

THE ADVENT WREATH DEDICATION. As you know the candles on this year's wreath are being dedicated to a particular intention each week. At the start of Advent we dedicated the first candle to praying for the unemployed that they will soon find work, the second candle is for those coping with addiction problems. On this Gaudete Sunday (Rejoice Sunday) we dedicate our 3rd candle for the gift of Peace and Joy in the world, praying for the many places experiencing violence and bloodshed at this present time.

SENIORS PARTY EVENING. A great BIG thank you to all who made such wonderful preparations for the Seniors Party Night which took place on Friday 5th December. It was such great fun and we were well entertained by our young people and their wonderful Christmas Songs! Thank you all most sincerely for a wonderful evening, enjoyed by all.

200 CLUB. Four winners to announce this week because of the extra draw for Christmas. Congratulations to Teresa Gooch (008); Terry Harkness (091); Gladys Keenan (047) and Elaine King (083).

ST TERESA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL. The staff and children of our parish primary school invite all parishioners and friends to join them this Tuesday evening (16th December) for their Christmas Show at 7pm in the school. Tickets only £2.50 and are available at the door on the night or by contacting the school office (255732).

SUNDAY MORNING MASS NEXT WEEK. The children have been preparing the Christmas Story with the Children's Liturgy leaders and we look forward to them sharing it with us during 11.30am Mass next week.



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

DAILY CATHOLIC DEVOTIONS BOOKLET. The January to March edition of "Living Faith" is now available in the Piety Shop.



YOUTH FOR LOURDES. Any golfers in the parish interested in organising a fundraising Golf Day at your club for our young people? Have a chat with Fr Jim.

THE CHOIR. The choir welcomes members new and old to their rehearsals on Wednesday from 7-8.30pm in the Church.



BISHOP-ELECT'S ORDINATION. Lists are now at the back of church to ascertain who is interested in going along to the Ordination ceremony of Bishop-Elect William at 11am in Kilmarnock on Saturday 14th February. The coach will leave the church at about 8.15am and return around 4pm. Please sign-up if you are planning to go, the coach will be free. Once we know our numbers we will be told if there is enough space, if not we will raffle the places we are allocated with those signed-up.

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.

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 which ends today.

ABABA PROJECT CHRISTMAS VOUCHERS AND SHOP. Thank you for a very generous £356.60 raised at last week's monthly collection and for the £198.50 raised at the St Andrew's night quiz. 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.



GROW IN FAITH. The next evening for discussing our Christian 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.

MASS TEXT

Sunday Cycle B :: Weekday Cycle 1
Divine Office: Vol. 1 Week 3

*Entrance Antiphon:
Gaudete in Domino semper!
Rejoice in the Lord always!*

CALL TO SILENCE:

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

OT READING:

Isaiah 61:1-2; 10-11.

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

My soul rejoices in my God.

NT READING: I Thessalonians 5:16-24

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.
He has sent me to bring
good news to the poor.

Alleluia!

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

PREFACE: *Advent I*

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: //

**Sunday 21st December is the
Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)**

OT Reading:

II Samuel 7:1-5; 8-11. 16

Psalm 88

NT Reading:

Romans 16:25-27

Gospel:

Luke 1: 26-38

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2014

RECONCILIATION SERVICES

MONDAY 15th DECEMBER

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

WEDNESDAY 17th DECEMBER

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

SUNDAY 21st DECEMBER

Children's Nativity Play

11.30am Mass here in St Teresa's.

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.

SUNDAY 28th DECEMBER:

Feast of the Holy Family

11.30am, Sunday 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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

14th December 2014

St Teresa's Parish Community

Our Parish Priest is: Fr Jim Hayes

St Teresa's Presbytery, Glasgow Street,
Dumfries. DG2 9DE. Tel: (01387) 252603.

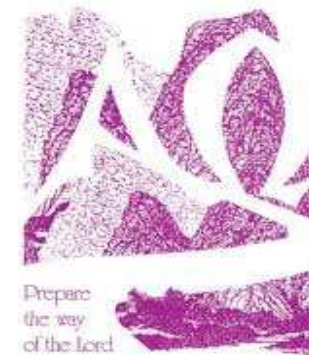
Email Fr Jim at: priest@stteresaschurch.com

Website: www.stteresaschurch.com

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
(nb: Friday Mass is in St Andrew's Prim.school).*

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: £878.24 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: Francis Currie (1st Ann.) and Peter Blake (3rd Ann.);

Monday: Mark Bradley (RecDec); Tuesday: Susie McLaughlin (Ann.);

Thursday: Theresa Clarkin (RecDec).

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