

**THE ABABA PROJECT.** The monthly collection will be taken up today as usual. The team will also give us their regular update especially on the Charity Shop week which begins on 13th March. If you can volunteer to help please speak to a team member after mass today or see the schedule in the porch and sign-up where you can.

**ST PATRICK'S CELEBRATIONS.** This year do you fancy walking in the footsteps of St Patrick with a day trip to Downpatrick to visit the grave of the Saint and see his first Church in Ireland on Monday 20th March? Depart 8.30am and return 11.30pm (approximately). Cost for the coach and ferry travel and entrance to St Patrick's Centre only £35 per person (Tour operator is Dodds of Troon). Please sign-up at the back of church so that we can judge the interest.

**THE SATURDAY CLUB.** The children next gather on Saturday 25th March in the Baptistry from 11.15am till 1.15pm to continue their Sacramental preparation for their first holy communion day on Sunday 18th June here in St Teresa's.

**YOUTH-LED MASS.** The young people of the parish are invited to help prepare Mass for next Sunday (12th) by staying behind after 11.30am Mass today for half an hour.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION.** Thank you for the £294.46 collected at the annual special collection for the Church Students last week-end.

**LENTEN QUIET TIME.** On Mondays during Lent there will be a period of Eucharistic Adoration in the Church from 6.30pm till 7.30pm. Please feel free to pop in for some quiet prayer time before the Blessed Sacrament.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS.** On the Fridays during Lent (beginning Friday 10th March) the Stations of the Cross will take place in the church at 7pm.

**YOUTH FOR LOURDES.** Our group of young people preparing for the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes in July this year continue their fund raising activities by inviting you to sponsor them in climbing the 570 metre high Criffel. It will take place on Saturday 1st April. If you wish to join them for the climb you will be most welcome. They gather in Ardwell Carpark on the far side of New Abbey at 9.45am heading off at 10am. The walk is about 3½ miles and will take approximately 3 hours to complete.

**LENTEN LUNCHESES.** The annual Lenten Lunches will take place in St John's Church Hall, Lovers' Walk here in the town on the Fridays of Lent to support Christian Aid, £3.50 for adults, £2 for children (for soup, roll, tea and coffee). The first will be this Friday, 3rd March from 12 noon till 1.30pm. Our own St Teresa's group hosts the sale table on 17th March. Donations for the table top sale will be most welcome (Toiletries etc, cash donation and especially Home Baking). Call Carole on 01387 267623 for more info or to offer help.

**NOT IN OUR NAME PRO-LIFE CAMPAIGN.** We are a group of midwives who have come together to oppose the Royal College of Midwives (RCM) support for a campaign run by abortion provider BPAS calling for the legalisation of abortion up-to-birth for any reason. It has been announced that Diana Johnson MP will introduce a Bill on Monday 13th March that seeks to introduce abortion up-to-birth for any reason. We are opposing the use of our name and the Bill – and have added a section to our website where members of the public can email their MP to ask them to oppose this extreme Bill. For more information please go online to [www.notinourname.co](http://www.notinourname.co) or email: [contact@notinourname.co](mailto:contact@notinourname.co). for further information.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** The annual Chrism Mass takes place at 7pm on Tuesday 15th April in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr. As usual a coach will be organised.

**MARIST 200 BICENTENARY CELEBRATIONS.** St Joseph's College will be celebrating Mass in the College Chapel on Sunday 28th May to mark this Bicentenary (time tbc). The mass will be followed by lunch in the Easterbrook Hall with a display of memorabilia of the life and times of the College community. The College are hoping you will loan to them your pictures and other items to use in this display. Pick-up a flyer from the church porch to see how to participate or contact the school office on 01387 252893.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY.** Could our Children's Liturgy catechists spare 10 minutes of their time after Mass today please just so that Fr Jim can have a quick chat with you.

**LENTEN PLEDGE.** The Pioneer Total Abstinence Association invite you to join them in their Lenten pledge promising in honour of the Sacred Heart and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to abstain from all intoxicating drink until Easter Sunday. A pledge certificate can be picked up in the church porch.

