

LITURGY FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Christ is our King

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GLORIA

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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 sin of the world: have mercy on 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. Amen.

FIRST READING

Nehemiah 8:2-6.8-10

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people - since he stood higher than all the people - Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah - His Excellency - and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: *Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.*

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.

May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock!

SECOND READING

Corinthians 12:12-30

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, "I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body", would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were

to say, "I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body," would that mean that it was not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything? Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I do not need you," nor can the head say to the feet, "I do not need you." What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and so that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

GOSPEL

Luke 1:1-4.14-21

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, "This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen."

PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN

I give my hands

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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.

LAMB OF GOD

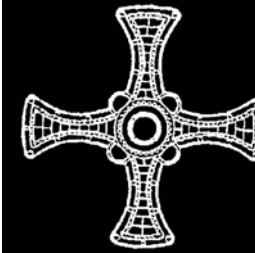
Response: Hear our prayer have mercy (2). Give us your peace.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

All over the world

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Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil at 6.30 pm
Sunday at 10.00 am

Weekday services

Monday to Friday at 9.00 am

Mass intentions this week:

Sat: Thomas Sabbatini & Mary Malone (Ann)
Sun: James Connelly (RIP)
Mon: Benny Lowe (RIP)
Tue: Brian O'Rourke (Ann)
Thu: Robert Malone Snr (Ann)
Fri: Angela Flanagan (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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 21st January 2007

The opening remarks of Luke's gospel read like those of a historian anxious to ensure the accuracy of his background research. And indeed this is what Luke is aiming for. He wants to establish the reality of the events he is about to relate, to prove how well founded the teaching of the gospel is. It is important that we too understand this if we are to pass it on to an increasingly unbelieving world.

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the power of the Holy Spirit, astounds his hearers in the synagogue at Nazareth by claiming that Isaiah's prophecy about the coming of the Messiah is being fulfilled today "even as you listen". No wonder they were astonished - the Messiah had been promised, spoken of and awaited for four thousand odd years - could this really be him?

Today, it is re-assuring, even as we listen, to have these same words directed to us today. We have reflected on the coming of God the Son as a defenceless babe, on the witness of the Father and the Holy Spirit at his baptism, and now Jesus affirms his mission. It's up to us now to be filled with the Holy Spirit and proclaim the Good News to those around us by the way we live. In unity with other Christians here in Maybole we proclaim the same Good News as Jesus in the synagogue at Nazareth. We have the anointing of the same Spirit to do it.

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

Last week's collection £394.
Thank you.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity began on Thursday. We in Scotland recognise a need for our Christian churches in Scotland to work and breathe as one. We pray for that unity. The following address was given on Wednesday by Pope Benedict XVI for our reflection.



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

also come to one another.

Tomorrow begins the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which I shall close personally in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls next Jan. 25, with the celebration of vespers, to which representatives of the other Churches and ecclesial communities of Rome have also been invited.

The days from January 18 to 25, and in other parts of the world, the week of Pentecost, are an intense time of commitment and prayer on the part of all Christians, who can make use of the supports elaborated jointly by the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and by the Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches.

I have observed how profound the desire for unity is during meetings I have held with several representatives of the Churches and ecclesial communities in the course of these years, and in a moving way in the recent visit to ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I in Istanbul, Turkey. Next Wednesday I will again address these and other experiences which have opened my heart to hope.

Of course the path to unity continues to be long and difficult; however, we must not be discouraged and must continue go forward on it, relying first of all on the sure support of the One who, before ascending to heaven, promised his followers: "And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). Unity is a gift of God and fruit of the Spirit's action. Therefore, it is important to pray. The more we draw near to Christ, being converted to his love, the closer we

In some countries, Italy being among them, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is preceded by the Day of Judeo-Christian Reflection, which is observed in fact today, January 17. For almost two decades, the Italian episcopal conference has dedicated this day to Judaism in order to promote knowledge and appreciation and enhance the relationship of mutual friendship between the Christian and Jewish communities, a relationship that has developed positively in the wake of the Second Vatican Council and the historic visit of the Servant of God Pope John Paul II, to the major synagogue of Rome.

To grow and be fruitful, the Judeo-Christian friendship must also be based on prayer. Therefore, I invite everyone to address today a persistent prayer to the Lord that Jews and Christians may respect and appreciate one another and collaborate together for justice and peace in the world.

The biblical theme proposed this year for common reflection and prayer during this week is: "He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak" (Mark 7:37). They are the words of Mark's Gospel and refer to Jesus' curing of the deaf-mute. In this brief passage, the evangelist recounts that the Lord, after putting his fingers in the ears and touching with saliva the tongue of the deaf-mute, worked the miracle saying: "Ephphatha," which means "Be opened!"

On recovering his hearing and the gift of speech, that man aroused the admiration of the others by recounting what happened to him. Every Christian, spiritually deaf and mute because of original sin, receives in baptism the Lord's gift who puts his fingers on the face and, in this way, through the gift of baptism, is capable of hearing the word

of God and of proclaiming it to brothers. Moreover, from that moment on, he has the task to mature in knowledge and love of Christ in order to be able to proclaim and witness the Gospel with efficacy.

This theme, on illustrating two aspects of every Christian community's mission -- the proclamation of the Gospel and the testimony of charity -- also underlines the importance of translating Christ's message into concrete initiatives of solidarity. This favors the path of unity, as it can be said that every relief, even if small, which Christians offer together to their neighbor's suffering, also contributes to making more visible their communion and fidelity to the Lord's commandment.

