James Hiddleston, RIP
9.30 pm - **St. T.** - Vigil Mass - Paul Joseph Brown, RIP

Wednesday 25th Christmas Day

9.30 am - **HTL** - Mass - Tom Hughes, RIP
11.30 am - **St. T.** - Mass - McCulloch family: Pat, Dermot,
- Delia, Michael, RIP

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

10.00 am - **St. T.** - Mass - John Ruane, RIP

Friday 27th December - St John the Evangelist

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

Saturday 28th December - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

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

10.00 am - **St A.** - Mass -
5.00 pm - **St. L.** - Vigil Mass - Faith Challenges

Sunday 29th December - The Holy Family of J. M & J.

9.30 am - **HTL** - Mass - Margaret MarcAntonio, Wellbeing
11.30 am - **St. T.** - Mass - Steven Doyle, Birthday Rem

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

THE NATIVITY STORY will take place after the Gospel today and the children will make a small presentation of Jesus' nativity story. Lily Kirk is our narrator today, and we thank her for all her volunteer work with the Children's Liturgy. The props have been made by some of the St Joseph's College Caritas students. Children's Liturgy will run as normal through the Christmas Holidays. A big THANKS to Victoria MacRae for her excellent leadership, driving the children's liturgy and carrying everyone along. God bless.

Fire Drill Feedback. The fire drill on 18th November was a great success. We all managed to vacate the church in around 2 minutes. Thank you for your cooperation.

A couple of points in an actual fire:

Please leave hymn books behind,

Wait until you are told before re-entering the building.

Altar servers to stand out on the plaza not immediately at the front door.

We do not have an assembly point, as we do not have a register of attendees, so just vacate the area to enable Fire service vehicles to attend.

Hopefully, we never have to sound an alarm for real, but if we do, we know we are ready!

VICTOR BIANCHINI, RIP. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mr Victor Bianchini who sadly passed away on Tuesday 17th December. We send our sincere condolences and prayers to his wife, Elene, the family and friends, at this sad time for them all. There will be a Graveside Service for Victor on Tuesday 24th December at 10.30 am, Sanquhar Cemetery, Church Road, DG4 6BY. *May he rest in peace*

CHRISTMAS SERVICE COLLECTIONS. The collection taken at our Christmas Vigil Mass and Christmas Day Mass will be shared among four charities that we are asked to support at this time of year. The first is the St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society, the second is for the work of Justice & Peace, the third will be to support the work of Pro-Life and finally, we will support the parish Ababa Project. These good works benefit greatly from your Christmas gifts.

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.

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."

100 CLUB DRAW. New members are always welcome, only £2 per month (from 2025). Please complete the form on the church porch or contact Irene after the 11.30 am Sunday Mass, in the Hall. All proceeds go to Parish funds.

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, 2025



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

All are welcome

Sun. 22nd Dec – 9.30 am – HT - Lockerbie Air Disaster Remembrance Service

Mon. 23rd Dec. – 6.00 pm - Churches Together Carols at Lockerbie Town Hall

MASSES OVER CHRISTMAS

TUES. 24TH DECEMBER

10.00 am Mass - St Teresa's Dumfries

CHRISTMAS EVE - VIGIL:

6.00 pm – Mass – St Luke's Moffat

6.00 pm - St Andrew's Dumfries

9.30 pm – Mass - St Teresa's Dumfries (Carols from 9.00 pm)

WED. 25th DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30 am – Mass – Holy Trinity, Lockerbie

10.00 am - St Andrew's Dumfries

11.30 am – Mass – St Teresa's Dumfries

WED. 1ST JANUARY – NEW YEAR DAY

10.00 am – Mass – Holy Trinity, Lockerbie

12.00 pm – Mass – St Teresa's Dumfries

BISHOP FRANK'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE.

As we come again to the great feast of Christmas, we all do so with mixed feelings. We hear a message of "Joy to the World" and yet we are faced with so much bad news in our world, in our communities and often in our own families. But, as we celebrate again the birth of Christ, we remind ourselves that the bad news is not the last word. The Prophet Isaiah helps us out in the 1st reading at Midnight Mass: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone." (Is 9:2).

That message was true at the first Christmas and is the same today. As pilgrims of hope we are called to remind ourselves and each other that no darkness can overcome the light of Christ, nothing can come between us and the love of God made present in Jesus Christ. Why? Because God Is With Us.

I ask the blessing of the newborn Christ on you and your families and invite you to continue to welcome the love of Christ into your hearts and to share that love with others. +**Frank Dougan**

'AWAY IN A MANGER' Fr Francis hopes to be away in Ghana, after Christmas, from 28th Dec. – 24th Jan, on holiday with his family. I am sure Deacon Willie and Fr Uchenna will look after you all, and please look after them too.

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.



CHRISTMAS STAMPS: A woman went to the Post Office to buy stamps for her Christmas cards. "What denomination?" asked the clerk. "Oh, good Heavens! Have we come to this?" said the woman. "Well, give me 20 Catholic stamps for me and 20 Baptist stamps for my husband."



How to support your Parish
make an Online or
a Contactless donation

SCAN ME!



The church
is
OPEN!

For quiet and prayer
Mondays/ Tuesdays
Thursdays/ Saturdays
9.00 am – 5.30 pm