

# LITURGY FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT (Sunday)

## ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Abba, Father, send your spirit

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## GLORIA

*Give glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.*

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

## FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

I, the Lord, say this: "The time is coming when I will keep the promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah. I will choose a ruler from the family of David, and he will be completely fair to everyone. Judah will be safe. Jerusalem will have peace, and it will be named, 'The Lord our Protector!'"



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response:

*Save us, O Lord, carry us back. Rouse your power and come. Rescue your people, show us your face. Bring us back.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

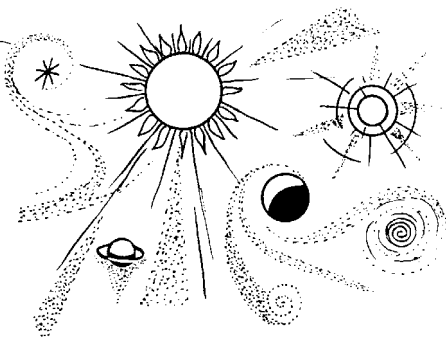
Stay awake, pray at all times,  
praying that you may be strengthened,  
that with confidence you can meet the Son of Man.

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

## GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: "Strange things will happen to the sun, moon and stars. The nations on earth will be afraid of the roaring sea and tides, and they won't know what to do. People will be so frightened that they will faint because of what is happening to the world. Every power in the sky will be shaken. "Then the Son of Man will be seen, coming in a cloud with great power and glory."



When all of this starts happening, stand up straight and be brave. You will soon be set free. "Don't spend all of your time thinking about eating or drinking or worrying about life. If you do, the final day will suddenly catch you like a trap. That day will surprise everyone on earth. "Watch out and keep praying you can escape all that is going to happen and that the Son of Man will be pleased with you."

## PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN

Father, I place into your hands

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## HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, holy is the Lord God almighty: (2)  
who was and is, and is to come. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

Blessed, blessed, blest is he who comes,  
blest is he who comes in the Lord's name. (2)  
Hosanna in the heights of heav'n. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

## 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..

## GREAT AMEN

Amen, alleluia, for ever and ever, for ever, alleluia.  
For ever and ever, Amen.

## COMMUNION HYMN

How lovely on the mountains

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## RECESSIONAL HYMN

Sing my soul

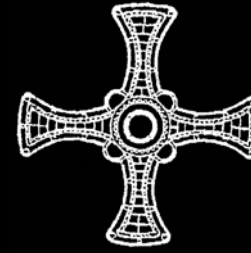
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## INVITING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE

There will be a Candlelight Advent Youth Mass and Christmas disco/party in Our Lady and St Meddan's Church in Troon on Saturday 9th December. Mass begins at 6.00 pm, and the disco takes place afterwards in the parish hall.

A minibus will leave Our Lady and St Cuthbert's at 5.00 pm sharp on Saturday 9th December. Please let Denise McCaffery know if you want to go (882760). Get your name down quickly because places on the bus will be given on a first come, first served basis.

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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

### Weekday services

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday at 9.00 am  
Thursday at 7.00 pm  
Friday at 9.00 am

### 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

## FIRST SUNDAY ADVENT

Sunday 3rd December

Jesus speaks to us regarding the end times when there will be great cosmic upheavals throughout the universe, not to frighten us but to prepare us so that we will "stand erect with heads high". We will be able to do so because we believe it to be a sure sign that our liberation and that of the whole of creation is at hand.

Jesus is warning us in advance about a time that will certainly come. Even although this time may be fearful and hard for mankind to live through, we are to keep our minds on the bigger picture. These things must come to pass before the new heaven and the new earth can be.

He cautions us to be watchful that the passage of time and the spirit of the world does not overtake us and cause us to be caught off guard. His recipe for living through such a time is prayer, and to be watchful so that we are able to read the signs of the times.

In our world today, we live with many threats, but we can have the confidence that God is still very much in control and his love for us is unchanging and unchangeable. His words are those of a Father, seeking to keep his children safe in times of grave danger.

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

Last week's collection £499. Thank you.

Please take a copy of Advent Extra, free of charge, after Mass. There is enough for one per family.

## RITE OF PRESENTATION



The children of primary four who are due to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Communion during this year have begun their preparations at school. They will look to their parents for support and example this year as they grow in their journey of faith.

Last Sunday, 26th November, at 10 am Mass, Zak Roy, Chloe Brownlee, Ronan McDowall, Fay Green, Emily Kiltie, Brittany Campbell and Ciera Campbell were presented to the parish community. Please pray for the children during this coming year.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### St Cuthbert's Primary Open Evening: Monday 4th December

You can see the school first hand, speak to children, parents and staff, ask about any aspect of school life, join in Country Dancing with primary 4/5, watch a Powerpoint presentation by primary 6/7, play maths/language games with primary 1/2/3, watch budding artists at work... and much more. All welcome.

The programme begins at 6.00 pm and will finish around 7.00 pm.

### Sacramental Preparation Meeting for Parents: Monday 4th Dec

This meeting will begin at 7.15 pm to allow parents to attend the open evening in St Cuthbert's Primary.

### Parish Service of Reconciliation: Monday 11th December

This is a chance to use the Sacrament of Reconciliation (or Confession) before Christmas. Please come along; other priests will be here to assist. The primary 4 children will receive the Sacrament for the first time.

## BUILDING FUND



Thank you for the very generous response to the building fund appeal last month. It raised £868.70. From this we will claim £175.44 in gift aid, bringing the total for November to £1044.14. This

weekend at both Masses the December collection will be taken up. Please consider giving at least £10 if you can afford to. If you prefer you can add your envelope later in the month.

