

# MASS TEXT

Sunday Cycle B :: Weekday Cycle 2  
Divine Office: Vol. 1 Week 3

## CALL TO SILENCE:

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## 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 II*

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: //**

**Sunday 24th December is the  
Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)**

## OT Reading:

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

**Psalms 88**

## NT Reading:

Romans 16:25-27

## Gospel:

Luke 1: 26-38

# CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2017

## RECONCILIATION SERVICES

### SATURDAY 16th DECEMBER

5pm till 5.40pm, Confession available  
In St Luke's, Moffat

### TUESDAY 19th DECEMBER

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

### WEDNESDAY 20th DECEMBER

6pm till 6.50pm, Confession available  
In Holy Trinity, Lockerbie

## CHRISTMAS MASSES

### CHRISTMAS EVE-24th December

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

8.30pm, Carols followed by  
9pm Vigil Mass in St Luke's, Moffat

### CHRISTMAS DAY-25th December

9.30am, Christmas Morning Mass  
In Holy Trinity, Lockerbie

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

### NEW YEAR'S DAY-1st January 2018

*Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

10am Mass in Holy Trinity, Lockerbie

12 noon Mass in St Teresa's, Dumfries

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

17th December 2017

## St Teresa's Parish Community

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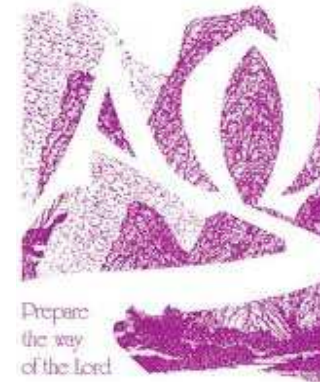
*Our Parish Deacon is: Rev. Mr. William Hiddleston*

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*(Please only call Deacon Willie Mon-Frid 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.  
*Wed & Frid at 10am in St Andrew's*

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Usually Saturdays 10.30am-10.55am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Usually Saturdays 10.30am-11am

The Rosary:

Recited on Tuesdays before the 10am service

**The Ladies Guild:** Meet on Tuesdays in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm. All welcome.

**The Parish Hall:** To book the hall please contact Mrs Peggy Marshall on 261373

**WEEKLY COLLECTION: £651.71.** 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: Marc Smith (RecDec);

Monday: Requiem for Mr Bennie Beckett RIP; Tuesday: Sp.Int (N.L);  
Thursday (in the school): Barbara Wilkinson (Ann); Saturday: Sp.Int (N.L).

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

Please pray for the soul of  
**Mr Bernard (Benny) Beckett**

who has sadly passed away.

We send our sincere condolences and prayers to his family and friends  
at this sad time for them all.

Bernard will be received into St Teresa's at 5pm on Sunday 17th December.

His Requiem Mass will be at 10am on Monday 18th December  
with final commendation at St Michael's Cemetery.

*May he rest in peace.*

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE.** Join us for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confession in St Andrew's this Tuesday evening at 7pm.

**PRO-LIFE/JUSTICE&PEACE/ST MARGARET'S FAMILY CENTRE.** The annual special collection for these worthy causes takes place today (17th).

**THANK YOU.** So many gifts were received during the annual Prisoners Week appeal that 15 large bin bags full were delivered to the prison. Thank you!

**EARLY MORNING SUNDAY MASS.** If anyone would like to avail themselves of the earlier mass at 9.30am in Holy Trinity, Lockerbie please feel free to catch a lift with the free parish minibus. It departs from St Teresa's Church Carpark at 8.50am and will travel via Torthorwald (9am) and Lochmaben High Street (9.10am) on the way to Lockerbie and leaving Lockerbie at 10.40am via Lochmaben (10.50am), Dalton/Hetland Hall (11am), Torthorwald (11.15am) on the return journey (all times are approximate). Please let us know to expect you by emailing or leaving a message on the answering machine.

**SCHOOL MASS.** Join us this Thursday morning (21st) in St Teresa's Primary School for their Christmas Mass at 10am. All welcome.

**USED STAMPS WELCOME.** Used stamps are collected by the parish to raise funds for mission projects. Please leave them in the box in the porch.

**LITURGY ROTA.** The new rota for January and February is available in the usual place at the back of church and of course on-line.

**GROW IN FAITH/RCIA.** The next evening for all those interested in discussing and growing in their knowledge of the faith and for those adults joining RCIA will take place in St Teresa's Church Hall on Thursday 11th January from 7pm till 8.30pm. All are welcome, we look forward to seeing you.

**CALLING OUR POLISH COMMUNITY.** The priests of our area have invited Fr Rafal Sobieszuk from St Bride's, East Kilbride to offer pastoral support to the Polish families of our parishes. Fr Rafal will be coming to St Teresa's Church, Dumfries on Sunday 17th December from 2.30pm till 4pm to first of all meet members of the Polish community and secondly offer them the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession. He looks forward to meeting and chatting with you to see what else can be offered to assist you all-please come along and meet him. All welcome.

Zaproszenie dla polskiej spolecznosci. Ksieza z naszej okolicy poprosili ksiedza Rafala Sobieszuka z parafii swietej Brygidy w East Kilbride, by on udzielim pastoralnej pomocy polskim rodzinom z naszych parafii. Ksiadz Rafal przyjedzie na spotkanie do kościoła swietej Teresy w Dumfries w niedziele 17-ego grudnia w godzinach 14.30 do 16.00, zeby przede wszystkim spotkac sie z polska spolecznoscia, a nastepnie zaoferowac jej mozliwosc przyjecia sakramentu spowiedzi swietej. Ksiadz Rafal oczekuje na spotkanie i rozmowy z polska spolecznoscia, by dowiedziec sie, co jeszcze mozna zrobic dla polskiej spolecznosci. Zapraszamy na spotkanie! Wszyscy mile widziani!

**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 in Polish are available too. Great selection at great prices.

**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 8th December. It was such great fun and we were well entertained by Alanah and her friends from St Joseph's Folk Group and their Christmas Songs!

**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.

**AA SUPPORT GROUP.** A welcome awaits you on Friday evenings from 7.30pm in the Baptistry Room in the Church. Just pop-in.

**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 third candle to the families of our parish, especially those who are struggling with relationship issues.

