

# MASS TEXT

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

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

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

**RP:** 28

The LORD will bless  
his people with peace.

**NT Read:** Acts 10:34-38

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

**Alleluia!**

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

**PREFACE:** Baptism of the Lord  
**EUCH. PRAYER:** II

**19th January 2025**  
**2nd Sunday in ordinary Time (C)**

**OT Read:** Isaiah 62:1-5

**RP:** 95

**NT Read:** 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

**Gospel:** John 2:1-11

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. Teresa's: **£453.11**  
Holy Trinity & St. Luke's: **£254.84**  
*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 requires assistance or needs to talk, please call on the Parish number.

**THE CHRISTMAS SEASON**, celebrating the Self-revelation of God through Jesus, comes to an end with the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord.



Christmas is the feast of God's Self-revelation to the Jews, and Epiphany celebrates God's Self-revelation to the Gentiles. At his Baptism in the Jordan, Christ reveals himself to repentant sinners.

The Baptism of the Lord is the occasion of the first public revelation of all the Three Persons in the Holy Trinity, and the official revelation of Jesus as the Son of God to the world by God the Father.

In 2014, Pope Francis highlighted a significant element at Jesus' baptism. "The Gospel emphasizes that, when Jesus had received baptism from John in the River Jordan, "the heavens were opened" to him (Mt 3:16). This fulfils the prophecies. In fact, there is an invocation which the liturgy has us repeat during the Season of Advent: "O that thou wouldst rend the heavens and come down" (Is 64:1). If the heavens remain closed, our horizon in this earthly life is dark and without hope. Instead, in celebrating Christmas, once again faith has given us the certainty that the heavens have been rent with the coming of Christ. And on the day of the baptism of Christ we continue to contemplate the heavens opened. The manifestation of the Son of God on earth marks the beginning of the great time of mercy, after sin had closed the heavens, raising itself as a barrier between the human being and his Creator. With the birth of Jesus the heavens open! God gives us in Christ the guarantee of an indestructible love. From the moment the Word became flesh it is therefore possible to see the open heavens. It was possible for the shepherds of Bethlehem, for the Magi of the East, for the Baptist, for Jesus' Apostles, and for St Stephen, the first martyr, who exclaimed: "Behold, I see the heavens opened!" (Acts 7:56). And it is possible for each one of us, if we allow ourselves to be suffused with God's love, which is given to us for the first time in Baptism by means of the Holy Spirit. Let us allow ourselves to be invaded by God's love! This is the great time of mercy! Do not forget it: this is the great time of Mercy!"

**As we bid A FINAL FAREWELL TO THE BIRTH at Christmas, we turn towards the cross and Easter. Travelling together, may we find strength, joy and inspiration on that journey. When the song of the angels is stilled. When the star in the sky is gone. When the kings and the princes are home. When the shepherds are back with their flocks, The work of Christmas begins: To find the lost, To heal the broken, To feed the hungry, To release the prisoner, To rebuild the nations, To bring peace among brothers and sisters, To make music in the heart. - Howard Thurman, 1985**

**KEEP IN PRAYER the recently deceased members:** Charles McCourt, Jessie Cummings, Margaret Hart, Alfie Cummings, Kevin McGee, Manus Boyle, Liam Murray, Daphne Little, RIP. We pray for them, and their families.

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

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



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*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: I**  
*St. T (St Teresa's), St. A. (St Andrew's, Dumfries)*  
*St. L (St Luke's, Moffat), HTL (Holy Trinity, Lockerbie)*

## 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

## Monday 13th January - St. Kentigern (Mungo) Bishop

10.00 am - **St. T. - Mass** - Sean McQuaid, RIP.

