

LITURGY FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Sunday 10.00 am)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Will you come and follow me

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FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

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.*

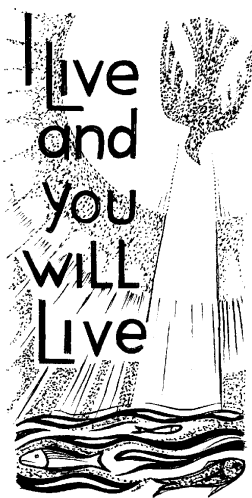
I am he that comforts you;
who are you to be afraid of flesh that fades,
is made like the grass of the field, soon to wither.

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.

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:8-14

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet:



I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

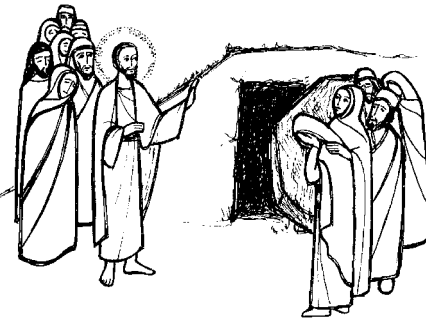
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory! (2)

GOSPEL

John 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'



PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN

Brother, sister, let me serve you

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HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, 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.

LAMB OF GOD

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

COMMUNION HYMN

Be still and know I am with you

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Let there be love shared among us, let there be love in our eyes.
May now your love sweep this nation; cause us, O Lord, to arise.
Give us a fresh understanding, brotherly love that is real.
Let there be love shared among us, let there be love.

Let there be peace...

Let there be joy....



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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:

Sun: Helen Mitchell (Ann)
Monday: Sophia Corbett (Ann)
Tue: Marc Devlin (Ann)
Fri: Lawrence Jennings (Ann)

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Sunday 25th March 2007

Sunday 25th March

In today's gospel, we see how graciously Jesus dealt with a public sinner, in contrast to the way in which the religious authorities handled the matter. "Let he who is without sin cast the first stone". He does not condone the sin, nor condemn the woman, telling her simply to sin no more; neither does he miss the mark with the scribes and Pharisees, exposing their hidden sin. Jesus condemns the hypocrisy of judging others when we are not perfect ourselves. Let us take some time to say sorry!

Monday 26th March

As we draw nearer to Holy Week, we focus more intently on the Passion narratives. Looking on Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, Christ wept because his people did not recognise the time when God came to save them. Having rejected him, they brought terrible consequences on themselves. Let us reflect on the signs of our times. Would we cause Jesus to weep?

Tuesday 27th March

Perhaps we can spend some time considering how the apostles must have felt as Jesus was telling them that he was about to leave them.

We can understand their unwillingness to hear such talk. Yet Jesus is careful to tell them he will come back for them, he will not leave them alone. In the third millennium since the death of Jesus, the Risen Lord is still with us. That promise, and all his others, still holds good.

Wednesday 28th March

Jesus tells us in the gospel of today's Mass that we can learn the truth and that the truth will set us free. We take time to reflect on what is truth, the very question Pilate asked of Jesus. "It was for this reason I came into the world, to witness to the truth, and all who seek the truth listen to my voice" This is what we are about in our meditations, listening for the voice of Christ and so learning more about the truth. Very few things really matter in life and the truth is one of them.

Thursday 29th March

Perhaps one of the saddest things about the passion is the isolation of Jesus. His friends had deserted him. The nation's leaders handed him over to foreigners. Truly he was a man of sorrows, despised and rejected. Even when hanging from the cross, he was mocked. It is astonishing when we realise that in reality

this is God himself, the King of the entire universe and that this King died for us. Let us try to make up in a small way for that isolation.

Friday 30th March

Today we consider the gentleness of Jesus throughout his passion. In spite of his own needs and sufferings, he responds quietly to the Jewish soldier who strikes his cheek, in submission to Pilate, and with compassion to the women of Jerusalem. In spite of his terrible pain he shows concern for his mother from the cross. His heart of love is untouched by the brutality and suffering inflicted on his body. The love of God, inherent in Father and Son, is truly present when he cries "Father, forgive them!"

Saturday 31st March

Yesterday we looked at the harmony between Jesus and his Father in their love for the human race. Abandoned, stripped of his few worldly possessions, brutalised and mocked, he still willingly carried our sins on his own shoulders. Only the few around the foot of his cross watch with him. Let us offer our time to watch.

