

LITURGY FOR THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Brother, sister, let me serve you

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GLORIA

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 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

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Moses said to the people: "Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul. For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, 'Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?' Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, 'Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?' No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance."

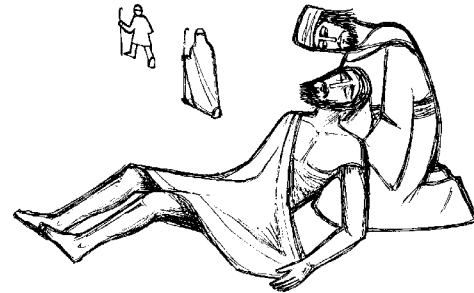


and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

GOSPEL

Luke 10:25-37

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, "Master what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the Law? What do you read there?" He replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself." "You have answered right," said Jesus. "Do this and life is yours." But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" Jesus replied, "A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have.' Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?" "The one who took pity on him," he replied. Jesus said to him, "Go, and do the same yourself."



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response:

Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind.

As for me in my poverty and pain
let your help, O God, lift me up.
I will praise God's name with a song;
I will glorify him with thanksgiving.

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.

For God will bring help to Zion
and rebuild the cities of Judah.
The sons of his servants shall inherit it;
those who love his name shall dwell there.

SECOND READING

Colossian 1:15-20

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – Before anything was created, he existed,

PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN

In bread we bring you Lord

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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, 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

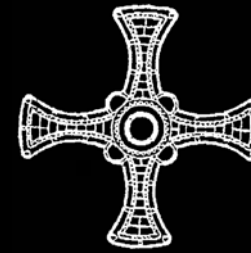
When we eat this bread and drink this cup
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory, until you come in glory.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Come, Lord Jesus come

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Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil at 7 pm. Sunday at 9.30 am

Weekday Masses

Monday at 7 pm, Thursday at 9 am

Celebration of the Word and Eucharist

Tuesday, Wednesday, 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

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 15th JULY 2007

Why was it that Jesus' words and ministry upset many of the religious people of his time? Why were they constantly seeking to trap him? One reason was because he questioned if their hearts were really behind what their lips professed. The Jewish religion had become a matter of keeping so many rules and regulations that what God was saying had become hidden or distorted. They had unconsciously fashioned God after human thinking. Their "religion" no longer led them to God.

But, at least his hearers did react to the message, unlike many today, whose ears are unchallenged by the gospel and miss the message which can transform our broken world. Life is all about relationships and today's passage contains a very basic recipe for life on earth – right relationship with God results in everyone being our neighbour.

Last week's gospel challenged us to be genuine disciples witnessing for Christ to those around us. We were reminded that the Church exists to evangelise. This week, we are challenged to review our lifestyle in the world. Do we really bear witness to Jesus?

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Last week's collection £422.84.
Thank you.

STATEMENT FROM THE BISHOPS OF SCOTLAND ON USE OF THE 'LATIN MASS'

"The publication of the document on the use of the Roman liturgy prior to the reform of 1970 reflects the pastoral concern of the Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI for those who find themselves drawn to that form of the Eucharistic celebration - a pastoral concern which the Bishops of Scotland share

The Bishops of Scotland also share Pope Benedict XVI's concern about the unity of the Church. In both his writings and his statements the Pope has reminded us of the centrality of the Eucharist as the source of unity in the life of the Church. Writing earlier this year in the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation Sacramentum Caritatis the Holy Father says, "The fact that the one Eucharist is celebrated in each Diocese around its own Bishop helps us see how those particular Churches subsist in and from the Church." (15).

In thanking the Holy Father for this most recent document, the Bishops of Scotland wish to note that since 1970

Catholics in Scotland have embraced the reform of the liturgy, with the same openness of heart as they had already begun to accept the other decisions of the Second Vatican Council.

The Holy Father's decision to issue this document is motivated above all by his desire to mend divisions where they have occurred and to prevent future divisions by helping to bring about "an interior reconciliation in the heart of the Church". Echoing what the Holy Father says, the Bishops wish to point out that there is no contradiction between the two editions of the Roman Missal (1962 and 1970) and that they in fact demonstrate that in the history of the liturgy there is growth and progress but no rupture.