The prayer for Christian unity, however, cannot be limited to a week of the year. The joint invocation to the Lord, to bring about, when and how he knows, the full unity of all his disciples, must be extended to each day of the year.

Moreover, the harmony of objectives in the "diakonia" (service) to relieve man's sufferings, the search for the truth of Christ's message, conversion and penance, are imperative stages through which every Christian worthy of the name must unite with his brother to implore the gift of unity and communion.

I exhort you, therefore, to spend these days in a climate of prayerful listening to the Spirit of God so that significant steps will be taken on the path of full and perfect communion among all Christ's disciples.

May the Virgin Mary, whom we invoke as Mother of the Church and help of all Christians, obtain support for us on our path to Christ.

Here in Maybole, the Council of Churches are marking Christian Unity Week with prayer in our own churches and by coming together to share fellowship over a meal in St Cuthbert's Hall today, Sunday 21st at 5.00 pm. See top of next page for more information. Everyone is welcome.



The Hospitalite of Our Lady of Lourdes will join Bishop Cunningham to celebrate Mass for the World Day of the Sick at St Quivox' Church, Prestwick on Sunday 18th February at 3.00 pm. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be available during Mass. All, sick and healthy, are warmly invited to this Mass.

HALL DIARY
Thu 25th Jan, 6-8pm Residents Association Youth Club

How things look on the outside of us depends on how things are on the inside of us.

COME AND BE FED!



After the success of the Harvest Supper last October when 50 people from church communities in the Maybole area came together for a meal, Maybole Council of Churches are organising another meal for members of all the Christian church communities in the parishes to mark Christian Unity Week. The Christian Unity Winter Supper will take place in Our Lady and St Cuthbert's church hall this weekend, Sunday 21st January, from 5.00 pm until 7.00 pm. All we ask is that you bring a supper dish — hot or cold — along with yourself and your family.

CARDS FOR ALL OCCASIONS are on sale at the back of the church. There is a lovely selection of quality birthday, for wedding and wedding anniversary, get well soon, thinking of you, baptism, communion, Mother's Day, sympathy and Mass cards. Please have a look.

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, or leave it at Maybole Resource Centre.

MUSIC MINISTRY EVENING: A Music Ministry event will be held on Wednesday 7 February at Smithstone House, Kilwinning from 6.45 pm for a 7.00 pm start to 9.30 pm. The main part of the evening will consist of music ideas for Lent and Holy Week and will be led by Les Hendron of Bourtreehill. The first part will consist of a short talk and discussion on 'What is Lent?' led by Father Stephen Motroni. The cost, including refreshments, is £5 and will be collected on the evening. For further information contact Nicola Lawrence.

THE SACRED HEART FATHERS AT SMITHSTONE HOUSE, KILWINNING are leading a series of prayer and study afternoons. There will be six weeks of reflection on *Old Testament* themes on Wednesday afternoons from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm from 17th January. In addition there will be an opportunity to meet and reflect with people from other Christian traditions on what it means to belong to different families of Christian spirituality: these reflections take place over three Thursday afternoons from February 8th from 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm. During Lent there will be three evenings of prayer and reflection in preparation for Easter. These begin on Monday 5th March from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm. A day of prayer looking towards the Sacred Heart of Jesus will provide an opportunity for stillness and quiet reflection on Saturday 31st March from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.

ADVANCE NOTICE: Catholic Education Week (4th-10th February) celebrates all the graces Catholic education offers us. We tend immediately to think of Catholic schools and all that they do: they are one very important part of educating young people in the Catholic Faith. The Bishops have chosen as a theme for Catholic Education Week this year 'Partnership in Faith'. This partnership exists among the family, school and parish. Although a school community forms a strong support for all aspects of learning, children learn about life and faith firstly in the family home: from the simple things they are taught about how to live their lives, from the values they embrace, from the loving care they receive. Even when the faith of parents is uncertain or lacking confidence, children can still develop an understanding of right and wrong, a sense of their spiritual lives and a basic grasp of their faith tradition in fairly simple ways.

To mark Catholic Education Week pupils and teachers will be invited to be involved at Masses in parishes on the weekend of 3rd-4th February. **All pupils, parents, family members, teachers and others involved in Catholic education are invited to come and join in the celebration of Mass in Queen Margaret Academy on Tuesday 6th February at 7.00 pm.** After Mass, tea and coffee will be available and there will be a disco for the pupils. Please make a special effort to come along and strengthen the links between families, parishes and school communities. Together this triangle spoils us with blessings and a sense of community: let's celebrate this.

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.

3rd Sunday in Ord Time	READER	BIDDING PRAYERS	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	PASSKEEPERS	PROCESSION OF GIFTS	SERVERS
20th Jan	Youth Mass					Paige & Kyle Campbell Phoebe McDowall
21st Jan	Marian Davidson	Robert Malone	David Strang Irene Hewitt	Dennis McCaffery Chic McDermott	By invitation	Louis Simpson, Liam Menzies, Rhian Collins, Chloe Brownlee

4th Sunday in Ord Time	READER	BIDDING PRAYERS	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	PASSKEEPERS	PROCESSION OF GIFTS	SERVERS
27th Jan	Alex Meek	Ellen Hawkes	Jim McDermott Irene Hewitt	John Sabbatini Robin Donald	By invitation	Paige & Kyle Campbell Phoebe & Owen McDowall
28th Jan	Ellen Hawkes	Elizabeth meek	Nancy Flanagan Cindy McEwan	Jim Campbell Tony Kerrigan	McCaffery family	Louis Simpson, Kieran Porte, Rhian Collins, Chloe Brownlee