



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 Nolan 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. Today is the final day to sign-

up-even if you are making your own way there you do still require to sign-up on the list to secure a seat.

GROW IN FAITH. The next evening for discussing our Christian faith will take place in St Teresa's Hall on Thursday 15th January from 7pm till 9.15pm. These sessions will follow the very popular DVD series by Father Robert Barron called "Catholicism, The New Evangelisation". All are welcome.

THE SATURDAY CLUB. The next session for the boys and girls preparing for the Sacraments will take place from 11.15am till 1.15pm on Saturday 10th January. We look forward to seeing all the boys and girls then (don't forget to complete your home sessions and bring along your project books).

USED STAMPS WANTED. Please do not throw your used stamps away as parishioner Kathy (with Freda's support) collects them (all year round intact) 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.



THE WEDNESDAY CLUB. The team welcome back the Seniors to their regular first Wednesday meetings this week from 12pm till 3pm.



A SINCERE THANK YOU.

Friends, may I just take a moment to express a sincere and heartfelt thank you to the many people who have worked so hard to help us celebrate Advent and Christmas so well. I'm grateful to all those who have erected the

Nativity Scenes (indoors and outdoors), to those who prepared our beautiful flowers and sanctuary, to our unseen team of church cleaners, to the Sacristans and Altar Servers and to all those who exercised their liturgical ministry. The organists, cantors and choir members put in a great deal of time and effort to lead us in our services throughout Advent and Christmas and we are so grateful for that. We also thank those who have offered us hospitality over the season-it was very welcome, as well as those who looked after the church grounds, swept away the fallen leaves and were on the look-out if gritting was required. The amount of extra time and effort made by you all has been very much appreciated by the rest of us as we have thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful and joyful celebrations. Thank you one and all for a tremendous effort. May I end with a personal thank you for the many cards and gifts that I received from you. I am very touched by your warmth and kindness. I wish you and yours every blessing for the year ahead.



CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK. This annual week that Christians use to support one another in prayer and fellowship takes place from 18-25th January. Here in Dumfries the Dumfries Christian Network sponsors an ecumenical service at the River of Life Church at the Railway Station at 3pm on Sunday 18th January. The theme for our 2015 reflections is "The well is deep" celebrating the wide diversity that exists within the world-wide Christian community. All welcome.



MASS TEXT

Sunday Cycle B :: Weekday Cycle 1
DO: Vol. 1 Week 2 Of the Day

CALL TO SILENCE:

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

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 60: 1-6

PSALM 71:

All nations shall fall prostrate
before you, O Lord.

SECOND READING:

Ephesians 3: 2-3a. 5-6

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia! Alleluia!
We saw his star as it rose and have
come to do the Lord homage.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 2: 1-12

PREFACE: *Of the Epiphany*
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: //

**Sunday 11th January is the
Baptism of the Lord (B)**

OT Reading: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7.

Psalm: Ps. 28

NT Reading: AA 10:34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

The flowers are dedicated to

IVOR LLEWELLYN RIP

As his family remember him on his 20th
anniversary of passing on 7th January.

May he rest in peace.

There have been numerous traditions that have grown up about the Wise Men. Typically we think of there being three because of the number of gifts, but Matthew doesn't tell us the exact number. Since the 3rd century, Christian writers have referred to them as kings, even though Matthew doesn't specifically tell us that they were royalty. Their names in the West, Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar date to the 6th century. Their names mean: Master-of-Treasure, King, and Protect-the-King, respectively.

St. Bede the Venerable provides the following details about the Magi in his writings:

"The first was called Melchior. He was an old man, with white hair and a long beard; he offered gold to the Lord as to his King.

The second, Gaspar by name, young, beardless, of ruddy hue, offered to Jesus his gift of incense, the homage due to Divinity.

The third, of black complexion, with heavy beard, was middle-aged and called Balthasar. The myrrh he held in his hand prefigured the death of the son of Man".

As we honour the visit of the Wise Men to the Infant King let us do homage also and give him the gift of our love and commitment to continue to follow him to the best of our ability in the year ahead.

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY (B)

4th January 2015

St Teresa's Parish Community

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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 Wed & Frid at 10am in St Andrew's</i>
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:	Saturday after 10am service till 11am.
Sacrament of Reconciliation:	Saturday after 10am service till 11am.
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: Thank you for all your 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: Neil & Mary MacKinnon (Ann's) and Ivor Llewellyn (20th Ann); Mon: Jeanine Baron's Intentions (Christmas Mass) and Angela Adams Intentions; Tuesday: Joseph Ivor Llewellyn (20th Ann); Thurs: Cathy Pritchard (1st Ann); Saturday: Broni Kosinski's intentions.	