

MASS TEXT

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

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

OT Read: Zephaniah 3:14-18

RP: Is 12: 2-6

Sing and shout for joy for great in
your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

NT Read: Philippians 4:4-7

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The spirit of the Lord has been
given to me. He has sent me to
bring the good news to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

PREFACE: ADVENT II
EUCH. PRAYER: III

22nd December 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)

OT Read: Micah 5:1-4

RP: 79

NT Read: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. Teresa's: **£556.90**
Holy Trinity & St. Luke's: **£358.59**
*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.

A Joyful Sunday

The Third Sunday
of Advent is also
known as Gaudete
Sunday. The word
“gaudete” is derived
from the Latin
words “gaudium,” joy, and “gaudeo,” to rejoice or be
glad. Gaudete Sunday occurs eight to thirteen days be-
fore Christmas, and the nearness of the feast is reason
for great joy. The Term “Gaudete.” Gaudete is taken
from the Entrance Antiphon: “Rejoice in the Lord al-
ways; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is
near” (paraphrase, Phil 4:4-5). Advent is a time of joyful
expectation and eager preparation for the Solemnity of
Christmas.

Multiple Reasons for Joy - There is joy in looking for-
ward to the annual celebration of Christmas, but there is
also joy in recalling the birth of Jesus on the first Christ-
mas. The joy is heightened because he was born to save
us from our sins (Mt 1:21b). The joy also extends to
anticipation of the Second Coming, either at the end of
physical life or the end of the world, the time when be-
lievers will be given the crown of righteousness (2 Tm
4:8) and a place in the Father's house (Jn 14:2) to dwell
with God and his angels and saints for all eternity.

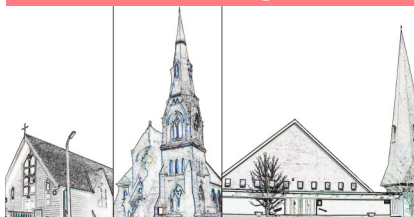
Joyful Prayers - The prayers in the Roman Missal on the
Third Sunday of Advent convey a joyful message. The
immediacy of Christmas is addressed in the Collect, “O
God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast
of the Lord's Nativity,” followed by two explicit refer-
ences to joy: “enable us ... to attain the joys of so great a
salvation” and “to celebrate them with ... glad rejoic-
ing.” Preface II of Advent says, “we rejoice at the mys-
tery of his Nativity” and that we are “exultant in his
praise.” The Communion Antiphon contains the joyful
message, “Behold, our God will come, and he will save
us” (cf. Is 35:4). Two invocations in the Solemn Bless-
ing for Advent refer to joy: the second, “may he make
you ... joyful in hope,” and the third, “So that, rejoicing
now with devotion at the Redeemer's coming.”

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.

Happy Gaudete Sunday!



Third Sunday of Advent (C) - 15th December 2024



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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.
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Newsletter

Year C - Cycle 1 - Eucharistic Prayer: III - Psalter: III
St. T (St Teresa's), St. A. (St Andrew's, Dumfries)
St. L (St Luke's, Moffat), HTL (Holy Trinity, Lockerbie)

Saturday 14th December -St John of the Cross, P. Dr
(2nd & 4th Sat. in St Andrew's)

10.00 am - **St A- Mass** -
5.00 pm - **St. L. Vigil Mass** -Young Families of our Parish

Sunday 15th December -3rd Sunday of Advent, Yr. C
9.30 am - **HTL - Mass** - Elizabeth Robertson, RIP. Anni
11.30 am - **St. T. - Mass** -Margaret Budyn, RIP. Anni

Monday 16th December - Feria
10.00 am – **St. T. –Mass** - Steven Doyle, RIP

Tuesday 17th December - Feria
10.00 am – **St. T. –Mass** - Young Couples in the Parish

Wednesday 18th December - Feria
9.30 am – **HTL** - Reconciliation, Adoration & Bene.
10.00 am – **HTL –Mass** - Seniors Citizens of the Parish
10.00 am – **St. A. – Mass**

Thursday 19th December - Feria
10.00 am – **St. T.–Mass** - School Staff, Pupils, Parents

Friday 20th December – Feria
10.00 am – **St. A. – Mass**

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. - Mass** - Volunteers in the Parish

Sunday 22nd December - 4th Sunday of Advent, Yr. C
9.30 am - **HTL - Mass** - Nora Crolla, RIP. Anni
11.30 am - **St. T. - Mass** - Young people of the Parish

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

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament are taking place this week as shown on our Advent and Christmas programme. You are welcome.

