

MASS TEXT

Sunday Cycle B :: Weekday Cycle 2
DO: Vol. 1 Week 1 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 14th January is the
Second Sunday of the Year (B)**

OT Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10.19.

Psalm: Ps. 39

NT Reading: 1 Cor. 6:13-15. 17-20

Gospel: John 1:35-42



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 (672-735) 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)

7th January 2018

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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 11am, Tues, Thurs & Sat at 10am
Wed & Frid at 10am in St Andrew's

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Saturday after 10am service till 10.55am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday after 10am service till 11am.

The Rosary:

Recited at 9.45am on Tuesdays

The Ladies Guild: Meet on Tuesdays in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm. All welcome.

The Parish Hall: To book the hall please contact Mrs Peggy Marshall on 261373

WEEKLY COLLECTION: £640.37. 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: Ivor Llewellyn (23rd Ann) and Frank Adam (9th Ann);

Monday 11am: Requiem for Mr John McQueen RIP;

Tuesday: Jimmy Bell (4th Ann); Thursday: Requiem for Thomas Green RIP;

Saturday: Pauline Murray (RecDec).

We remember all those who are sick at home, in hospital or in care.

Please pray for the souls of
Mr (Robert) John McQueen
Mr Thomas (Tam) Green

who have sadly passed away.

We send our sincere condolences and prayers to their families and friends at this sad time for them all.

John will be received into St Teresa's at 6pm on Sunday 7th January.

His Requiem Mass will be at 11am on Monday 8th January with final commendation at the High Cemetery, Dumfries.

Thomas will be received into St Teresa's at 10am on Thursday 11th January followed by Requiem Mass with final commendation at the Ewes Cemetery, Langholm.

May they rest in peace.

POLISH COMMUNITY MASS. Fr Rafal Sobieszuk from St Bride's, East Kilbride met with members of the local Polish Community recently and they have agreed to establish a monthly Mass in the Polish language. It will take place here in St Teresa's on the second Sunday of each month at 2.15pm. The first is due to take place next Sunday (14th January). All welcome.

ORDINARY TIME. Tomorrow we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord which concludes Christmastide. We return to Ordinary Time on Tuesday-1st week of the year!

CATHOLIC AND IN HOSPITAL? Unless you directly inform a member of staff to let the RC Chaplain know you (or a relative) has been admitted to Hospital and would like a routine visit, the Chaplain, Deacon Willie, will not know you are there. A dedicated mobile number to text or message him is now available on 07 591 230 828 as is a new email address: rcchaplain.hospital@yahoo.com. A flyer is also available in the church porch. In an emergency situation you should ask a member of staff to contact the priest on call via the hospital switchboard.

USED STAMPS WELCOME. Used stamps are collected by the parish to raise funds for mission projects. Please leave them in the box in the porch.

LITURGY ROTA. The new rota for January and February is available in the usual place at the back of church and of course on-line.

200 CLUB. New members are always welcome. Chat with Teresa in the Piety Shop for details on how to join. It's only £1 per month.

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

CALLING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. There will be a half-hour rehearsal following 11.30am Mass on 14th January for our young people to volunteer to help lead Sunday mass on the 4th February. This is the beginning of Catholic Education Week. It will include a free youth event from 4pm till 6.30pm that same day in the Parish Hall which will include games and pizza! All young people and friends are welcome.

GROW IN FAITH/RCIA. The next evening for all those interested in discussing and growing in their knowledge of the faith and for those adults joining RCIA will take place in St Teresa's Church Hall on Thursday 11th January from 7pm till 8.30pm. All are welcome, we look forward to seeing you.

THE SATURDAY CLUB. The children next meet in the Baptistery Room here in the Church on Saturday 13th January from 11.15am till 1.15pm. This regular club is for all the children of the parish in p.4 (whichever school they attend) preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Communion this coming year. Parents have a meeting scheduled for Sunday 11th February in the Baptistery following 11.30am Mass for half an hour. **(PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE OF DATE).**

EARLY MORNING SUNDAY MASS. If anyone would like to avail themselves of the earlier mass at 9.30am in Holy Trinity, Lockerbie please feel free to catch a lift with the free parish minibus. It departs from St Teresa's Church Carpark at 8.50am and will travel via Torthorwald (9am) and Lochmaben High Street (9.10am) on the way to Lockerbie and leaving Lockerbie at 10.40am via Lochmaben (10.50am), Dalton/Hetland Hall (11am), Torthorwald (11.15am) on the return journey (all times are approximate). Please let us know to expect you by emailing or leaving a message on the answering machine.

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, our gang of chair carriers, 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 as we celebrate 60 years of Christian witness and love here at St Teresa's, Fr Jim.