

LITURGY FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Gift of Christ from God our Father, come, Spirit, come!
Well of life and gen'rous Giver, come, Spirit, come!
With your light our minds enlighten,
with your grace our talents heighten,
with your joy our worship brighten, come, Spirit, come!

Gift of Christ to guide and teach us, come, Spirit, come!
Counsellor so swift to reach us, come, Spirit, come!
Christ is Lord, so we may name him:
never fearfully disclaim him
but to all the world proclaim him, come, Spirit, come!

Gift of Christ to help us praying, come, Spirit, come!
Advocate beside us staying, come, Spirit, come!
In the work of intercession,
in the healing of confession,
in success and in depression, come, Spirit, come!

Gift of Christ for our salvation, come, Spirit, come!
Bring to birth your new creation, come, Spirit, come!
All the devil's work undoing,
Christ's own ministry pursuing,
glory in the Church renewing! come, Spirit, come!

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.

FIRST READING

Acts 15:1-2.22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, "Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved." This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders. Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them: "The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth,
and all nations learn your saving help.

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him.

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 21:10-14.22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

GOSPEL

John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: "If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe."

PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN

All that I am 122

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

O lady, full of God's own grace 524



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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 at 7.00 pm
Tuesday to 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

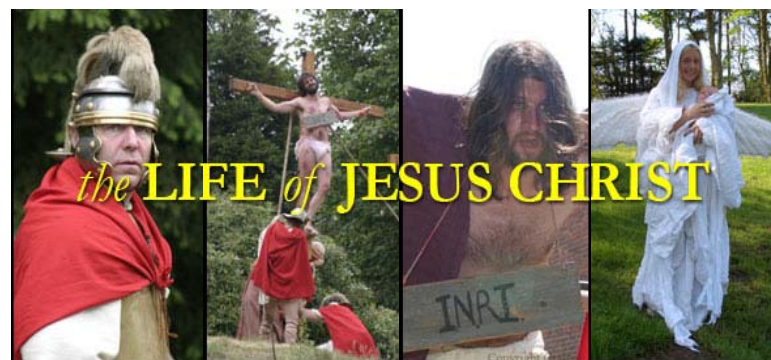
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 13th May 2007

We continue this week listening to the words which Jesus gave his disciples to help them carry on after he left. These words are among the most important that we need to hear today for they are meant for us as his current disciples on earth. He promises that both he and his Father will remain with those who listen to and heed these words – an amazing promise!

The Holy Spirit promised by Christ is the guarantee of this new life-giving union between us and the Father and the Son, of the Presence in our midst. We can ask him to remind us of the words of Christ, of his promise of dwelling within us. It's an astonishing reality that within each of us there is a divine presence, a holy place – an inner sanctuary of peace to which we can turn at any moment and find the guidance and support we need to live as Christians in this day and age. The slumbering Christ is in all of us waiting to be awakened, to become the soul we clothe in form and action.

This is the difference the Holy Spirit, given to us in baptism, makes. We have an internal Source of peace which nothing and no-one can disturb. No matter what may happen to us in our circumstances or relationships, we can draw upon the Power within us for support. As we reflect on these immense truths, we realize just how much God loves and supports us.

The Life of Jesus Christ is an outdoor theatre event that tells the story of Jesus' life on earth, death and resurrection. Real actors recreate the story in the grounds of Dundas Castle near South Queensferry. The play will take place on 17th June and a bus will run from the parish at 11.00 am and will return later in the evening. This will be our parish retreat this year. Please come along as an individual or as a family. Tickets are different prices so we need a list of those who will be going in order to purchase the tickets before the end of May. Please indicate if you are going and what kind of ticket you need by adding your name to the list at the back of the church. Tickets cost £10 for senior citizens, £12 for adults, £6 for children and £30 for a family tickets that admits two adults and two children. A packed lunch will be needed.



Mass on Saturday 19th May is a Youth Mass and the young people of the parish will take part in the liturgy. Before Mass it is hoped to go to the cinema to see the newly released Spiderman 3. Please contact Denise McCaffery (882760) if you would like to go and for more details. Remember the film is a 12A rating which means that young people under 12 years old can watch it if there is an adult with them. There will, of course, be adults there. Please ask your parents to phone Denise and give permission for you if you want to go and are under 12 years old.

Cardinal O'Brien welcomes newly elected MSP's

Following the Scottish Parliament elections, Cardinal Keith O'Brien has welcomed all those candidates who were successfully elected.

Returning from a "Make Aid Work" Conference in Rome where he was part of a delegation of Catholic Aid Agencies and G8 Finance Ministers, the Cardinal said; "I extend the warmest welcome and congratulations to all those who have been elected to the Scottish Parliament and wish them well in their work for the people of Scotland over the next four years.

I look forward to working with the First Minister and members of Parliament in pursuit of the common good and in recognition of our country's Christian identity and heritage."

Between Monday 30 April and Friday 4 May, Cardinal O'Brien travelled to London, where his delegation met Prime Minister Tony Blair, Berlin where he met Peer Steinbrück, Germany's Minister of Finance and Rome where he had meetings with Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi and Pope Benedict XVI.

The Cardinal obtained a postal vote which he used the week before he travelled.

