

MASS TEXT

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CALL TO SILENCE:

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

FIRST READING:

Acts 9:26-31

PSALM 21:

You, Lord,
are my praise in the great assembly.

SECOND READING:

I John 3:18-24

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Make your home in me,
as I make mine in you.
Whoever remains in me
bears fruit in plenty.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 15: 1-8

Sunday 10th May is the SIXTH SUNDAY EASTER

1st Reading:
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48.

Psalms: Ps. 97

2nd Reading:
I John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15: 9-17



MORE CHURCH STATISTICS

Some further stats from the Annuarium Pontificium 2015 and the Annuarium Statisticum Ecclesiae 2013 are:

There has been a 34% increase in Catholics in Africa, which has experienced a population increase of 1.9% between 2005 and 2013. The increase of Catholics in Asia (3.2% in 2013, compared to 2.9% in 2005) has been higher than that of population growth in Asia. In America Catholics continue to represent 63% of a growing population. In Europe, where the population is stagnant, there has been a slight increase in the number of baptised faithful in recent years. The percentage of baptised Catholics in Oceania remains stable although in a declining population.

From 2012 to 2013 the number of bishops has increased by 40 from 5,133 to 5,173. In North America and Oceania there has been a reduction of 6 and 5 bishops respectively, in contrast to an increase of 23 in the rest of the American continent, 5 in Africa, 14 in Asia and 9 in Europe.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) 3rd May 2015

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
<i>Sunday Mass also takes place as follows:</i> 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	<i>Mon, Tues, Thurs & Sat at 10am</i> <i>Wed at 11am & Frid at 10am in St Andrew's</i>
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: £646.13 Thank you.	
Baptisms can be booked by contacting Fr Jim directly	
Weddings normally require six months notice-please contact Fr Jim.	
INTENTIONS THIS COMING WEEK:	
All those who have been received into the Church this Easter. For the young people in their exam period. For the suffering people of Nepal. We pray too for those undergoing surgery or treatment of any kind.	



SCIAF'S NEPAL EARTHQUAKE EMERGENCY APPEAL. More than 6,000 people have died and many more are feared trapped following a massive earthquake in Nepal. Our sister agency, Caritas

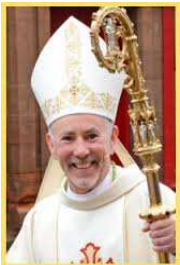
Nepal's staff are responding and assessing the situation. The quake's epicentre was between the capital city of Kathmandu and the city of Pokhara. Measuring 7.9 on the Richter scale it is the worst earthquake in Nepal for 80 years. Tremors were felt across the region as far as India, Bangladesh and Tibet. The quake also triggered an avalanche on Mount Everest killing 17 people.

Our partners on the ground have told us that rescue is their first priority, as people dig through the rubble desperately searching for survivors. Many buildings have been destroyed with reports of widespread damage. People who have lost their homes are now in the streets, so food and shelter will be needed urgently. SCIAF has sent out £50,000 immediately to her sister agency in Nepal but they would like to send more. If you can help please subscribe online at www.sciaf.org.uk or send a donation to: SCIAF, 19 Park Circus, Glasgow. G3 6BE. Thank you.



CONGRATULATIONS. We send our very best wishes to baby Tiegan Margaret Anne Paton and her mum and dad, Jamie and Amy, as they celebrate her Baptism into the family of God this afternoon at 1.30pm.

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DAY. The Sacramental children next meet in the Baptistry this coming Saturday (9th May) from 11.15am till 1.15pm to prepare for our May Day procession on Sunday 10th May. The children celebrate these wonderful Sacraments on Sunday 7th June at 11.30am mass led by Bishop Nolan.



DVD OF BISHOP NOLAN'S ORDINATION. This DVD is now available in the church porch today. Please use the envelope provided with it to make payment (£10 cash).



PARISH FAMILY MAY DAY. All parishioners are invited to participate in the Parish May Day celebrations next Sunday (10th May) beginning with 11.30am Mass, followed by a Marian procession and Crowning of Our Lady and then a BBQ for all-no charge-except your time! Put the day in your calendar now and start praying for a lovely sunny day!

THE WEDNESDAY CLUB. Seniors and their friends are reminded that the next meeting takes place this coming Wednesday (6th May) in the Parish Hall from 12.30pm till 3pm. It includes a complimentary lunch and activities. All seniors welcome.

YOUTH FOR LOURDES. The group are very grateful to Deacon Willie's daughter, Karen, for undertaking to run the 10k run in Glasgow on 17th May for their group funds. If you can sponsor this event we'd be very grateful.

THE ABABA PROJECT. The monthly collection is taken today. You can still sponsor Derek and Rebecca for their Paris marathon run by going online at ww.gofundme.com/ju5y2s.

EXAM TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. The exam timetable begins on Tuesday (28th April) and young people all over the land will be anxious about these next few weeks so we ask you to keep them in your prayers in a special way as well as their worried parents, families, teachers and school staff. Good luck to all....keep calm and carry on with confidence!



LITURGY ROTA. Theresa has prepared the rota for May and June which can be uplifted from the back of church or online.

GROW IN FAITH. The next evening for discussing our Christian faith will take place in St Teresa's Hall on Thursday 28th May from 7pm till 9pm. All welcome.

SPECIAL COLLECTION. The annual Communications Fund collection takes place on Sunday 17th May.