

SCIAF LENTEN PACKS. This year's SCIAF appeal is focussed on women farmers in Africa. We are told how much support SCIAF has given to them to help them train and set-up enabling them to look after their families. By picking up a Lenten Pack as you leave church today and supporting the 50th anniversary appeal through the WEE BOX campaign you will allow SCIAF to continue to change people's lives for the better-this Lent the appeal will be twice as big as every £1 SCIAF receives will be doubled by the UK government. Thank you for your terrific and on-going support.

NEW ROTA. Theresa invites all participants on the ministry rota to pick-up the schedule for March and April in the usual place at the back of church or view it on the parish website. Volunteers are needed for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

PARISH CHOIR. To prepare for Holy Week and Easter the choir will meet in the Church on Wednesday evenings during Lent from 7pm till 8pm. Members, old and new are very welcome.

PARISH LIBRARY. Why not read a spiritual book for Lent? Our librarians will gladly help you-pop into the Baptistry and have a browse.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER. This annual event takes place this year in the Baptist Church, Newall Terrace, Dumfries on Friday 6th March at 7.30pm. All welcome.

LENTEN TALKS. You are welcome to attend the Lenten Talks taking place in St Andrew's and St Cuthbert's Church Hall, High Street, Kirkcudbright, DG6 4JW. Led by Fr William McFadden they take place on Saturday 7th and 28th March from 11am till 12.30pm. Tea/Coffee served from 10.45am. See poster for details.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS. On the Fridays during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7pm.

GROW IN FAITH. The next evening for discussing our Christian faith will take place in St Teresa's Hall on Thursday 26th February from 7pm till 9pm. These sessions will follow the DVD series by Father Robert Barron called "Catholicism, The New Evangelisation". All welcome.

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 for adults, £1.50 for children (for soup, roll, tea and coffee). The first will be this Friday, 20th February from 12 noon till 1.30pm. Our own St Teresa's group hosts it on 13th March. Donations of Home Baking will be most welcome. Call our co-ordinator, Carole McCann on 07 949 890 615 for more info or to offer help.

THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION GROUP. An invitation to attend a talk in a series of theological reflection meetings here in Dumfries & Galloway is extended to all. It takes place in St Peter's, Dalbeattie on Tuesday 10th March from 12.30 till 2pm. The speaker is Mr David Preston, a member of St Andrew's and St Cuthbert's parish in Kirkcudbright. Tea and Coffee will be provided, bring a packed lunch. There's no charge for the day.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS. The next special collection is the SCIAF collection on Sunday 15th March.

THE WEDNESDAY CLUB. Seniors and their friends are reminded that the next meeting takes place on Wednesday 4th March in the Parish Hall from 12.30pm till 3pm. It includes a complimentary lunch and activities. All seniors welcome.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES. The diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from 06-13 July led by Bishop Nolan. The group fly from Prestwick directly to Lourdes. Cost is £679/£699 fully inclusive. To book please contact Joe Walsh Tours on 0141 530 5060 or email info@joewalshstours.co.uk. Those pilgrims who require assistance are asked to book through Miss Janie Agnew, telephone 07739399222. See poster for details, pick up a flyer and a booking form in the porch.

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.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS. This confidential support group meets in the Church (Baptistry Room) every Friday evening at 7.30pm. Please just call in any time-the kettle is always on and support is always freely available.

MASS TEXT

Sunday Cycle B :: Weekday Cycle 1
Divine Office Vol. 2, Week 1

FIRST READING:

Genesis 9: 8-15

PSALM 24:

Your ways, Lord,
are faithfulness and love
for those who keep your covenant.

SECOND READING:

I Peter 3: 18-22

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: Mark 1:12-15

PREFACE: *Of the 1st Sunday of Lent*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: *III*

Sunday 1st March is the 2nd Sunday of Lent (B)

OT Reading: Genesis 22: 1-2. 9-13. 15-18.

Psalms: Ps. 115

NT Reading: Romans 8:31-34

Gospel: Mark 9: 2-10



REPENT IT'S LENT

Following the success of an evening of availability of the priests of the deanery for confession last year we are going to repeat the exercise again this year.

It will take place here at St Teresa's on Friday 13th March.

There will be Adoration in the church during which at least one priest of the deanery will be available to hear confessions (from 5.15pm till 9.15pm). The period of prayer will begin at 5pm with evening prayer (which will be repeated at 6pm, 8pm and 9pm with Stations of the Cross at 7pm) concluding at 9.30pm with Benediction. An initiative of the Holy Father from last year, Pope Francis has asked us to create this space again for the church to celebrate the Lord's mercy and forgiveness-please take up this wonderful opportunity and join us. All welcome.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (B) 22nd February 2015

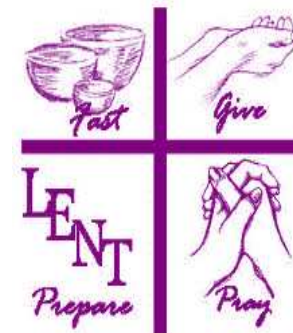
St Teresa's Parish Community

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Our Parish Deacon is: Rev. Mr. William Hiddleston

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:

Saturday vigil: 6pm St Luke's, Moffat and 6pm in St Andrew's, Dumfries;
Sundays: 9.30am in Holy Trinity, Lockerbie; 10am St Andrew's, Dumfries;
12 noon St Columba's, Annan.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Mon, Tues, Thurs & Sat at 10am
Wed & Frid at 10am in St Andrew's

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Saturday after 10am service till 11am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday after 10am service 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: £734.12 Thank you.

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: Marie McKenna (Ann); Tuesday: Vincent Frain (Ann);
Thursday: Nat Little (RecDec); Saturday: Canon John Walls (Ann-Fr John was our Parish Priest from 1997 till he sadly passed away on 28th February 2010).

For all the sick, at home, in hospital or in care.