I AM THE BIBLE

I am a library of sixty-six books.
I am the world's best seller.
I am more than a mere book. I am a force that overpowers opposing systems of thought.
I am the rock upon which civil liberties and social freedom rest.
I answer the question: Who and where is God?
I was written by minds saturated with consciousness of God.
I am published in more languages and dialects than any other book that has ever been written.
I am cherished by millions of people as being the only concretely available and infallible rule of faith and practice.
I am the Word of God as set forth by inspired prophet, law-giver, genealogist, priest, historian, poet, essayist, story-writer, moralist, seer, and theologian.
I set forth the way of life that leads to abundance and satisfaction of experience.
I tell the story of the great drama of redemption.
I inspire devotion to truth and purity of life purpose.

Norman Richardson



Special visitor to St Cuthbert's PS on Friday was Robert Burns who had heard that Maybole was planning to mark the 250th anniversary of his parents' marriage in the town



CHANGE IN MASS TIMES: From the weekend of 2nd-3rd June the times of Mass will change. This is to allow Fr Stephen to provide Mass also in St Ann's parish, Mossblown. On Saturday, Mass will be celebrated at 7.00 pm and on Sunday morning Mass will be at 9.30 am. (In Mossblown Mass will be celebrated at 5.15 pm on Saturday and 11.30 am on Sunday). This arrangement will be reviewed after three months to see if it is practical.

NANCY FLANAGAN would like to pass on her sincere thanks for the many prayers, cards, good wishes and flowers that she has received over these last days. They have offered her great comfort. She is doing everything she can to return to good health, is making good use of God's grace, and — as one might expect — is of resilient and cheerful spirit!

37th HADDINGTON PILGRIMAGE: This will take place on Saturday 12th May in St Mary's Collegiate Church, Haddington where Roman Catholic Mass will be celebrated at 12.00 noon and will be followed immediately by an ecumenical service of healing and peace. At the conclusion of the service all are invited to take their lunches together in St Mary's church hall or in the grounds. Further information is available from Mrs Irene MacRae, Rathan, 45 Eskbank Road, Dalkeith, EH22 3DH; Tel: 0131 663 3291.

MUSIC PRACTICE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE: There will be no practice this week.

ROTAS FOR MINISTRIES: Rotas are available for all those involved in reading, ministry of the Eucharist, passkeeping, altar serving, music, flower arranging and cleaning in the parish. Please take one for May and June from the back of the church.

CHARITY SHOP: Once again, Our Lady and St Cuthbert's parish are running the charity shop in the High Street from Saturday 19th May. Please bring any goods you have to the church hall.

HOLIDAY: Fr Stephen will be on holiday from 9th-16th

May. Bishop Taylor will celebrate Masses this weekend. Please contact one of the Ayr parishes should you need a priest in an emergency: St Paul's 01292 260197 or St Margaret's 01292 263488.

THE MAYBOLE ECUMENICAL PRAYER GROUP will run a bottle stall at the Burns festival on 9th June. They will be raising funds to buy visual equipment to help Bennett Ward read his music scores and words in church. Can you please contribute a bottle of something? Bottles can be left in the parish hall.

MONASTIC RETREAT: Monday 4th - Friday 8th June. An opportunity for single Catholic men aged 18-40 to experience monastic life at Pluscarden Abbey near Elgin. For more information please contact Fr Augustine OSB at Pluscarden Abbey, Elgin, Moray, IV30 8UA, or at monks@pluscardenabbey.org or www.pluscardenabbey.org. There is no charge for the retreat.

A NEW YOUNG PERSONS' PRAYER GROUP called Children of Faith met last Sunday evening to pray and explore what our Catholic faith teaches us. The group is for secondary age pupils. Please come along to the next meeting on Sunday 20th May in the church hall at 6.00 pm.

MOTHERS PRAYERS: This group is running well and plans to start an evening meeting for ladies who are working. Please let Denise McCaffery (882760) or Ellen Hawkes (882747) know if you are interested in the evening prayer meetings.

COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY: Next weekend at Masses we will recognise and pray for the work the Catholic Church in Scotland does to communicate successfully with the media and other external organisations to promote the Gospel message. There will be a special collection taken at Masses to support the costs of this important communications and media work.

Did you know our parish has a website? Visit us online at www.olasc.org.uk

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.

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 12th May 6th in Easter	Robert Malone	Ellen Hawkes	Margaret Reilly Jim Hawkes	John Sabbatini Kate Sprott	Paige & Kyle Campbell, Patrick & Roisin McCallum	Nicola Lawrence Choir
Sun 13th May 6th in Easter Children's Mass	Stuart Green	Eileen Hamilton	Cindy McEwan David Strang	Tony Kerrigan Dennis McCaffery	Jonathan Lewis, Chloe Brownlee, Kieran Porte, Sam Currie	Maria Newlands Choir
Thurs 17th May Ascension	Eamonn Nolan	Elizabeth Meek	Nancy Flanagan Jim Hawkes	Robin Donald Alex Kelly	Liam Menzies, Jonathan Lewis, Patrick & Roisin McCallum	Nicola Lawrence Choir
Sat 19th May 7th in Easter Youth Mass	Blair Kirkpatrick	Aaron Packer	Gillian Thomson Danielle Connolly	Jason & Chris McKay Alice Mackie	Amy Malone, Connor Menzies, Ali Roy	Donna McKay Youth Musicians
Sun 20th May 7th in Easter	Elizabeth Meek	Tom Dowman	Marian Davidson Betty McCaffery	Chic McDermott Jim Campbell	Justin McQuillan, Maeve & Niall Murphy David Welsh	Maria Newlands Choir