

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Mark Bradley RIP

who has sadly died.

Our prayers and sincere condolences are sent to his family and friends. Mark's funeral service will take place on Tuesday 9th December at 12 noon at the Chapel of Rest, Terregles Street thereafter to St Michael's cemetery.

May he rest in peace.



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 our second candle to those among our families and friends who are trying to overcome their addiction problems.

YOUTH FOR LOURDES. The young people and leaders of our local group thank you all so much for your recent support raising £175 for the Christmas Hamper (won by Terry) and over £300 from Deacon Willie's photography sessions.

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

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.

GIFTS FOR PRISONERS. Thank you so much for another generous response to Fr Jim's appeal for gifts for the children whose Dad's find themselves in our local prison over the festive period. Today is the final day of the appeal-donations can be handed into the sacristy.

THE GALLOWAY NEWS. The Advent edition of the diocesan news has arrived and is available (free and with supplement on Bishop-Elect William) in the church porch.



THE ABABA PROJECT. The monthly collection is taken up today as part of our ongoing support of the work of the Franciscan Sisters in Ethiopia. You will be very pleased to know that thanks to your contributions this past year we have just this week sent £3,700 to the Sisters-in your name. These funds come out of these regular monthly appeals and provide for the basic needs of

the people the Sisters serve. Your monthly support is very gratefully received-and absolutely essential-thank you so much for your great support!

ABABA PROJECT CHRISTMAS VOUCHERS AND SHOP. If you would like to give more to our brothers and sisters in Ethiopia for Christmas, certificates are available for any offering you'd like to make. They can then be given to family members in their Christmas Cards letting them know that a donation was made to Ethiopia in their name to assist a needy family. You might also like to shop at the Ababa Shop-set-up so that you can pay for essential supplies that the Sisters need day-to-day. With your help the Sisters will be able to purchase these at the point of need.

ACTION OF CHRISTIANS AGAINST TORTURE. This ecumenical organisation invites us to remember those prisoner's 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.

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 15th January 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.

THE CHOIR. The choir welcomes members new and old to their rehearsals on Wednesday 10th December from 7-8.30pm in the Church preparing for Christmas.



MASS TEXT

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

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 40:1-5; 9-11.

Psalm 84:

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

NT READING: II Peter 3:8-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 1: 1-8

PREFACE: *Advent I*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: //

Sunday 14th December is the Third Sunday of Advent (B)

OT Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2; 10-11.

Canticle: Luke 1:46-50. 53-54.

NT Reading: I Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel: John 1: 6-8. 19-28

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2014

RECONCILIATION SERVICES

MONDAY 8th DECEMBER

7pm, Reconciliation Service
In Holy Trinity Church, Lockerbie.

MONDAY 15th DECEMBER

7pm, Reconciliation Service
here at St Teresa's, Dumfries.

WEDNESDAY 17th DECEMBER

7pm, Reconciliation Service
In St Andrew's Church, Dumfries

CHRISTMAS EVE-24th December

6pm, Vigil Mass in St Luke's, Moffat

11.30pm, Carols followed by
Midnight Mass here in St Teresa's

CHRISTMAS DAY-25th December

9.30am, Christmas Morning Mass
In Holy Trinity, Lockerbie

11.30am, Christmas Day Mass
Here in St Teresa's.

NEW YEAR'S DAY-1st January 2015

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

10am, Mass in Holy Trinity, Lockerbie

12 noon, Mass here in St Teresa's.

The Sanctuary greenery is dedicated to the wonderful memory of

Frank Ryan RIP

Whose birthday takes place on 8th December.

Fondly remembered by his loving family
and many friends.

May he rest in peace.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

7th December 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: £681.62 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: Andrew Jardine (1st Ann);

Monday: Frank Ryan RIP (B'day Remembrance);

Tues: Deceased members of the McGeehan and Bradley families (Christmas Ints);

Thursday: For Bishop-elect William and the priests of the diocese;

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.