# MASS TEXT

Sunday Cycle A :: Weekday Cycle 1  
Divine Office:  
Vol. 2 Week 1 with season

## CALL TO SILENCE:

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

## FIRST READING:

Genesis 2: 7-9; 3:1-7

## PSALM 50:

Have mercy on us, O Lord,  
for we have sinned.

## SECOND READING:

Romans 5: 12-19

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you O Christ,  
King of eternal glory (x2)

Man does not live on bread alone  
but on every word that comes  
from the mouth of God.

Praise to you O Christ,  
King of eternal glory (x2)

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 4:1-11

## Sunday 12th March is the Second Sunday of Lent (A)

**OT Reading:** Genesis 12: 1-4

**Psalm:** Ps. 32

**NT Reading:** II Timothy 1:8-10

**Gospel:** Matthew 17: 1-9



## SCIAF LENTEN PACKS

**Last year our parish raised £3,821.24 for SCIAF from the Wee Box Lenten campaign, the 4th Sunday of Lent special collection and the three special collections for Nepal, Africa and the Ukraine. A truly marvellous result-well done everyone!**

This year's SCIAF appeal is focussed on the their work in Zambia. The theme of their focus is "Today's seeds are tomorrow's bread." SCIAF tells us that 3 in 4 people in that country survive on 85p per day, 4.8 million don't have access to enough water.

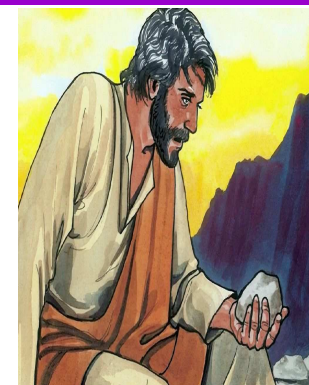
By picking up a Lenten Pack church today and supporting the WEE BOX BIG CHANGE campaign you will allow SCIAF to continue to change people's lives for the better. The SCIAF Lenten collection will be taken on Sunday 26th March.

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (A) 5th March 2017

## St Teresa's Parish Community

*Our Parish Priest is: Fr Jim Hayes*  
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*Our Parish Deacon is: Rev. Mr. William Hiddleston*  
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*(Please only call Deacon Willie Mon-Frid office hours unless an emergency)*  
A parish of the RC Diocese of Galloway. Charity Number: SC 010576.  
The sick and housebound would appreciate a copy of the bulletin -  
if you can please pop one through their door. Thank you.



## SUNDAY MASSES:

**11.30am** here at St Teresa's

*Sunday Mass also takes place as follows:*

Vigil: 6pm in St Luke's, Moffat (DG10 9DS) also 6pm in St Andrew's, Dumfries (DG1 2JL);  
Sundays: 9.30am in Holy Trinity, Lockerbie (DG11 2DA); 10am St Andrew's, Dumfries;  
12 noon St Columba's, Annan (DG12 6JG)

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

Mon, Tues, Thurs & Sat: 10am.  
*Wednesday and Friday at 10am in St Andrew's*

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Saturdays 10.30am till 10.55am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 10.30am till 11am.

The Rosary:

Recited at 9.45am on Tuesdays

**The Ladies Guild:** Meetings take place on Tuesdays in the Hall at 7.30pm.

**The Parish Hall:** To book the hall please contact Mrs Peggy Marshall on 261373

**WEEKLY COLLECTION:** £558.66. Thank you.

The SVDP thank you for the £130 donated at the Church door during February.

Baptisms can be booked by contacting Fr Jim directly

Weddings normally require six months notice-please contact Fr Jim.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS COMING WEEK:

Sunday: Jenny King (Ann);

Monday: Sp.Int (L.F); Tuesday: Sp.Int (D.N);

Thursday: John Dawes (RecDec); Saturday: Sp.Int.

For the sick, at home, in hospital or in care and for all the Holy Souls.