Having consulted widely throughout the Church before issuing this document and the norms it sets down, the Pope reminds bishops that each of them is moderator of the liturgy in his own diocese and has the responsibility to be watchful to ensure that all is done in

peace and serenity. Bishops are invited to monitor the effect of the norms so that the whole Church can be involved in an evaluation of them in three years time.

The Bishops of Scotland acknowledge this responsibility and intend to study the Holy Father's document thoroughly to ensure that its provisions are fully available to those Catholics in Scotland who may wish to encounter the mystery of the Eucharist through the form of celebration set out in the 1962 edition of the Roman Missal.

The Bishops of Scotland pray that God will continue to bless our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI in his ministry of love and reconciliation. We ask that the Blessed Virgin Mary will intercede with her Divine Son on behalf of the Church so that together with our Holy Father the Pope we will all be faithful and obedient sons and daughters of God as we carry out his will."

The parable of the Good Samaritan is, of course, one of the most well known. As with all the parables, however, it is not enough to know the story; we must also know the context. Our Lord gives the parable in response to "a scholar of the law who stood up to test him" (Lk 10:25), who "wished to justify himself" (Lk 10:29). He speaks to a lawyer who has no real interest in the truth, who wants to spar over legal texts for his own purposes. The man's questions are self-serving, not sincere. This explains why our Lord deals so abruptly with him. We do not sense in our Lord any of the gentleness and patience shown to others. Ultimately our Lord addresses to this man — and to everyone who wants to test God and justify himself — the parable of the Good Samaritan, a parable intended not to console and comfort but to shock and challenge.

The parable answers the lawyer's question "Who is my neighbor?" — a cynical

question meant to validate his narrow interpretation of the commandment to love one's neighbor. Knowing this, our Lord seeks to call him out of himself, to deliver him from his selfishness. So he chooses a figure guaranteed to shock: a good Samaritan. Recall that the Israelites and the Samaritans, while geographically more than neighbors, were far less than neighborly. Their mutual enmity had simmered for centuries. To the lawyer, the Samaritans were worse than foreigners. By the choice of such a protagonist our Lord intentionally scandalizes the lawyer. He shocks this complacent and self-serving man into a genuine understanding of love for neighbor.

The parable itself contains several different lessons. First, it presents the Samaritan as a neighbor — to show that we ought not set limits to our charity. We can never say of our love "Thus far and no further." It must extend even to our enemies.

Second, the parable presents the Samaritan as the exem-

plar of love for neighbor, to show that God's grace extends beyond Israel, enabling even Samaritans to love as He commands. Finally, the story heightens the meaning of "neighbor." The lawyer begrudgingly acknowledges that the true neighbor was the "one who treated (the robbers' victim) with mercy" (Lk 10:37). To be a neighbor, then, means not to measure stingily another person's degree of relation but to treat that person with mercy. The lawyer (and we) should worry less about who his neighbor is and more about being a neighbor to all.

Thus the parable provides an inspiring standard of love for neighbor. And the saints continue to teach the lesson. St. Patrick returns to Ireland to evangelize the people who enslaved him. St. Francis tries to convert the Sultan at war with Christendom. And St. Maria Goretti prays for her murderer while dying. But the parable also carries a great deal of shock value. Two thousand years distant, we tend to miss how scan-

dalous the use of a Samaritan example must have been. And in this regard we can discern still another, more basic, lesson. The lawyer's mistake haunts us as well: we come to the Lord to test Him and to justify ourselves. We seek His endorsement of what we have already decided, rather than first asking what He wants. Instead of conforming our lives to Him, we first establish our lives and then try to fit Him in. And if we have to chisel away some of our Lord's more demanding features so that He can fit into our small, confined lives, then so be it. Thus our Lord's shocking response to the complacent lawyer should also draw us away from any self-serving devotion.

The parable of the Good Samaritan teaches that our love must be generous, sacrificial, extending even to our enemies. But on a more basic level its shocking character teaches us to set aside our own notions of who and how to love, and allow the Lord Himself to instruct us.