### Summary of Monthly Totals so far

August £652.36  
September £1,478.51  
October £1,253.00  
November £1,044.14

## SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS DINNER



The Seniors' Christmas Dinner for parishioners and their spouses will be held in the parish hall on Sunday 17th December from 2.00 - 4.00 pm. Please add names and choices to the list at the back of the church.

## HALL DIARY

Thursday 7th December  
5-6 pm Tae Kwan Do class  
6-8pm Residents Association Youth Club

## UNITED SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

organised by Maybole Council of Churches

will take place in the Town Hall on Tuesday 12th December at 7.00 pm.

Please come along in preparation for the real meaning of Christmas.

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S MUSIC GROUP:** The music group will not meet this week.

**GALLOWAY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** will be led by Bishop John Cunningham from 2nd-9th July 2007. If you would like to go please speak to Fr Stephen who can give you a booking form. Applications for sick pilgrims to be taken are to be communicated to Janie Agnew on 07739 399222. See poster at the back of church.

**150 CLUB:** November winners are Kevin McDermott (no. 69) £25; Denise McDermott (no. 63) £15; Betty McGarry (no. 17), £10.

**LOURDES HOSPITALITE:** To mark the 50th anniversary of the Hospitalite, there will be a celebration of Mass in St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock on Friday 8th December at 7.00 pm. Mass will be followed with dinner in the parish hall. Tickets £15 available from 01563 538078.

## RIVER CITY STAR URGES SCOTS TO DIG DEEP THIS CHRISTMAS

With only a month till Christmas, River City's Libby McArthur (who plays Gina) is urging Scots to opt for gifts that keep giving by choosing a Real Gift from SCIAF. On Thursday Libby (pictured right) planted vegetable seeds to mark the SCIAF Real Gifts appeal's growing success. She also urged shoppers to dig deep before Christmas to help the agency raise even more funds for some of the poorest communities in the world. She added, "Sometimes this season can seem so stressful and Real Gifts are about tempering our excesses and remembering that it's supposed to be a festival of love."

So far, Scots have snapped up over £120,000 worth of gifts, benefiting thousands of families in Africa, Asia and Latin America. However, with over 840 million people going to bed hungry every night, there is much still to do with SCIAF hoping to raise a further £380,000 to reach their target of £500,000.

Emma O'Shea, SCIAF Fundraising Officer, said: "It costs only £12 for a gift of seeds and vegetables. Genilda Justina da Silva is a young mother from Brazil who knows the difference growing your own food can make. She told SCIAF how in the past, her family couldn't afford to eat. Now she has seeds, she is able to grow her own food including beans, vegetables and tomatoes. It has transformed the lives of her and her children."



There is a SCIAF Real Gift to suit everyone from £13 for chickens to £557 for clean water for a village. Loved ones here receive a beautiful certificate which they can treasure and which explains how their gift will benefit others. Meanwhile 100% of the cost of the gift is directed to the related area of work, helping thousands of families like Genilda's.

Emma added: "The vegetables Libby is planting today are seeds of hope. They will act as a reminder of the thousands growing around the world thanks to the generosity of Scots, and of the massive difference small sums of money can make.

"On behalf of families around the globe, I'd like to thank everyone who has already bought a Real Gift and I'd like to appeal to those who are still struggling with their gift choices to opt for a Real Gift too. Working together, we can change lives."

You can help SCIAF reach even more families, buy a Real Gift on-line at [www.sciaf.org.uk/realgifts](http://www.sciaf.org.uk/realgifts) or call on 0141 354 5555. Remember to order by 15<sup>th</sup> December to receive your certificate in time for 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.

1st of Advent	READER	BIDDING PRAYERS	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	PASSKEEPERS	PROCESSION OF GIFTS	SERVERS
2nd Dec	Robert Malone	Eileen Hamilton	John Malone Doreen Donald	Alex Kelly Jim Campbell	Waugh family	Patrick & Roisin McCallum Simone McCahill
3rd Dec	Children	Children	Marian Davidson Margaret Kiltie	Jim Campbell Tony Kerrigan	Children	Justin McQuillan, Liam Menzies, Chloe Brownlee, Ross Malone

2nd of Advent	READER	BIDDING PRAYERS	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	PASSKEEPERS	PROCESSION OF GIFTS	SERVERS
9th Dec	Margaret Boyce	Alex Meek	Angela Kirkpatrick Jim Hawkes	Robin Donald Kate Spratt	Spratt family	Amy & Paul Strang Owen & Phoebe McDowall
10th Dec	Eamonn Nolan	Wilma Valdrighi	Elizabeth Meek Eileen Hamilton	Jim Campbell Chic McDermott	By invitation	Jonathan Lewis, Ross Malone, Liam Menzies, Justin McQuillan



Queen Margaret Academy has been running a Christmas card appeal for Amnesty International for several years. Over this time it has

been very successful, as last year alone 475 cards were sent out to prisoners of conscience from Queen Margaret Academy and the associated parishes.

Amnesty International is an organisation which was founded to give prisoners of conscience hope of being freed, and in some cases this has become a reality. Prisoners of conscience are prisoners who have been arrested for what they believe, or under false circumstances. Many of the countries where they are held have not yet abolished many forms of torture, and these are used on prisoners. Amnesty International appeals to help to put the governments under pressure to release their prisoners of conscience.

Gillian Thomson and Maeve Murphy will be asking us to sign cards and give a small donation for postage of the card at Masses this weekend. These cards will then be addressed and sent out to the prisoners by the Queen Margaret Academy Amnesty International Team. Please support them.