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

Last week's collection £428.
SCIAF and Bishop's Charities
Fund £123.

Roisin, Annie and Phoebe alongside their display in St Cuthbert's Primary highlighting the injustices of sectarianism and negative discrimination and the school's commitment to treat all people they meet with dignity and respect.



The annual Lenten appeal to help the work of SCIAF last weekend raised £123.00. Thank you for your generosity. We also have the opportunity this Lent to fill the SCIAF boxes. Please bring your box to church **before or on Holy Thursday** when they will be taken up with the offerings at the Mass of the Lord's Supper.



This week we will have the opportunity to recognise our sinfulness and by asking for forgiveness in the Sacrament of Confession, to turn away from the things that prevent us loving each other, God and ourselves.

Penitential services will take place in churches throughout the deanery as follows:
 Sunday 25th March Our Lady of the Assumption and St Meddan, Troon
 Monday 26th March St Quivox, Prestwick; **Our Lady and St Cuthbert, Maybole**
 Tuesday 27th March St Paul, Ayr; St Clare, Drongan
 Wednesday 27th March Sacred Hearts, Girvan; St Francis Xavier, Waterside
 Thursday 28th March St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr; St Ann, Mossblown
 Friday 29th March Good Shepherd, Ayr

Parents, please bring along your children who have made the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is important for children, and all of us, to learn to say sorry. All services begin at 7 pm.

HOLY WEEK 2007



Next Sunday, 1 April, we begin Holy Week, where we remember what Jesus, our Lord and brother did for us. The liturgies we will celebrate are the most important and meaningful of the entire Church's year. It is very important that you take part in them and join Christ on his final journey towards death and into everlasting life — which will be ours too! Holy Week is packed with dramatic liturgies. The dates and times are as follows:



Sunday 1 April	Passion (Palm) Sunday	Mass at 6.30 pm (Vigil); 10 am
Monday 2 April	Monday of Holy Week	Morning Prayer of the Church at 9 am followed by Mass
Tuesday 3 April	Tuesday of Holy Week	Morning Prayer of the Church at 9 am followed by Mass
Wednesday 3 April	Wednesday of Holy Week	Mass of Christ at Good Shepherd Church, Ayr at 7.30 pm
Thursday 4 April	Holy Thursday	Morning Prayer of the Church at 9 am followed by Mass
Friday 5 April	Good Friday	Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 pm followed by watching at the place of repose until Night Prayer at 10 pm
Saturday 6 April	Holy Saturday	Morning Prayer of the Church at 9 am (not followed by Mass)
Sunday 7 April	Easter Sunday	Mass at 6.30 pm (Vigil); 10 am



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 Ecumenical service led by the Church of Scotland, in the Baptist Church at 7.00 pm
 Morning Prayer of the Church at 9 am (not followed by Mass)
 Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 pm followed by watching at the place of repose until Night Prayer at 10 pm
 Morning Prayer of the Church at 9 am (not followed by Mass)
 Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3 pm
 Stations of the Cross at 7 pm
 Morning Prayer of the Church at 9 am (not followed by Mass)
 Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection at 9 pm
 Ecumenical sunrise service at the War Memorial at 6 am
 Mass at 10 am

Please make a special effort to take part in the many services of this week which give all meaning to the lives of Christians.



The Mothers' Prayers prayer group will meet for the first time on Monday 2nd April at 2.00 pm in the church hall.

For more information please speak to Ellen Hawkes (882747) or Denise McCaffery.

PRAY AS YOU GO

Please remember to take your free pray as you go Lenten prayer reflection CD.

Please return the CD envelope covers to the back of the church after using the week's CD. They can then be used again for Pray as You Go CDs.



Some young parishioners (right) represented Queen Margaret Academy at the launch of the Young Roots Lottery funded project which will help young people in Maybole to find out about their local history and share their new-found knowledge with others. They are pictured with the captains of Carrick Academy.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS AND THE NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Thank you to all who offered themselves to stand for election to the Parish Pastoral Council. The new members elected last weekend were: Bennett Ward, Ellen Hawkes, Denise McCaffery, Frances Campbell, and David Kiltie.

Together with Maureen Hay, Jim Campbell, Michelle McDowall, Marguerite Hunter Blair, Laura Kiltie, David Strang and Elizabeth Meek they will form the parish council for the next year.

