



HAPPY NEW YEAR. Advent hails the beginning of a new liturgical year. We now begin the series of readings in Year A, following Matthew's Gospel for Sundays and year I for week-days. In Advent the Church intends to reflect on two aspects of our Christian faith: the expectation of Christ's Second Coming and the joy and salvation brought to us by his birth at Bethlehem when we recall his first coming. As we remember

so also we look forward. This is a period of joyful hope. The liturgy begins then by focussing on his birth at the end of time and then from the 17th December concentrates on his birth in time, humbly in a manger for a bed. Purple is the seasonal colour, greenery alone is used to decorate the church and the Gloria is rested from the liturgy. We are called to stay awake, repent of our sins and prepare a way for him. In the hustle and bustle that takes place around this time of year Advent helps us to remember that Jesus is the reason for the season.

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE CHRISTMAS MARKET. This event will take place in the College this coming Wednesday (30 November) from 7pm. It will include food, drinks, games, entertainment,, activities, bouncy castle, craft stalls as well as many other wonderful stalls supported by local businesses. Come along with family and friends and pick-up a few Christmas gifts. You may also wish to book a stall (£30 for a business, £15 for an individual or advertise in our market Guide for £10). Call the school on 01387 252893 for further info and assistance.

SENIORS CHRISTMAS MEAL. This Friday (2nd December) we will hold our seniors Christmas meal in the Parish Hall, 6pm for a 6.30pm start. Senior parishioners are cordially invited to attend. To help with catering (as it will be an actual meal) today is the last chance to sign-up as a guest on the list at the back of church, thank you.

THE ABABA PROJECT. Next week is the 1st Sunday of the month the usual collection of spare change will be taken up for our mission project in Ethiopia. Real gifts for Christmas vouchers are now available for those who might wish to donate to the Ababa Project instead of buying the usual type of gift from a store as a Christmas present. Vouchers are available for any donation you'd like to make. They can be gifted to your relative or friend in their Christmas Card indicating to them that a donation has been made to this good cause in their name for Christmas.



THE ADVENT WREATH. It is such a busy time preparing for Christmas that it is so good to have easy symbols that we can catch sight of and be immediately reminded of the love and peace of the season. The Advent wreath is such a symbol. Its' circular shape reminds us that God's love has no beginning and no end, it is evergreen to tell us that God's love never fades and the 4 candles count down the Sundays before we celebrate the birthday of Jesus

when we light the white candle in the centre. The children will be busy during Advent preparing the Christmas story but they will build the wreath piece by piece each week of the season and tell us all about it.

YOUTH ACTIVITY. Rehearsals for our next youth led mass on Sunday 18th December takes place in the Church on Thursday 15th December from 6pm till 7pm. All our young people are encouraged to come along and get involved.

YOUTH FOR LOURDES. Local members will join young people from across the diocese today for their meeting in Cumnock to continue their preparation. They also begin their Christmas Hamper ticket sales today. Only £1 a strip to be drawn on 18th December.

PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE. Please join the children and staff in St Teresa's school this coming Thursday (1st December) at 7pm for this wonderful event.

PARISH CHOIR. Rehearsals continue this coming Wednesday in the Church from 7pm till 8pm. All welcome-new and old!

200 CLUB. New members are always welcome. It is only £1 per month. Have a chat with Teresa in the Shop.



CHRISTMAS CARDS/CALENDARS. The church shop has a lovely selection of religious cards, calendars, diaries, candles for Christmas-all at reasonable prices -pop in and have a wee look.

GIFTS FOR HMP DUMFRIES. Could you provide a gift for a child whose dad is in prison? Fr Jim would appreciate a donation of any non-perishable gift you could give for the dad's in our local prison to give to their children this Christmas time. Gifts are needed for boys & girls (aged 0-16)and can be handed in (unwrapped please) to Father. Thanks.



MASS TEXT

Sunday Cycle A :: Weekday Cycle I
Divine Office Vol. 1 Wk I of season

CALL TO SILENCE:

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

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 2: 1-5

PSALM 121:

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'

SECOND READING:

Romans 13: 11-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 24: 37-44

PREFACE OF ADVENT I EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: III

**Sunday 4th December is the
Second Sunday of Advent (A)**

OT Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-10

Psalms: Ps. 71

NT Reading: Romans 15: 4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2016

MONDAY 12th DECEMBER

7pm **Reconciliation Service
in St Teresa's**

**ADVENT QUIET TIME BEFORE THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**
With opportunity for Confession

**Thursday 22nd December in St Teresa's
from 7pm till 9pm.**

Night Prayer at 7pm, 8pm and 8.50pm.

Please pop in for 5 or 10 minutes or longer if you
can-you will be very welcome.

*Fr Jim will be available for Confession
from 7pm till 8.30pm.*

CHRISTMAS EVE-Saturday 24th December

5.30pm Carols followed by 6pm Vigil
Mass in St Andrew's, Dumfries

5.30pm Carols followed by 6pm Vigil
Mass in St Luke's, Moffat

8.30pm **Carols followed by 9pm
Vigil Mass in St Teresa's**

CHRISTMAS DAY-Sunday 25th December

9.30am Mass in Holy Trinity, Lockerbie

10am Mass in St Andrew's, Dumfries

11.30am **Mass in St Teresa's**

NEW YEAR'S DAY- Sunday 1st January 2017 *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

9.30am Mass in Holy Trinity, Lockerbie

10am Mass in St Andrew's, Dumfries

11.30am **Mass in St Teresa's**

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

27th November 2016

St Teresa's Parish Community

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(Please only call Monday to Friday 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 at 10am.

Wednesday and Friday 10am in St Andrew's

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Following 10am service on Saturday till 10.55am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Following 10am service on Saturday till 11am

The Rosary:

9.45am 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: £826.91 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, 11.30am: For the Holy Souls;

Monday: Margaret Delaney (Ann); Tuesday: Sp.Int (M.J);

Thursday: Ian Campbell (Buried today in Dunoon) Sat: Sp.Int.

For the gift of Advent preparation,

For all those who are sick at home, in hospital or in care.