

# LITURGY FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT (Sunday 10 am Mass)

## ENTRANCE PROCESSION

My soul is filled with joy

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## FIRST READING

Micah 5:1-4

The Lord says this: You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response:

*Turn to me, O turn and be saved, says the Lord for I am God; there is no other, none beside me. I call your name.*

I am he that comforts you; who are you to be afraid of flesh that fades, is made like the grass of the field, soon to wither.

Listen to me, my people, give ear to me, my nation: a law will go forth from me, and my justice for a light to the people.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth down below. The heavens will vanish like smoke and the earth will wear out like a garment.

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:5-10

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world: You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, "God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will." Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-45

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, "Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled."



## PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women  
and blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now  
and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*Gentle woman, quiet light, morning star so strong and bright,  
gentle Mother, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom; teach us love.*

You were chosen by the Father; you were chosen for the Son.  
You were chosen from all women and for woman, shining one.

Blessed are you among women, blest in turn all women, too.  
Blessed they with peaceful spirits. Blessed they with gentle hearts.

## HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

He is Lord! He is Lord!  
He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!  
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

## COMMUNION HYMN

Lord, Jesus Christ 447

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

As I kneel before you 646

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The Catholic faith community serving North Carrick



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### Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil at 6.30 pm  
Sunday at 10.00 am  
Midnight Mass with carols 11.30 am

### Weekday services

Monday-Friday at 9.00 am

### Mass intentions this week:

Sat: Jean and William Wallace (Ann)  
Sun 10 am: Bridie McCann (RIP)  
Mon midnight: Bridie McCann (RIP)  
Fri: James Scobie (RIP)

### Sacrament of Confession

After Vigil Mass and when requested

### Sacrament of Baptism

Forms available at the back of the church

### Sacrament of Marriage

At least six months notice is required

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 24th December

Elizabeth realised how greatly blessed she was by God, who had made it possible for her to have a child in her old age. Yet she recognised, through the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit, an even greater blessing bestowed upon her. She knew the moment she heard her cousin's voice that Mary too was pregnant and that because of the child she carried that she was the most blessed of all women.

St. Luke is believed to have gained his knowledge about the birth of Jesus from Mary herself. How else could he have come by such detail of the meeting between the two women, foreshadowing the future meeting of the two sons, when the power of the Holy Spirit would again be manifested to identify that same child - 'This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased'.

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ tomorrow, we reflect on how God prepared Mary to be the mother of his Son. She believed what God had promised her and through her all generations would be blessed. It is our turn now to believe God's promises, which the birth of his Son heralds; our turn to present his Son to the world.

Items for inclusion in this newsletter should be given in writing to David Kiltie (882644 or david.kiltie@virgin.net)

Last week's collection £551. Thank you.

**A WEEK OF CELEBRATION AND PREPARATION**



Around 40 senior citizens enjoyed a splendid Christmas lunch in Our Lady and St Cuthbert's church hall. Thank you most sincerely to all those who prepared food and other things to make the lunch so successful.



Primary 1/2/3 from St Cuthbert's told us the Christmas story through the eyes of Humphrey the Camel on Wednesday.



Primary 6/7 told us what it was like to be a Nativity display in Hourston's shop window on Wednesday.



On Thursday, over two performances, the pupils of St Cuthbert's primary were the star-studded cast of their Christmas pantomime, Little Red Riding Hood.

**FAREWELL AND THANK YOU MR AND MRS McEWAN**



Mr Ian McEwan, Head Teacher of Queen Margaret Academy, retired on Friday. Fr McGrattan concelebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving with Bishop Taylor, Fr Brown, Fr McSorley, Fr McGee, Fr Keegans and Fr Wilson. The school community and friends and family of the McEwans were present. After a rousing liturgy thanks and gifts were given by the staff, the parents, the parishes and the pupils to Mr and Mrs McEwan. Mr Philip Kitchen gave a fine vote of thanks and review of Mr McEwan's contribution to the school. On Friday it was time to celebrate and give thanks for Mrs Helen McEwan. Mass was celebrated in Our Lady and St Cuthbert's and thanks and gifts were given her from the school and parish community. Thank you both for the inspirational contribution you have made to Catholic education. May you enjoy many happy years in retirement together.



**PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS:** There will be no parish council meetings in December. The next meetings will be on Sunday 7th January at 5.30 pm for the youth and 7.00 pm for the adults.

**CHRISTINGLE SERVICE:** The Maybole Council of Churches Christmas card which has been delivered to each home in Maybole advertised the Christingle service at St Oswald's Church on Christmas Eve as beginning at 5.30 pm. **This time is wrong: the service will begin at 5.00 pm.** It is a lovely service for children. All are welcome.

**BABY GIFTS UNDER THE TREE:** At this time of year in the parish we collect baby gifts to give to mothers in need after bringing the best gift —the

gift of human life— into this world. A representative from the 'Society of the Innocents' will be invited to receive and pass these gifts on in the New year. Gifts can be left under the Christmas tree, left in the sacristy or handed to Fr Stephen.

**DO YOU HAVE AN OLD MOBILE PHONE?** Old mobile phones can be recycled to raise money for charities. If you would like to recycle an old handset please give it to Bennett or Denis Ward.

**CALLING SINGING CHILDREN:** Children and young people please come to the Fairknowe Nursing Home on Christmas Eve at 3.00 pm to sing for the Christmas service.

**THANKS** to the Parents Association for the £46 from the Christmas raffle.

Thank you for everything you all do to make our parish so alive during the year. May God bless you all. Fr Stephen will offer Mass for all of your intentions on Christmas morning. Happy Christmas!

**MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK**

Please contact Alex Kelly (882970) if you are unable to minister at a Saturday Mass and Nancy Flanagan (882458) if you are unable to minister at a Sunday Mass. All ministers are asked to gather in the sacristy five minutes before Mass for a moment of prayer together.

	READER	BIDDING PRAYERS	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	PASSKEEPERS	PROCESSION OF GIFTS	SERVERS
<b>23rd Dec Vigil</b>			Doreen Donald, Nancy Flanagan			Patrick & Roisin McCallum, Phoebe McDowall
<b>24th Dec 10 am</b>	Elizabeth Meek	Eileen Hamilton	Ellen Hawkes	Chic McDermott, Jim Campbell	By invitation	Louis Simpson, Ross Malone, Ali Roy, Rhiain Collins
<b>25th Dec Midnight</b>	Stuart Green	Alex meek	Doreen Donald, Jim McDermott	Robin Donald, Jim Campbell, Alex Kelly	By invitation	Michael and Jonathan Lewis, Patrick & Roisin McCallum
<b>25th Dec 10 am</b>	Paige Campbell	Kieran Porte	Dennis and Betty McCaffery	Chic McDermott, Robert Mackie	Children	Liam Menzies, Chloe Brownlee, Justin McQuillan, Ali Roy
<b>30th Dec Vigil</b>	Nancy Flanagan	Ellen Hawkes	Maureen Hay, Jim Hawkes	John Sabbatini, Jim Campbell	Donald family	Simone McCahill, Amy and Paul Strang
<b>31st Dec 10 am</b>	Robert Malone	Elizabeth Meek	Dennis and Betty McCaffery	David Kiltie, Chic McDermott	By invitation	Liam Menzies, Maeve Murphy, Rhiain Collins, Justin McQuillan
<b>1st Jan 11 am</b>	Gillian Thomson	Eamonn Nolan	Marian Davidson, John Malone	John Sabbatini, Alex Kelly	By invitation	