



THE ADVENT WREATH DEDICATION. As Advent began 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, we dedicate our third candle to the cause of peace in our hearts, towns and throughout the

world. The fourth candle this week is dedicated to the gift of life, from the first moment of conception till we breathe our last breath at the natural end to our lives. Please be aware that this issue is still very current, you may wish to have a look at the "Care Not Killing" website to keep in touch with the ongoing campaign regarding the Assisted Suicide (Scotland) Bill on www.carenotkilling.org.uk/scotland.

PRO-LIFE/JUSTICE&PEACE/ST MARGARET'S FAMILY CENTRE COLLECTION. The annual special collection for these worthy causes takes place today (21st).

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

THE CHRISTMAS STORY. The children will lead us in our morning worship today, telling us through song and story the good news of the Nativity of Jesus. They have been preparing with the Children's Liturgy leaders, their parents and parish musicians and we look forward to the fruit of all their hard work.



CHRISTMAS MASS AND DINNER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

The diocesan youth officer, Fr Stephen McGrattan, invites all young people aged 14+ to join him in St John's, Kilmarnock on Tuesday 30th December for a Christmas Mass and lunch. Deacon Willie will lead our young people there so if you wish to go the parish minibus will leave the church carpark at 11.30am and return about 6.30pm.

Please sign-up on the list at the back of church. There is no charge.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE. Please keep the schedule in a safe place to save missing any of the services. It might be handy to those visiting you over the holiday time to have it posted in a noticeable place-they may well see it as an invitation to join us.



BISHOP-ELECT'S ORDINATION. Don't forget to sign-up on the coach list at the back of church if you would like to attend the Ordination ceremony of Bishop-Elect William at 11am in Kilmarnock on Saturday 14th February. The free coach will leave the church at about 8.15am and return around 4pm. 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.

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

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 Liesieux Shrine in France are also available at £2 each.

ACTION OF CHRISTIANS AGAINST TORTURE. Thank you to all who supported the Christmas Card campaign. Your good wishes have been posted to the various parts of the world hoping that they will reach those for whom they are intended giving them hope that they are not forgotten. If you do happen to receive a reply please let Fr Jim know.



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.

TIS THE SEASON...FOR STAMPS. Please do not throw your used stamps away as parishioner Kathy (with Freda's support) collects them (all year round infact) to raise funds for the missions. Please pop them in the stamp box in the church porch. It is helpful if you leave a 1cm edge or more around each stamp.



MASS TEXT

Sunday Cycle B :: Weekday Cycle 1
Divine Office: Vol. 1 Wk 4 with proper

Mary, the Ark of God's Covenant.

CALL TO SILENCE:

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

OT READING:

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

Psalm: 88.

I will sing forever of your love, O Lord.

NT READING:

Romans 16:25-27

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

I am the handmaid of the Lord:
let what you have said be done to me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Luke 1: 26-38

PREFACE: *Advent II*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: //

**Sunday 28th December is the
Feast of the Holy Family (B)**

OT Reading:

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

Psalm 104

NT Reading:

Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Gospel:

Luke 2: 22-40

CHRISTMAS 2014

MONDAY 22nd DECEMBER

Service at 10am in St Teresa's

TUESDAY 23rd DECEMBER

Mass at 10am 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.

SATURDAY 27th DECEMBER

Mass at 10am in St Teresa's
*Please note there will be no adoration
or confessions after Mass today*

SUNDAY 28th DECEMBER:

Feast of the Holy Family

11.30am, Sunday Mass here in St Teresa's.

MONDAY 29th DECEMBER

Mass at 10am in St Teresa's

TUESDAY 30th DECEMBER

Mass at 10am 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.

SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER

Mass at 10am in St Teresa's
*Please note there will be no adoration
or confessions after Mass today*

SUNDAY 4th JANUARY:

Solemnity of the Epiphany

11.30am, Sunday Mass here in St Teresa's.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

21st December 2014

St Teresa's Parish Community

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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

Please refer to the Christmas schedule

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

None scheduled this week

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

None scheduled this week

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: £613.80 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: Barbara Wilkinson (1st Ann.);

Tuesday: John McDermott (RecDec);

Thursday 11.30am: For the Parish; Saturday: Margaret Darroch's intentions.

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