

LITURGY FOR THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Sunday 9.30 am)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

I, the Lord of sea and sky 376

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

Genesis 18:20-32

The Lord said, "How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me, I am determined to know." The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, "Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?" The Lord replied, "If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them." Abraham replied, "I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?" "No," he replied. "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there." Again Abraham said to him, "Perhaps there will only be forty there." "I will not do it," he replied, "for the sake of the forty." Abraham said, "I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there." "I will not do it," he replied, "if I find thirty there." He said, "I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there." "I will not destroy it," he replied, "for the sake of the twenty." He said, "I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten." "I will not destroy it," he replied, "for the sake of the ten."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: *On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.*

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you
I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes.

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.

SECOND READING

Colossians 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

GOSPEL

Luke 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "Say this when you pray: 'Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test.'" He also said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, 'My friend, lend me



three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him'; and the man answers from inside the house, 'Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you.' I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get

up and give his friend all he wants. So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN

'Forgive our sins as we forgive,' you taught us, Lord, to pray,
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your Cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:
what trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease
Then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.

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

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Seek ye first

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Parish of Our Lady and St Cuthbert

The Catholic faith community serving North Carrick



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Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil at 7 pm. Sunday at 9.30 am

Weekday Mass

Monday at 7 pm; Thursday, Friday at 9 am

Celebration of the Word and Eucharist
Tues, Wed at 9 am

Mass intentions this week:

Sat: Ignatius McGhee (RIP)

Sun: Paulette Berson (RIP)

Mon: John McJimcy (RIP)

Thu: Mrs A Fraser (Spec Int)

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 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 29th JULY 2007

Prayer is a dialogue between God and ourselves which includes listening as well as talking. Too often our prayer can be all talking and sometimes talking without our minds being fully engaged. We can rattle on forgetting that we are not talking into a vacuum. That is why it is so important to take a few moments at the start of prayer to recollect that we are in the present of a God who cares, who is listening and who *wants* to communicate with us.

Jesus was the expert on prayer. His first disciples recognized there was something different in the way he prayed from how they had been taught as traditional Jews, so they asked him, as we too can, to teach them.

The first thing we notice about how Jesus prays is his relationship with God as Father. We communicate with a "Father", one whose name is holy, who knows our needs and is ready to meet them. We can be confident and assured we are heard. We are encouraged to persevere in prayer, to be expectant and to boldly ask for all that we need, in the same trusting way a child asks a parent. If we know God as Father, we will be as radiant as Jesus in prayer.

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

Last week's collection £430.54
Building Fund £115. Thank you.

PARISH SCAVENGE HUNT AND BARBEQUE A GREAT SUCCESS



Sunday 22nd August dawned bright and sunny, for which parishioners of Our Lady and St. Cuthbert's breathed a sigh of relief. This was the day earmarked for a parish scavenger hunt and barbeque in the Church gardens, and given recent poor weather, the sunshine was a real blessing. The hunt began at 4.30pm when around thirty hopefuls set off armed with clues. By 5.30pm the place was abuzz with excitement as the participants returned with results. Joint winners were the Campbell and Roy families (pictured above). Afterwards everyone

sat down in the back garden of the Church to enjoy a well deserved barbeque, supplied by the Round Table. Thank you to the Round Table for their support. The good weather helped the festive atmosphere and the children were able to play games on the lawn. Afterwards as the evening got cooler, people repaired to the Church hall for a sing song. A great evening of socializing and laughter for young and not so young ended around 10.30pm. Fr. Stephen McGrattan said that the evening had met all his expectations bringing almost eighty people together socially and contributing greatly to parish vitality. Special thanks to Frances Campbell and her team who worked hard to prepare the event and make it a great success.

Congratulations to Kenneth Capstick and Tracey Clark who were married in Our Lady and St Cuthbert's on Friday 27th July.

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

WEEDS! Thank you to the parishioners who have generously given of their time and efforts to remove the weeds in the church grounds. The grounds look much better for their work. *The area between the church house and the out-houses needs to be thoroughly cleared of growth urgently. Water is bypassing the drain and entering the foundations of the house. When the area is clear the drainage can be given attention. If you can help please contact Jim Campbell (889980) or Alex Kelly (882970). Thanks.*

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.