PARISH BARBEQUE: On Sunday 22nd July (next Sunday) the parish will host a scavenger hunt followed by a barbeque in the church grounds. Please keep this day in your diary and bring your family. The scavenger hunt will begin at 4.00 pm and the barbeque at 5.30 pm. Tickets are available at the price of £1 from Frances Campbell (884034) and Laura Kiltie (883900). There will be a bar available.

NEW ROTAS ARE AVAILABLE

Please take a rota if you are part of the many ministries in the parish. They are available for July and August at the back of the church.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2008 takes place in Sydney, Australia. It is an event begun by the late John Paul II for young people to gather every two years from all across the world. It often attracts in excess of 1 million young people. Three young parishioners, Allison McGregor, Danielle Connolly and Blair Kirkpatrick are going from this parish with Fr Stephen and Denise McCaffery accompanying Fr Jim Hayes as adult helpers. The young people have booked the charity shop in the High Street for the week beginning Saturday 10th August to raise the significant cost of taking part in this life-changing event. **They will need good quality second hand goods to stock the charity shop. Please make a special effort to**

look out what you no longer need and bring it to the hall where it will be organised to be sold in the shop. Thank you for your continuing support.

WEEDS! Many people have said to me recently, "Father, the weeds growing around the church look awful." I agree: they do look awful. Nobody, unfortunately, has offered to do anything about them looking awful. If anyone can do something to kill and clear the weeds in the church grounds then the church would look much more attractive and looked after. Fr Stephen.

SPRED is a programme which supports people with learning difficulties in their

journey of faith and encourages participation in our parish life and liturgy. We have parishioners with learning difficulties who would like to take part in SPRED. Each person requires a parish volunteer to work with them in the group. Sister Kathleen is looking for parishioners willing to volunteer as partners in a SPRED group. New volunteers are needed for Tuesday mornings from 10.45 am - 12.45 pm and Thursday evenings from 7.00 - 9.00 pm. SPRED starts again in September and meets in term time only. Willing to try? Want to know more? Contact 01292 263196 or write to Sister Kathleen at SPRED, Queen Margaret Academy, Ayr, KA7 3TL, or at spredgalloway@talktalk.net. Thank you.



The Franciscan Missionaries of Mary are religious, coming from many countries, living in international communities. Called by the Spirit to cross frontiers of culture, language and belief, they are ready to go anywhere to spread the Good News of God's love for all people. In the spirit of Francis of Assisi, the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary live in simplicity according to the Gospel. Inspired by Mary's unconditional YES to God, they find their strength for mission in the contemplation of the Eucharist. Sister Marie Chambers who presently lives in Glasgow will speak about their mission at Masses this weekend (14th and 15th July). There will be special collection to help them with their work. This will be our annual Mission Appeal. Gift aid envelopes will be available and can be used by taxpayers for the sisters to reclaim 28p in each £1 given. Please put your name and address on the envelopes. Thank you for your support. Please pray for this valuable missionary work.

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	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	PASSKEEPERS	ALTAR SERVERS	MUSIC
Sat 21st July 15th in OT	Ellen Hawkes	Nancy Flanagan	Jim McDermott Angela Kirkpatrick	Jim Hawkes Robin Donald	Justin McQuillan, Maeve & Niall Murphy David Welsh	Nicola Lawrence Choir
Sun 22nd July 15th in OT	Eamonn Nolan	Robert Malone	Irene Hewitt Margaret Kiltie	Jim McDermott Kate Sprott	Sam Currie, Simone McCahill, Rhiain Collins	Maria Newlands Choir
Sat 28th July 16th in OT	Alex Meek	Matthew Reilly	Doreen Donald Ellen Hawkes	David Malone Alex Kelly	Chloe Brownlee, Ross Malone, Liam Menzies	Nicola Lawrence Choir
Sun 29th July 16th in OT	Stuart Green	Marian Davidson	David Strang Elizabeth Meek	Dennis McCaffery Chic McDermott	Kieran Porte, Justin McQuillan, Connor Menzies, Jonathan Lewis	Donna McKay Gerry Murphy Adult singers