

MASS TEXT

Sunday Year C
Weekday Cycle I
Divine Office: Vol. 2. Week III

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

OT Read: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

RP: 102

The LORD is
compassionate and gracious.

NT Read: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to You O Christ, King of Eternal Glory
Repent, says the Lord, for the

kingdom of heaven is at hand
Praise to You O Christ, King of Eternal Glory

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

PREFACE: III of Lent
EUCH. PRAYER: III

30th March 2025
Fourth Sunday of Lent (C)

OT Read: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

RP: 33

NT Read: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. Teresa's: £ 650.50

Holy Trinity & St. Luke's: £ 218.00

*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.*

RETHINKING - HUMAN SUFFERING

Thanks be to God that God is not the vineyard owner. Rather, God is the gardener. God is the gardener who says no to the wisdom of the world. God is the gardener whose love rejects the wisdom of the world. God is the gardener who proclaims our value not in terms of whether we are doing what we are supposed to be doing, not in terms of what we produce, what we make or even what we take. God the gardener tells us, "All that doesn't matter. I don't care about all that. What matters is how much I care."

And God says I care so much that not only am I not going to send punishment down on you for missteps, not only am I not going to uproot you when life seems to have sapped the life from you, but I am also going to get down there with you, in the dirt, in the manure, in the places where it smells and stinks and gets overwhelming.

God says, "I care enough to get dirty!"
And so Jesus is saying, in the midst of news of tragedy, don't look to place blame on the victims of violence, the victims of hunger, the victims of poverty, the victims of grief, the victims of suffering. Don't try to explain away tragedy by finding a convenient place to put the blame for it. And don't put it on God. Don't look for tragedy and trauma as evidence of the vineyard owner who has come and gotten even, offered retribution for wrongdoing.

Amid tragedy, if you want to find God, look where the suffering is. God is there suffering with us. This is the message of the Incarnation. That God is with us. So don't look at the heavens and shake your fist. Look at the dirt. And the manure. The earth. And dig your hands in. For that is where God is, with us in the midst of it all. In this parable, Jesus is telling us that God, when we feel most lifeless and hopeless and worthless, isn't going to leave or forsake us or send us to the fires. Rather, God is entering into our lifelessness, hopelessness and worthlessness with compassion and love. Extract from 'God Is A Gardener'
- A Homily For Lent by David Roberts February 28, 2013

The Annunciation (25th March)

- is a moment of profound spiritual, historical, and cultural significance. It marks the beginning of God's redemptive plan through the Incarnation, showcases Mary's unparalleled faith, and continues to inspire art, music, and devotion across the ages. As we reflect on this sacred event, we are reminded of Mary's courageous fiat and the transformative power of saying "yes" to God's call. In its beauty and depth, the Annunciation remains a timeless message of faith, grace, and divine love.

KEEP IN PRAYER the recently deceased members:

Margaret Hart, Alfie Cummings, Kevin McGee, Manus Boyle, Liam Murray, Daphne Little, Catriona J. Lau, Rosie Biggin, Delia Moscardini, RIP. We pray for them, and their families.



Third Sunday of Lent (C) - 23rd March 2025



Parish Clergy


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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: 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 22nd March - Memorial of BVM

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

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

5.00 pm - **St. L. Vigil Mass** - Peter McFarlane, Wellbeing

Sunday 23rd March - 3rd Sunday of Lent (C)

9.30 am - **HTL - Mass** - Mary Delaney, RIP

11.30 am - **St. T.- Mass** - People of the Parish

Monday 24th March - Feria

10.00 am - **St. T. - Mass** - Rose Eadie, Wellbeing

Tuesday 25th March - The Annunciation of the Lord, s.

10.00 am - **St. T. - Mass** - Des McCaughey, Wellbeing

7.00 pm - **HTL - Growing in Faith - "The Chosen" Talks**

Wednesday 26th March - Feria

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

10.00 am - **HTL - Mass** - Renita Crolla, Wellbeing

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

7.00 pm - **St. T. - Growing in Faith - "The Chosen" Talks**

Thursday 27th March - Feria

10.00 am - **St. T. - Mass** - Winnie Power, Wellbeing

Friday 28th March - Feria

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

12.00 n - **St. L. Stations of the Cross**

7.00 pm - **St. T./ HT.L. - Stations of the Cross**

Saturday 29th March - Memorial of BVM

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

10.00 am - **St T. - Mass** - Eleanor McGaw, Wellbeing

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

5.00 pm - **St. L. - Vigil Mass** - John Bridgeman, RIP

Sunday 30th March - 4th Sunday of Lent - Laetare - (C)

9.30 am - **HTL - Mass** - Confirmation candidates & family

11.30 am - **St. T.- Mass** - Confirmation candidates & family

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) of Parishioners takes place today 23rd March, after our 11.30 am Mass, in the Church Hall, with Pot Luck lunch served. All are invited. The Annual Report and Financial Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2024 will be presented. You are welcome.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION. On Sunday 30th March, at our 11.30 am Mass, Bishop Frank will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on the children of our parishes of St Teresa's Dumfries and Holy Trinity, Lockerbie, who are preparing for their first holy communion later in the year. We welcome the children, with their families and friends. You are all invited to the hall, after Mass, for a light refreshment with the candidates and Bishop Frank.