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 ANNUAL GALLOWAY MUSIC FESTIVAL MASS, celebrating the gift of music and bringing musicians together to share and celebrate their ministry, is being held in the grounds of Smithstone House, Kilwinning, at 2.30 pm on Sunday 19 August. All musicians

and singers are invited to take part and everyone will be welcome to attend. For those wanting to join in leading the music there will be a rehearsal from 1 pm. Bring your family and friends for a picnic afterwards! See Nicola Lawrence for details of music and hymns that will be included.

THE MONASTERY OF THE BENEDICTINE SISTERS in Largs provides an atmosphere of peace and stillness where you can come away and rest awhile in order to be renewed and refreshed in the Lord. The monastery has a small library where you can enjoy the beautiful sea view from the guest house or take a walk along the foreshore. All guests and retreatants are welcome to join the nuns in their life of praise and worship of God by sharing in the Liturgy of the Hours and in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed. All meals can be provided—dinner is at 1.00 pm and supper at 6.30 pm. Breakfast is taken when desired. Payment is by donation—£33 a day is suggested. The bus centre and railway station are within easy walking distance from the monastery. For more information please contact the Benedictine Sisters at Benedictine Monastery, 5 Mackerston Place, Largs, North Ayrshire, KA30 8BY or telephone 01475 687320.



**90
YEARS
YOUNG**



On Sunday 22nd July Mrs Margaret Murray celebrated her 90th birthday with family and friends at Fairknowe Nursing Home in Maybole. As head teacher for many years at St Cuthbert's until she retired in 1978 Margaret is a well known and much respected person in the town. Now seldom able to get out and about, she was delighted that so many family members and parishioners of Our Lady & St Cuthbert's, many of whom she had taught, were with her to mark the occasion. Celebrations began with Mass presided by Fr Stephen McGrattan who opened by congratulating Margaret on a life of service to the local community. This was a special part of the day for Margaret as she has been unable to get to Church for some time. Staff at Fairknowe laid on a magnificent buffet the centerpiece of which was a 90th birthday which Margaret cut to general applause.

Congratulations to Jim and Colette who were married on Friday, 27th July. Love and best wishes for their future together from Mum, Dad, all the family, and friends.

COME TO WHITHORN AND REMEMBER HOW THE FAITH IN GALLOWAY BEGAN



St Ninian, a Bishop who had learned about God and the Church in Rome, came back to this part of Scotland in AD 397. Together with a group of monks he taught people about Jesus, and built a white house and church in Whithorn. St Ninian and the other monks lived and prayed in this white house which they called *Candida Casa* (Latin for 'white house'). Sometimes St Ninian left the town of Whithorn to think about God and pray, and when he did

he went to a quiet place on the shore outside Whithorn town. He would sit in a cave and talk to God. The view from the cave was very beautiful and it helped him to think about how wonderful God's creation is.

That same cave is still there today. Every year, on the last Sunday of August, people from all over Galloway Diocese go to St Ninian's Cave where the Bishop (who is the successor to St Ninian) together with the priests of the diocese celebrate Mass with them. It is an enjoyable day out and a wonderful way to remember where the church in this part of Scotland began.

This year the feast of St Ninian will be celebrated at his cave on Sunday 26th August. **Would you like to come along and celebrate with hundreds of people from all over Galloway?** Well, a coach will leave the parish around 12.30 pm on Sunday 26th August, to take you, parishioners of all ages, to Whithorn. The cost for the bus is £2.50 and you will need a packed lunch/supper and maybe some money for chips! The places are first come first served. Please put your name on the list at the back of the church. We hope many of you can come and enjoy this great celebration of our local faith history.

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 28th July 17th 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 17th 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
Sat 4th Aug 18th in OT	Margaret Boyce	Alex Meek	John Malone Angela Kirkpatrick	John Sabbatini Robin Donald	Sam Currie, Connor Menzies, Patrick & Roisin McCallum	Nicola Lawrence Choir
Sun 5th Aug 18th in OT	Elizabeth Meek	Nancy Flanagan	Margaret Kiltie Cindy McEwan	Tony Kerrigan Jim Campbell	Niall Murphy, Kieran Porte, Paige & Kyle Campbell	Maria Newlands Choir