

# MASS TEXT

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

## FIRST READING:

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

## PSALM:

118: 1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34.

They are happy  
who follow God's law!

## SECOND READING:

I Corinthians 2:6-10

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Speak Lord,

your servant is listening: you have  
the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL: Matthew 5:17-37

**PREFACE:** VI of Sundays

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:** II

## Sunday 23rd February is the Seventh Sunday (A)

### OT Reading:

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

### Psalms:

102: 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13.

**NT Reading:** I Cor 3:16-23

**Gospel:** Matthew 5:38-48

## Embracing Change

At the recent PPC meeting a discussion on the paper Embracing Change took place. The full notes of that discussion are available at the back of church and on-line. Some of the major points were:

The people of the Diocese need to be under no illusions that change needs to take place for the pastoral care of the souls of the people. The number of practising Catholics within the Diocese has dropped by over 50% within the past 20 years. Why? The answer is multi-faceted among the reasons: changing work/leisure patterns.

Dumfries will inevitably go down to 1 priest. With approximately 730 parishioners recorded in November 2013 in the mass census how will that affect 2 Churches, 2 halls, 2 houses? It looks inevitable that the catholic community will need to consolidate in the town and go down to 1 church, 1 house, 1 hall. However sad the thought of this, the numbers suggest this is the right thing to do. What criteria will be used to decide which location will be closed and which will stay? The benefits would be a wider use of parish talents, also encourage youth to take a more active part, it would also be affordable.

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A) 16th February 2014

### St Teresa's Parish Community

Our Parish Priest is: Fr Jim Hayes  
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Our parish deacon is: Deacon Willie 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 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: £650.45** Thank you for your weekly support.  
*The SVDP thank you for £255 donated in January.*

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: For the parish;  
Saturday 22nd: Vincent Frain (Ann).

We remember all those who are sick at home, in hospital or in care.  
We pray for our diocese and the church in Europe as it struggles to cope with the impact of the decreasing number of priests.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION.** The annual special collection for the Church Students Fund will be taken today (16th February). Gift Aid envelopes are available. In our diocese we have only one church student in training for priesthood and that is our very own Cameron Ferguson who is in his second year of studies at the Scots College, Rome (pictured). This annual special collection reminds us to keep Cameron in our prayers and indeed all our church students.



**CONTROL CENTRE PETITION.** The staff and supporters of the local Police Scotland Control Centre in Dumfries have mustered themselves following the announcement that the centre is to close with the loss not only of the jobs there but also of local oversight of our safety and security. If you would like to show your support in having the decision to close the centre reversed you are invited to sign the petition at the back of church. The petition will be available next week too.

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

**WELCOME.** Next Saturday (22nd) at 12 noon we will welcome baby Haiden Albert Campbell Murray into the family of God with the celebration of his Baptism. We send our best wishes to all his family on this happy occasion.

**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 27th 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 come along any time you can and support this joint effort-all welcome.

**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.



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.** You will be made very welcome at St Mary's Greyfriars Church Hall on Friday 7th March at 2pm for this year's event.

**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](http://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](mailto: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.



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

**MASS FOR THE SICK.** The parish SVDP group are organising a Mass for the Sick and their families and carers during which the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will take place. It will be on Sunday 9th March at 11.30am mass followed by hospitality in the parish hall. Families are asked to make arrangements for their loved one's to be present. If you require assistance

with transport or can offer transport please contact the SVDP President Joe (Smith) on 07511529114 or any other member, they will be glad to help.

**BENEDICTINE CONVENT REUNION.** A meeting to discuss marking the 130th anniversary of the Sisters' arrival has been arranged for Sunday 23rd February at 1pm in the Aberdour Hotel. It is hoped that former convent girls will attend and help to organise a reunion for this occasion. Contact Elizabeth West on 07826529211 for further information or email on: [bethie1128@gmail.com](mailto:bethie1128@gmail.com)



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



**FOR YOUR INFORMATION.** Fr Jim is taking a few days off this week (17-21 Feb) before the season of Lent arrives. If you require the urgent services of a priest in his absence please contact Fr David at St Andrew's (01387 254281). Please keep all non-essential matters till his return. Services of the word with holy communion will take place this week in the church.