The Parish Council meets today, Sunday 25th at 7.00 pm in the parish house. There will be no Junior PPC meeting this evening.

CATHOLIC PARLIAMENTARY OFFICER VISITS MAYBOLE

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland has established the Catholic Church's Parliamentary Office to aid the Church in contributing to the work of the Parliament in accordance with the principles of the Church's Social Teaching. John Deighan is the Parliamentary Officer responsible for this work. John gave an interesting talk on Thursday evening on the currents of secularism in our culture and the negative effects secularism has on creating a society which promotes the dignity of human life. The Catholic Parliamentary Office website can be found at www.rcpolitics.org.uk.



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	ALTAR SERVERS	MUSIC
Sat 24th Mar 5th in Lent	Matthew Reilly	Stuart Green	John Malone Angela Kirkpatrick	Alex Kelly Jim Campbell	Patrick & Roisin McCallum, Simone McCahill, Louis Simpson	Nicola Lawrence Choir
Sun 25th Mar 5th in Lent	Marian Davidson	Robert Malone	David Strang Irene Hewitt	Dennis McCaffery Jim McDermott	Jonathan Lewis, Chloe Brownlee, Liam Menzies, Sam Currie	Donna McKay Gerry Murphy Adult singers
Sat 31st Mar Passion Sunday	Alex Meek, Eileen Hamilton, Matthew Reilly	Nancy Flanagan	Jim McDermott Irene Hewitt	John Sabbatini Robin Donald	Owen & Phoebe McDowall, Paul Strang, Amy Malone	Nicola Lawrence Choir
Sun 1st April Passion Sunday	Eamonn Nolan, Ellen Hawkes, Nancy Flanagan	Elizabeth Meek	Betty McCaffery Cindy McEwan	Jim Campbell Tony Kerrigan	Rhian Collins, Rachel Campbell, Kieran Porte, Niall Murphy	Maria Newlands Choir

You may notice that the gift bearers are not listed in the rota above.

The passkeepers will invite members of the congregation before each Mass to bring forward the gifts of bread and wine.

ADVANCE NOTICE: The annual retreat for the Parish Pastoral Council will take place from the evening of Friday 27th until lunchtime on Sunday 29th April at the Notre Dame Retreat Centre in Skelmorlie. Member of the Parish Council please keep these dates free.

FASHION SHOW: Queen Margaret Academy is hosting a Fashion Show on Thursday 19th April from 7.00 pm until 9.30 pm. Fashion items made by the pupils will be show cased along with fashions from Marks and Spencer, Burton, Changing Rooms and Ralph Slater. Tickets cost £5.00 and are available from the school (01292 268379). Proceeds will be donated to the African Mission AIDS Appeal. To ensure you obtain a ticket please buy the ticket before the Easter holiday. Further information is available from Ms T Lopez and Miss A Toal of the Art Department.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS help us to repent and to focus on God's merciful love. They will be prayed as a community after morning Mass on Fridays during Lent. Please also consider taking time to pray this devotion privately during this season: in doing so we focus on the final journey of Christ to his Father and strengthen ourselves to follow his example with hope.

COFFEE MORNING AT ST CUTHBERT'S PRIMARY: As part of the school's many effort to

raise funds for SCIAF during Lent the pupils will hold a coffee morning in the primary at 10.30 am on Thursday 29th March. Please go along and support the children's efforts and SCIAF.

BUS TO RUN TO CHRISM MASS: Every year during Holy Week the Mass of Chrism takes place in the Cathedral. The Bishop is the main celebrant at this Mass attended by all the priests of the diocese. The priests renew their priestly promises made at ordination each year at this time. The Bishop blesses the oil of Catechumens, Chrism and of the Sick used in each of the parishes to dispense the Sacraments during the year. It is a celebration of our diocesan family and is very well attended. This will be the last Chrism Mass to take place in Good Shepherd Church since it is to close. Because of this a free bus will be run from the parish. Please think about coming along to what will be a magnificent occasion. Add your name to the list at the back of the church.

BED AVAILABLE: A children's bed with a single bunk and a desk under the bunk is available to anyone who can use it. Please contact Mhari or Gerry Murphy on 889528.

LINDA CONNOLLY RIP: The parish extends sympathy and prayers to Chris Connolly on the recent death of his beloved wife Linda.