## Tuesday 14th January - Feria

10.00 am - **St. T. - Mass** - Liam Murray, RIP

## Wednesday 15th January - Feria

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

10.00 am - **HTL - Mass** - John Maynes, RIP, 1st Anni

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

## Thursday 16th January - Feria

10.00 am - **St. T. - Mass** - Daphne Little, RIP

## Friday 17th January - St. Anthony, Abbot

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

## Saturday 18th January - Memorial of BVM

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

10.00 am - **St T. - Mass** - Manus Boyle, RIP

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

5.00 pm - **St. L. - Vigil Mass** - Kevin McGee, RIP

## Sunday 19th January - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30 am - **HTL - Mass** - Noel Slattery, RIP

11.30 am - **St. T. - Mass** - Staff/ Pupils, St Teresa's School

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE of the souls of:**

Kevin McGee, whose Funeral Service is at 12.00 n on Tuesday 21st January.  
Manus Boyle, whose Funeral Mass is at 10.00 am on Wednesday 5th February  
Liam Murray, WHO passed away on Wednesday 8th January. Requiem Mass to follow soon.  
Daphne Little, who passed away on Saturday 11th January. Funeral Mass to follow soon.  
We send our prayers and condolences to their families and friends.  
All are invited. May they Rest in Peace, Amen.



**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN (RCIC).**

A brief meeting for parents/ guardians will take place today Sunday 12th January, in the church (at our Lady's Altar) after the 11.30 am Mass. *The Tuesday Club for the children has been re-scheduled for Tuesday 21st January, from 4.30 pm till 6.00 pm, in the Church Hall.*

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** will take place today, in the Baptistery 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.** 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 TERESA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL** is about to undergo a HMIE inspection, from the week commencing 27th January 2025. We pray to the Lord to stay with them on the journey. Sustain their energy, enthusiasm and passion to drive the school's improvement plan and attainment standard for every child. May their efforts and progression shine through at this Inspection.

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

SCAN ME!

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2025** starts from 18 to 25 January 2025, with the theme, "Do you believe this?" As we celebrate 1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea, our service/ gathering has at its heart, the Nicene Creed. The scripture readings for this year focus on belief.

We are invited to reflect on the story of Martha's confession of faith in Jesus as narrated in John 11:17-27. Each is called to sit with Jesus' provocative question to Martha: "Do you believe this?"

**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 church  
is  
**OPEN!**

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

**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."

**ORDINARY TIME:** We begin the First Week of Ordinary Time tomorrow, Monday 13th January. Green is the colour of the season. We will celebrate Ordinary Time for just over 8 weeks then we will enter the season of Lent-Ash Wednesday on 5th March. During this time the church invites us to reflect on the unfolding mystery of Christ in our lives.

Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" simply because the weeks are numbered. The Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word *ordo*, from which we get the English word order. Thus, Ordinary Time is in fact the ordered life of the Church.



For the Catholic tradition, Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives. That's why there's nothing "ordinary" about Ordinary Time.



➤ REGISTER NOW



**SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA PILGRIMAGE WALK FOR YOUNG ADULTS (18-30):** Join the Galloway Youth Office and Young Adults from across the Diocese for the experience of a lifetime and spend 5 days walking the last 108km of the Camino de Santiago, followed by 2 days in Santiago. The pilgrimage runs from 12th - 19th October and costs £700 per person (we will support you in fundraising to reduce this). A program of meetings (also available online for those unable to travel) and walks will take place in advance to help you in your preparations. Interested? For more information or to sign up scan the QR code on the poster or search for @redgyouth on social media - but places are limited so don't delay!

**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.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** This New Year is another opportunity for you to serve the community, especially as a Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Sunday's 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



**A KEG OF BEER AND A CASE OF WHISKEY:** Before performing a Baptism, the priest approached the young father and said solemnly, "Baptism is a serious step. Are you prepared for it?" "I think so," the man replied. "My wife has made appetizers and we have a caterer coming to provide plenty of cookies and cakes for all of our guests." "I don't mean that," the priest responded. "I mean, are you prepared spiritually?" "Oh, sure," came the reply. "I've got a keg of beer and a case of whiskey."