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.

THE NATIVITY STORY. The children's liturgy group will today have a run-through of the Nativity Story which they will present at 11.30 am Mass next Sunday (22nd December). Thanks to the children and the Children's Liturgy leaders for their efforts.

VOLUNTEERS/ SENIORS CHRISTMAS MEAL. What a lovely occasion this event was on Friday past. Thanks to our amiable entertainment/ social committee and St Teresa's singers for their wonderful entertainment too. £294.60 was raised at the dinner. Equally £223.20 was raised at last Sunday's "Taste of Christmas" Thank you.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS: 1st prize: M Marshall. 2nd prize: B Marshall. 3rd prize: O Parker. Other prizes Z McEwen, J Spindlaw, E King, T Neeson, S McCrone, S MacRae & C Black.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR PRISONERS' FAMILIES. A sincere thank you for your generous response to our appeal for gifts for the children of Dad's in our local prison. The prison community were thrilled with your kind gifts for their children at Christmas. God bless.

THE PARISH WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA have been reimagined for you, just like the Galloway Diocesan Website and Social Media. Many are visiting/ following those for updates and the latest info on the parish and the diocese. You are welcome!

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 Church Hall. All proceeds go to Parish funds.

YOUNG ADULTS (18-30) CHRISTMAS DINNER: Join young adults from across the Diocese for a festive Christmas Dinner on Sunday 5th January from 6.00 – 8.00 pm at St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock (KA3 1HB). The evening begins with Mass at 6.00 pm following which we'll enjoy our dinner together from 6.30 pm. There's no charge for the evening but please register so we know you're coming by scanning the QR code on the poster in the porch, or through our social media channels: @rcdgyouth. Galloway Young Adults meets monthly on the first Sunday of every month in St Joseph's, Kilmarnock. Even if you can't join us for Christmas Dinner, why not come along to one of our evenings in 2025? Follow us to be the first to hear! @rcdgyouth.

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

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Sat. 14th Dec. - 4.00 pm - St Luke's Moffat
Mon. 16th Dec. - 7.00 pm - St Teresa's Dumfries
Tues. 17th Dec. - 7.00 pm – Holy Trinity, Lockerbie
Wed. 18th Dec. - 7.00 pm - St Andrew's Dumfries

ADVENT QUIET TIME BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

With opportunity for Confession Wed. 18th Dec. - 7.00 till 9.00 pm – St T.

Night Prayer at 7pm, 8pm and 8.50pm.

Please feel free to pop in to say a wee prayer, light a candle for 5 or 10 minutes or longer if you can-you will be very welcome. *Priests will be available for Confession during this time*

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

DEFIBRILLATOR AT ST TERESA'S. The British Heart Foundation has donated and installed a Defibrillator (in a Cabinet) at our Church. This came from the successful funding application by Fiona Holden, our Organist, for a funded defibrillator package on behalf of our community. Thanks, Fiona, for your effort. This is another incredible value volunteers bring to our community. *It helps for people in the community to be able to see a demonstration of how a defibrillator works. Watch the space for notice on free CPR and defibrillator training.*



In Belfast, Ireland, a Catholic priest, a Protestant minister and a Jewish rabbi were engaged in a heated theological discussion. Suddenly an angel appeared in their midst and said to them, "God sends you His blessings. Make one wish for peace and your wish will be fulfilled by the Almighty." The Protestant minister said, "Let every Catholic disappear from our lovely island. Then peace will reign supreme." The priest said, "Let there not be a single Protestant left on our sacred Irish soil. That will bring peace to this island." "And what about you, Rabbi?" said the angel. "Do you have no wish of your own?" "No," said the rabbi. "Just attend to the wishes of these two gentlemen and I shall be well pleased." - (Anthony de Mello, in *Taking Flight*).

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