

MASS TEXT

Sunday Cycle A :: Weekday Cycle 1
Divine Office:
Vol. 2 Week 2 with season

FIRST READING:

Acts 8:5-8. 14-17.

PSALM 65:

Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

SECOND READING:

I Peter 3:15-18

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Jesus said: "If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him."

Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

John 14: 15-21

PREFACE: I of Easter
EUCH. PRAYER: II

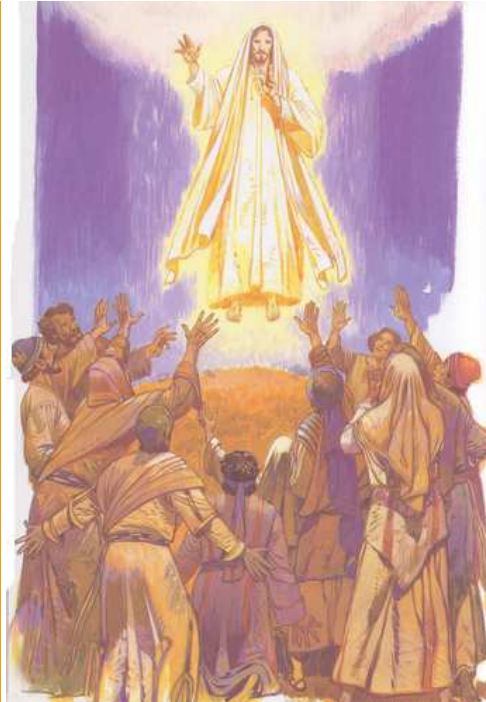
Sunday 28th May is the SEVENTH of EASTER

First Reading: Acts 1:12-14.

Psalm: Ps. 26

Second Reading: I Peter 4:13-16

Gospel:
John 17: 1-11



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Ascension of Our Lord, which occurred 40 days after Jesus Christ rose from the dead on Easter, is the final act of our redemption that Christ began on Good Friday. On this day, the risen Christ, in the sight of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven (Luke 24:51; Mark 16:19; Acts 1:9-11). The reality of Christ's Ascension is so important that the creeds (the basic statements of belief) of Christianity all affirm, in the words of the Apostles' Creed, that "He ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead." The denial of the Ascension is as grave a departure from Christian teaching as is denial of Christ's Resurrection. Christ's bodily Ascension foreshadows our own entrance into Heaven not simply as souls, after our death, but as glorified bodies, after the resurrection of the dead at the Final Judgment. In redeeming mankind, Christ not only offered salvation to our souls but began the restoration of the material world itself to the glory that God intended before Adam's fall.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

21st May 2017

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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:

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, and Sat at 10am. Thurs 11.30am
Wed & Frid at 10am in St Andrew's

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Saturdays 10.30am-10.55am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 10.30am-11am

The Rosary: At 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: 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: Mary & Norman McLane RIP (May's 2nd ann. on 20th);
Monday: Billy Robertson (9th Ann.);
Tuesday: Margaret Murray (13th Ann.);
Thurs 11.30am: Ellen Gracie (1st Ann.); Sat: Adrian Hamill (RecDec).
We remember all those who are sick at home, in hospital or in care.

Please pray for the soul of parishioner

Mr James Nodwell

who has sadly passed away.

We send our condolences and prayers to his family and friends at this sad time.

Jim will be brought to Church here at St Teresa's at 11am on Wednesday (24th)

followed by Requiem Mass and thereafter to St Michael's Cemetery.

May he rest in peace. Amen.

THE GENERAL ELECTION. Our Bishops share with us today via a Pastoral Letter eight points on Catholic Social Teaching that they hope will help and aid us all as we discern our political decisions for the General Election on Thursday 8th June. The letter is available on the parish website (bulletins page).

ASCENSION THURSDAY. This coming Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord and is a holy day of obligation for us all. Fr Jim will celebrate the following Masses: 9.30am Mass in St Luke's, Moffat and an 11.30am Mass here at St Teresa's (with the school children). There is a 7pm Mass in Holy Trinity, Lockerbie. In St Andrew's Church there is a 10am and 7pm Mass on Thursday. Please feel free to attend any of these Masses to fulfil your obligation that day.

COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY. Next Sunday (28th May) is the annual appeal and special collection for the work of the Communications Commission of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland. Gift Aid envelopes are available from this week-end, if you are a tax payer I do encourage you to make your offering utilising these envelopes. A pastoral letter on the subject from Archbishop Philip Tartaglia of Glasgow will be read at Mass.

PARISH CONCERT. The Dumfries Male Voice Choir have very kindly offered to perform a Concert for the Ababa Project here in the Church this coming Wednesday (24th May) from 7.30pm till 9pm. Tickets are now on sale from today for £5 per adult (children are free) with a Prize Raffle on the night too. Please come along and enjoy this wonderful evening offered free by this good group of men.

PASTORAL VISIT. Bishop Nolan will join us for Sunday Mass on Sunday 4th June. We look forward to welcoming him among us.

SCIAF. Thank you for the generous response to the Wee Box campaign which concludes today. The full amount will now be totalled and sent off to SCIAF with your very good wishes. A SCIAF update sheet is available in the porch.

THE WEDNESDAY CLUB. The seniors are now looking forward to their trip to Lake Windermere in the parish minibus on 7th June and 5th July. Please sign-up with Kathy or Pat the group co-ordinators.

MARIST 200 BICENTENARY CELEBRATIONS. St Joseph's College will be celebrating Mass in the College Chapel on Sunday 28th May at 12 noon to mark this Bicentenary. Pick-up a new flyer from the church porch to see how to participate or contact the school office on 01387 252893.

ST MARGARET PILGRIMAGE-DUNFERMLINE. This annual pilgrimage takes place on Sunday 11th June in Dunfermline. Deacon Willie is organising the parish minibus to leave from the Church at 10am, this will give pilgrims plenty of time to arrive in Dunfermline, visit the sites associated with St Margaret, take part in the short pilgrimage march and celebrate Mass at 3pm with Archbishop Cushley. The minibus is now full.

200 CLUB. New members are always welcome. Chat with Teresa in the Piety Shop for details.

THE SATURDAY CLUB. The children next gather on Saturday 10th June in the Baptistry from 11.15am till 1.15pm to continue their Sacramental preparation as their first holy communion day approaches on Sunday 18th June here in St Teresa's. Parents will next meet in the Baptistry On Monday 29th May at 7.30pm.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY. Pilgrimage to Lisieux, 13-20 August 2018. More info to follow soon.

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