

THE ADVENT WREATH. Today the final Advent candle is lit, reminding us that Christmas is almost here. The children will share the Christmas story with us today-we look forward to that. They are supported by our young people in the music ministry and reading ministry. Thank you to one and all for their participation.

SPECIAL COLLECTION. Today (18th) is the annual special collection for the Christmas charities: Pro-Life; Justice & Peace and St Margaret's Family Centre.

THE ABABA PROJECT. 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.

YOUTH FOR LOURDES. The young people invite you to buy tickets for their marvellous Christmas Hamper. Tickets on sale today. Only £1 a strip to be drawn on 18th December.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT. The children and staff of our primary school invite you to join them in the school for their Christmas Concert, "It's a Nativity!" and "Snow White" this coming Tuesday (20th) at 7pm. Tickets are £3.50 and are available in the piety stall here at church or at the school office or on the night at the door. All welcome.

END OF TERM MASS. The staff and children of St Teresa's Primary will celebrate their end of term mass in the school on Wednesday (21st) at 11am to which all parishioners are invited to attend.

ADVENT QUIET TIME. This Thursday evening (22nd) the Church will be open from 7pm till 9pm for a period of Eucharistic Adoration during which Fr Jim will be available for Confession till 8.30pm. Night Prayer will be recited at 7pm, 8pm and 8.50pm. Please call in any time and enjoy some Advent peace and quiet.

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

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.

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

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR MINISTRIES. The ministry rota for our Christmas Masses is posted at the back of church and the new rota for January and February are now available in the usual place at the back of church to pick-up. They can also be found on-line.

LOURDES 2017. The Diocese is now promoting its' 2017 pilgrimage to Lourdes. It takes place from 03-10 July led by Bishop Nolan. The cost of £769.00 includes our flight from Glasgow Prestwick and stay in the fully inclusive 4 star Hotel Chapelle et Parc close by the Domain and Grotto area. For further information pick-up a flyer and application form from the back of church.

MASS TEXT

Sunday Cycle A :: Weekday Cycle I
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CALL TO SILENCE:

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

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 7: 10-14

PSALM: 23: 1-6

Let the Lord enter!
He is the king of glory.

SECOND READING:

Romans 1:1-7

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The virgin will conceive and give
birth to a son and they will call him
Emmanuel, a name which means
'God-is-with-us'.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 1: 18-24

PREFACE OF ADVENT II EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: II

**Sunday 25th December is the
Solemnity of Christmas (A)**

OT Reading:

Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalms: 97: 1-6

NT Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6

Gospel: John 1:1-18

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2016

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

ST STEPHEN'S DAY-Monday 26th December

10am Mass in St Teresa's

ST JOHN'S DAY-Tuesday 27th December

10am 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

18th December 2016

St Teresa's Parish Community

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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.

Wednesday and Friday 10am in St Andrew's

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

None scheduled this coming week

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: £563.44 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: Bill McLaughlin (RecDec) and Margaret Budyn (RecDec);
Monday: Bill McLaughlin (RecDec); Tuesday: Barbara Wilkinson (Ann) ;
Thursday: Bill McLaughlin (RecDec); Sat: Bill McLaughlin (RecDec).

For the gift of Advent preparation, for the suffering people of Aleppo.
For all those who are sick at home, in hospital or in care.