

ASH WEDNESDAY. This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday (1st March). It is a day of fasting and abstinence for all those who are able to do so. If you are sick or caring for a sick person you should excuse yourself from this pious practice. Mass at which the ashes will be blessed and distributed will be here in St Teresa's Church at 11.30am (led by the primary school children). There is also a 9.30am Mass in St Luke's, Moffat and a 9.30am and 7pm Mass in St Andrew's and a 7pm Mass in Holy Trinity, Lockerbie.

CONGRATULATIONS. We send our very best wishes to the boys and girls of this year's "Saturday Club" who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Nolan on Friday evening at a wonderful joint service in St Andrew's Church. Please keep the children, their families and sponsors in your prayers. The children next gather on Saturday 25th March in the Baptistry from 11.15am till 1.15pm (Please note the planned meeting on the 4th March has been cancelled).

THE ABABA PROJECT. The monthly collection will be taken up next week 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.

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION. The annual special collection for the Church Students Fund will be taken today (26th February). Gift Aid envelopes are available in the porch area.

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.

THE WEDNESDAY CLUB. All seniors are most welcome to gather in the Parish Hall this coming Wednesday (1st March) in the company of good folks sharing a complimentary lite lunch and other activities from 12.30pm till 3pm.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER. You will be made very welcome at the River of Life community by the Railway Station on Friday 3rd March at 2pm for this year's event.

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.

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

ST TERESA'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP. The next gathering for this group will be this coming Saturday (4th March) beginning with our 10am service. As the talks themselves have concluded, this season the meeting will include spiritual reflections throughout the period of Adoration followed by sharing and intercessory prayer in the Baptistry till 12pm. Come along and participate in this lovely experience. All welcome.

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. The new co-ordinator, Mrs Marie Mollins, has posted the new rota on the parish website and copies are available at the back of Church.

LITURGY ROTA. Theresa has posted the rota for March and April online and copies are available at the back of Church.

MASS TEXT

Sunday Cycle A :: Weekday Cycle I
Divine Office Vol. 1 Week 4
For Lent: Vol. 2 Week 4 with season

CALL TO SILENCE:

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

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 49:14-15

PSALM:

61: 2-3, 6-9.

In God alone is my soul at rest.

SECOND READING:

I Corinthians 4:1-5

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 6:24-34

PREFACE: Sundays VIII
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: II

Sunday 5th March is the First Sunday of Lent (A)

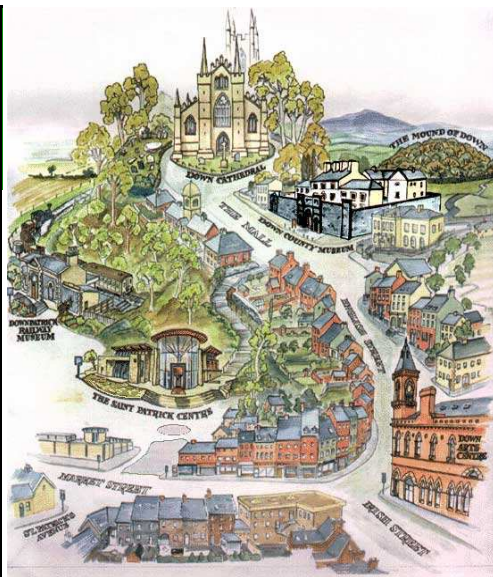
OT Reading:

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

Psalms: 50: 3-6, 12-14, 17.

NT Reading: Rom. 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11



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.

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A) 26th February 2017

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:

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.
Ash Wednesday at 11.30am.
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: £649.50. 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: Canon John Walls (Fr John)
(7th Ann-parish priest 1997-2010, passed away 28th February 2010);
Monday: Jean Moran (RecDec); Tuesday: Jimmy O'Neill (1st Ann) and Fr John (7th Ann);
Thursday: Anne Bradley (RecDec); Saturday: Anne Bradley (RecDec).
For the sick, at home, in hospital or in care and for all the Holy Souls.