



BISHOP'S ORDINATION. Fr William Nolan will be ordained Bishop of Galloway on Saturday 14th February at an 11am Mass held in the Grand Hall, Kilmarnock. The reason for using this venue is to allow as many of us as possible to attend. Our Cathedral does not have the capacity for the expected large congregation (Fr Nolan's family, priests from Motherwell diocese as well as the Archbishop's and Bishop's of Scotland and elsewhere-not forgetting ourselves-the people and priests of our own Diocese). Bishop Cunningham is now officially the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese until Fr Nolan takes over as Bishop once he is consecrated. Details on how we can travel to this event together will be announced soon. Fr Nolan

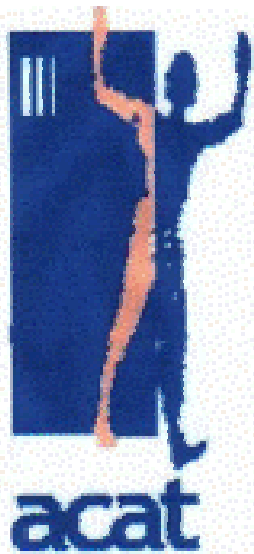
will meet with the priests of the diocese on the 11th December in St John's, Cumnock.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN (RCIC). The next children's session will take place on Saturday 6th December in the Baptistry Room here in the church from 11.15am till 1.15pm.

SENIORS PARTY EVENING. This event will take place in the Parish Hall on Friday 5th December 6pm for 6.30pm start. To assist the organisers with numbers etc, seniors in the parish are invited to sign-up on the list in the church porch by 23rd November please.

ACTION OF CHRISTIANS AGAINST TORTURE. This ecumenical organisation invites us to remember those prisoners of conscience incarcerated for their moral and religious beliefs all over the world by sending them greetings for Christmas. Their details are displayed at the back of church, please choose a person or organisation to send greetings to, complete the card and address it with the labels provided and deposit it for postage with a donation of £1. Thank you for supporting this initiative.

CHURCH STALL. Christmas cards, calendars etc are now on sale. Call in and see the many lovely religious cards that contain the real message of Christmas for you to send to all your family, friends and neighbours. Calendars from the Lisieux Shrine in France are also available at £2 each.



THE ADVENT WREATH. The never fading and never ending love and mercy of God is symbolised in the greenery and circle of the Advent wreath and the increasing light each week brings us closer to the birth of Christ the Light of the World. We dedicate this first candle to the families of our parish, especially those who are struggling to make ends meet.



ST TERESA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL. This annual event takes place in the school on Thursday 4th December from 7-9p.m. entry £1.50 to include coffee and homebaking. Usual stalls Wheel of Fortune, Bottle Stall, Toys, Cake and Candy, Books and Plants, Raffle, Bouncy Castle and of course-Santa's Grotto! The school would be grateful for any donations which could be handed in at the school office or to the Sacristy or Presbytery. We look forward to seeing you all on the 4th.

GROW IN FAITH. The next evening for all those interested in discussing and growing in their knowledge of the faith will take place in St Teresa's Hall on Thursday 4th December from 7pm till 9.15pm. These sessions will follow the very popular DVD series by Father Robert Barron called "Catholicism, The New Evangelisation". All are welcome, we look forward to seeing you.

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY. Deacon Willie is offering another great opportunity for top-class photographs to be done with the proceeds benefitting Youth for Lourdes. To book a time (to save you hanging about too much) call Louise on 07976324635 or email: misscullen2012@hotmail.co.uk Book in your family, friends, groups and even pets, sessions are taking place on 1st and 2nd December in the Hall from 7pm till 9pm! Each family session takes about 15/20 minutes. Costing only £20 per pack or £30 for 2 packs it is a bargain and makes a great Christmas gift. See poster in church porch or speak to the YfL team members after Mass today when they will be selling Christmas Hamper raffle tickets.



THE CHOIR. The choir welcomes members new and old to their rehearsals from Wednesday 3rd December from 7-8.30pm in the Church preparing for Christmas.



ABABA PROJECT. A wee reminder that the monthly collection will be taken next week.

PRO-LIFE/JUSTICE&PEACE/ST MARGARET'S FAMILY CENTRE COLLECTION. The annual collection for these worthy causes takes place on Sunday 21st December.

MASS TEXT

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

In Advent the Church prepares to celebrate the Nativity, when we recall Christ's first coming. As we remember so also we look forward in faith to his Second Coming at the end of time. It is a period of JOYFUL hope. Purple is the liturgical colour, the Gloria is omitted from the Liturgy and greenery replaces flowers for decoration.

CALL TO SILENCE:

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

OT READING:

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8.

Psalm 79:

God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

NT READING: I Corinthians 1:3-9.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 13: 33-37

PREFACE: *Advent I*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: //

**Sunday 7th December is the
Second Sunday of Advent (B)**

OT Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5; 9-11.

Psalm: 84

NT Reading: II Peter 3:8-14

Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8



GIFTS APPEAL

Thank you for keeping those who are imprisoned, those who work in prison's and the families of those incarcerated in your prayers these past few weeks.

Once again you are invited to 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 the Sacristy any-time. (please do not provide toy weapons of any kind) Many thanks to the great response already.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

30th November 2014

St Teresa's Parish Community

Our Parish Priest is: Fr Jim Hayes
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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: 10am.
Wednesday & Friday at 10am in St Andrew's

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Saturdays 10.30am till 10.55am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays 10.30am till 10.55am.

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: £695.54 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: Mr Pat Hayes (RecDec);
Monday: Stephen Welch (sick in Yorkhill Hosp.);
Tuesday: Bishop-elect William Nolan; Thursday: Retiring Bishop John Cunningham;
Saturday: For the people and priests of the diocese.

For the sick, at home, in hospital or in care and for all the Holy Souls.