SCIAF WEE BOX APPEAL: SCIAF Sunday is celebrated across Scotland next Sunday 30th March and there will be a special Collection in support of the "Build Peace" appeal by SCIAF LENT 2025 CAMPAIGN. Please use your wee box and bring it back before Easter.

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

100 CLUB DRAW. New members are welcome, only £2 per month. Please complete the form on the church porch or contact Irene (after the Sunday Mass), in the Church Hall.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS. During Lent, this devotion will take place on Fridays at St Teresa's Dumfries, 7.00 pm. St Lukes, 12.00 n. Holy Trinity, Lockerbie, 7.00 pm.

LENTEN LUNCHESES will be served at St John's Church Hall, Newall Terrace, every Friday during Lent, 12 noon to 2 pm, with all proceeds going to Christian Aid in its 80th year.

St Teresa's will be manning the Home Baking/Gifts Stall on Friday 28th March. Donations of baking can be handed into St John's Church after 10 am on Friday morning. Further details from Mary Brown.

RCIC CLUB - Sacraments & Easter Fun. St Teresa's church is offering your child the chance to prepare for Easter in this Jubilee Year in a fun and interactive way. Tuesday 8th April, 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm, at St Teresa's Church Hall. All children preparing for the Sacraments, those who last year undertook their Sacraments and any who will be taking part in sacramental preparation next year (P3 -P5) are invited. Through a number of faith-filled activities, we will explore the themes of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation, celebrate the feast of Easter and the message of Hope in this Jubilee Year. *We hope to bring together local children who attend the various Parishes in our local community. Free snacks and drinks provided. How do I sign up? Use the QR code provided. There is no cost and children can be dropped off. Please complete the form by 3rd April 2025.*

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; finish at 11.45 am.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES. We are very grateful to those of you who make your weekly offerings using the envelope system. The envelopes for the new financial year are now available for collection at the back of the church. Please only lift the envelope with your name on it. Some will be asked to complete a new Gift Aid form if appropriate. Some like you have opted to set up Standing Orders, we hope you will oblige. If you'd like a set of weekly envelopes have a chat with the Piety Shop volunteers or contact the Parish Office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to serve the community, especially at our Sunday's Tea & Coffee, Church or Hall Cleaning, etc. Can you help dust, sweep, mop, or vacuum the inside of the church/ hall? You and your family/friends can choose the time/day of the week that suits you and do the much as you can. We need you. Please speak to Irene or the parish clergy if you can. Thanks.

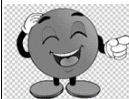
THE CHOSEN. Do you want to follow the Life of Christ this Lent? Perhaps you are intrigued by the person of Jesus or simply interested in what Catholicism is about. We invite you to Come and See THE CHOSEN, a ground-breaking historical drama based on the life of Jesus Christ. Join us at St Teresa's Baptistry Room, on Wednesday 26th March (and every Wednesday in Lent), at 7.00 pm. You can ask questions, encounter God and journey with others. You are welcome.

VIRTUAL CHARITY SHOP: This is a new 'Frontier' for The Ababa Project Team, and we are so looking forward to the challenge. Please start clearing out 'vintage' items no longer of any use that we could sell. There will be a full list of items that we can use and another of items that we cannot use. e.g. no books, clothes. Bring your items along to church or contact Beatrice (07803 242372) for advice or to have them collected. There will be restrictions on weight, so we will sort and send them off to be sold to a company that will pay us a fair rate. Excited!!

YOUNG ADULTS TALK: Aged 18-30? Join us in St Teresa's, Dumfries (DG2 9DE) for our next evening on Sunday 6th April, starting with Mass at 5.45 pm. Fr Uchenna Odenigbo, CSSp will be speaking on 'The Paschal Triduum: Understanding Christ's Sacrifice' as we explore the questions of why Christ had to die on the cross, and why he accepted death on a cross. For more info, search @rcdgyouth online.

YOUTH EASTER GATHERING: Are you in P6-S6? Join the Diocesan Youth Office for a day of fun, games, activities and discussions as we gather to celebrate Easter on Saturday 26th April in St Teresa's, Dumfries (DG2 9DE) from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm. Free transport is available from Saltcoats, Kilmarnock, and Ayr. Scan the QR code on the poster or search @rcdgyouth online to register to take part.

YOUTH LEADERS – we need YOU!: Could you volunteer as a youth leader to help support or bring youth evenings to your deanery? The Youth Office is looking to recruit more adult leaders to help support the growth of their Youth Evenings in all areas of our Diocese. For full details and to register your interest, go to our website: rcdg.org.uk.



In a large city, a priest parked his car in a no-parking zone because he couldn't find a metered space. He put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 100 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment; Forgive us our trespasses."

When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note: "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket, I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

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The church
is
OPEN!

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

