

MASS TEXT

Sunday Cycle A :: Weekday Cycle 2
Divine Office Vol. 1 Week 4

FIRST READING:

Malachi 3:1-4

PSALM: 23: 7-10

Who is the king of glory?
It is the Lord.

SECOND READING:

Hebrews 2:14-18

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The light to enlighten the Gentiles
and give glory to Israel,
your people.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

PREFACE: Mystery of the Presentation

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: II

**Sunday 9th February is the
Fifth Sunday in OT (A)**

OT Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

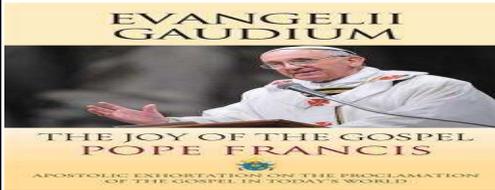
Psalms: Ps. 111: 4-9

NT Reading:

I Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

On the Feast where we celebrate the child Jesus being presented in the Temple it seems an opportune time to read what Pope Francis says about the gift of life in his recent Apostolic Exhortation, "Evangelii Gaudium"



Among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenceless and innocent among us. Nowadays efforts are made to deny them their human dignity and to do with them whatever one pleases, taking their lives and passing laws preventing anyone from standing in the way of this. Frequently, as a way of ridiculing the Church's effort to defend their lives, attempts are made to present her position as ideological, obscurantist and conservative. Yet this defence of unborn life is closely linked to the defence of each and every other human right. It involves the conviction that a human being is always sacred and inviolable, in any situation and at every stage of development. Human beings are ends in themselves and never a means of resolving other problems. Once this conviction disappears, so do solid and lasting foundations for the defence of human rights, which would always be subject to the passing whims of the powers that be. Reason alone is sufficient to recognize the inviolable value of each single human life, but if we also look at the issue from the standpoint of faith, "every violation of the personal dignity of the human being cries out in vengeance to God and is an offence against the creator of the individual". Precisely because this involves the internal consistency of our message about the value of the human person, the Church cannot be expected to change her position on this question.

FEAST of the PRESENTATION of the LORD 2nd February 2014

St Teresa's Parish Community

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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 and Sat at 10am
Wed and Frid at 10am in St Andrew's

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Saturdays 10.30am-10.55am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 10.30am-10.55am

The Rosary: After 10am service on Tuesdays

The Ladies Guild: Meet on Tuesdays at 7.30pm in the Hall.

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION: £722.18 Thank you for your weekly support.

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: Andy McCrone (RecDec) and John Adams RIP (Birthday remembrance);
Monday: Barbara Wilkinson (RecDec); Tuesday: Jimmy Bell (RecDec);
Thursday: Barbara Wilkinson (RecDec).

We remember all those who are sick at home, in hospital or in care.
We pray for all pregnant women and their partners, the child in the womb and those seeking the gift of a child through adoption.



DIOCESAN MASS FOR THE SICK. Bishop Cunningham invites you to join him on Sunday 9th February for 4.30pm Mass to celebrate the annual Day of Prayer for the Sick in St Paul's Church, Peggieshill Place, Ayr (KA7 3RF). During Mass the Bishop will administer the Sacrament of the Sick to those who are in need of it. The day is hosted by the diocesan Lourdes group and they will offer hospitality and hold their AGM following the Mass. All welcome.

GROW IN FAITH COURSE (RCIA). The next gathering of the adult faith development group will take place from 7.30pm till 9pm in Holy Trinity Church Hall, Lockerbie on Thursday 13th February. If you would like a lift there cars will leave St Teresa's church car-park at 7pm, to book a seat call Deacon Willie on 264424 or Paula (Cochrane) on 249034. Please do come along any time you can and support this joint effort-all welcome.

DIOCESAN YOUTH OFFICE YOUTH RETREAT DAY. "New life in Christ" will be the theme of a retreat day of talks, workshops, group discussion, drama, music, prayer, social time, question and answer sessions, adoration, finishing with Mass. The retreat will take place in St Margaret's Cathedral on Saturday, 1st March, from 11 am until 7 pm, and is supported by New Dawn ministries. The programme is for 11-25 year olds (in two groups). Lunch will be provided. Places are limited and you do need to register. Please download a registration form from www.gallowayyouth.org.uk and return it to Fr Stephen McGrattan or get one from the youth notice board at the back of the church. For more information email info@rccumnock.org.uk. Fr Jim would like to encourage our young people to take part in this invitation from the diocesan youth officer, Fr Stephen.



THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC). Our next meeting takes place in the Parish Hall this coming Thursday (6th) from 7-9pm. The major discussion point will be the diocesan Embracing Change document recently distributed and still available in the church porch. Please take a copy, read it and come to the PPC meeting to share your thoughts.

PPC MINUTES. The minutes of the PPC meeting held on 21st November are now available in the church porch and on-line.



THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION GROUP. An invitation to attend the theological reflection meetings here in Dumfries & Galloway is extended to all. It takes place in St Peter's, Dalbeattie on Tuesday 11th February from 12.30 till 2pm. The speaker is our dean, Fr William McFadden, and is entitled, "The 10th Assembly of the World Council of Churches: God of Life, Lead us to Justice and Peace." In this talk Father will share the insights he gained when he attended this meeting in Busan, South Korea in November 2013. Tea and Coffee will be provided, bring a packed lunch. There is no charge for the day. It would be a good commitment to ecumenism to plan to attend this meeting.

SPECIAL COLLECTION. The annual special collection for the Church Students Fund will be taken on Sunday 16th February. Gift Aid envelopes are available.

THE SATURDAY CLUB. The next session for the children preparing for the Sacraments this year takes place in the Baptistry Room here in the church on Saturday 22nd February from 11.15am till 1pm. Please pray for the children and their families as they continue their preparation together.

ST CONAL'S SCRIPTURE GROUP. All are welcome to join this group in St Conal's, Kirkconnel on Wednesday evenings from 7pm till 8.30pm to reflect and pray on the Sunday scripture readings and support one another through intercessory prayer and enjoy a cuppa together. All welcome.

LADIES GUILD. You are invited to join the ladies on Tuesday evenings in the Hall at 7.30pm. All welcome.

LISIEUX SHRINE 2014 CALENDARS. The sale of these calendars supports the Shrine and Basilica of St Teresa in Lisieux, France and are on sale in the porch for only £2 each.



THE ABABA PROJECT. Today being the first Sunday we remember in our Mass our brothers and sisters in Ethiopia and if you have a few pence change team members will come among you after communion to receive them for the parish mission.

THE AA SUPPORT GROUP. This confidential support group meets every Friday evening in the Baptistry room in the church at 7.30pm.