

LITURGY FOR THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Take me, Lord 638

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 Jeremiah 38:4-6.8-10

The kings leading men spoke to the king. Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin. He is in your hands as you know, King Zedekiah answered for the king is powerless against you. So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank. Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. My lord king, he said, these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die. At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: *Lord, come to my aid.*

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.

He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm.

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord.

As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay.

SECOND READING Hebrews 12:1-4

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was



still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful-ness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

GOSPEL Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over! Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'



PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN

O God, renew our vision, and clear our sight to see the figure of the Saviour, enthroned at Calvary.
O what a confrontation! He disregards the shame;
meets evil with compassion, and stakes the kingdom's claim.

When kings and politicians abuse their earthly power,
where greed and exploitation make all the world seem sour,
then with a better vision, let us with Jesus stand,
confronting hostile forces with your most just demand.

When opposition rises, let us not seek to hide,
or shirk the confrontation which Jesus glorified.
He takes his place in glory by God's eternal throne,
his perfect grace disposing to make creation one.

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!

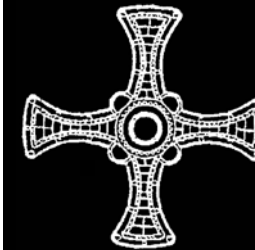
MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN

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<p>Sunday Masses Saturday Vigil at 7 pm. Sunday at 9.30 am</p> <p>Weekday Mass Mon 7 pm; Thu 9 am</p> <p>Celebration of the Word and Eucharist Tues, Wed, Fri at 9 am</p>	<p>Mass intentions this week: Sun: Deirdre McFadden Rossi (RIP) Mon: Johnny Miller (RIP) Thu: Jim and Ria Henry (Ann)</p>	<p>Sacrament of Confession After Vigil Mass and when requested</p> <p>Sacrament of Baptism Forms available at the back of the church</p> <p>Sacrament of Marriage At least six months notice is required</p>
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THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 19th AUGUST 2007

Jesus words can seem difficult to understand at times. We know that following him brings true peace and wholeness. Yet today he tells us that he has come to bring fire and division. However, if we recall recent gospels in which Jesus warns us against treasuring things of this world, we begin to understand. The very things the world says will liberate man actually enslave him, and loyalty to Jesus will bring trouble.

Our faith in Christ is based on love of God and our neighbor and is lived out in observance of God's laws and trying to imitate the qualities we see in Jesus. This will undoubtedly bring us into conflict with the ruling powers and cultures of the world around us. It may even cause us some hassle with family and friends. His words today prepare us for such opposition.

Jeremiah was thrown into a well for speaking what he heard from God and Jesus drew down the wrath of the Jewish authorities. The ways of God are opposed to those of the world and we cannot avoid the battle either. We may not suffer physically, but Jesus teaching is clear -if we follow him, we can be drawn into the fire of ridicule, pressurized to join the cult of materialism, or even on some occasions be isolated from friends and family. Reflecting on his words we might ask ourselves whether we experience this truth in our own lives and take comfort that this is a cross he will strengthen us to bear.

Items for inclusion in this newsletter should be given in writing to David Kiltie (882644 or david.kiltie@virgin.net) Last week's collection £651.90. Building Fund £135. Thank you.



The following letter was received during the week from Sr Marie Chambers of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary who recently made a mission appeal in our parish:

Dear Father Stephen and each one at Our Lady and St Cuthbert's,

Peace and all good!!

I wish to express my gratitude for the extremely generous response to our Mission Appeal last month. I have received your cheque for £428.06 and wish to assure you that this will go a long way towards helping those who are less fortunate. I was also touched by the trouble taken to include the gift aid envelopes, as you know this is an added help.

It was indeed a grace and a pleasure to be with you. On behalf of all the sisters I offer you our sincere thanks and assure you of our prayers.

Yours sincerely,

Marie Therese, FMM

DUNDRENNAN ABBEY MASS



With the permission of Historic Scotland Holy Mass will be celebrated on Saturday September 1st 2007 at 11 am in the ruins of the Abbey Church in Dundrennan. Mass will be followed by a bring-your-own picnic. All are very welcome. For any further information please contact Fr David Borland on 01557 330687 or at davidborland@lineone.net

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 today, Sunday 19 August. All musicians and singers are invited to take part and everyone will be welcome to attend. Bring your family and friends for a picnic afterwards!

ARE YOU COMING TO WHITHORN?



On the beach at Whithorn last year after Mass

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?** A coach will leave the parish around 12.45 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.



CHARITY SHOP:

A very big thank you to all who worked very hard with the young people in the charity shop this week to raise funds to travel to World Youth Day next summer. Thanks also to those who were very kind and gave donations. Over £2000 was raised.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES

Collection envelopes have been ordered and are due to arrive imminently. Their printing and delivery has been delayed by the postal strike. In spite of this they should still arrive in time for the first week in September when the old sets of envelopes run out. Thank you for your continuing support of the parish in this way.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

11 days by coach and ferry 13-23rd May 2008

£552.00

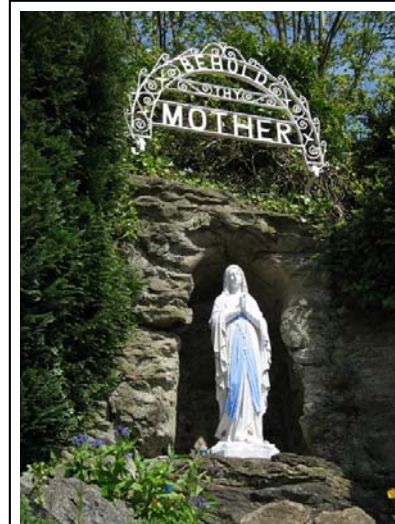
per person based on two people sharing a twin/double room. (Single supplement £159).

See poster at the back of church or contact Fr David Borland (01557 330687) for more details.

OUTING TO BARR VILLAGE



The Senior Citizens outing to Barr for Afternoon Tea will leave Our Lady and St Cuthbert's today, 19th August, at 1 pm and will return around 5 pm.



CELEBRATIONS AT CARFIN GROTTTO TO MARK 25 YEARS SINCE THE VISIT OF JOHN PAUL II TO SCOTLAND

The annual national pilgrimage to Carfin will be held on Sunday 2 September. The main concelebrant will be Cardinal Keith Patrick O'Brien and Archbishop Mario Conti will preach the homily. The day of our National Pilgrimage also marks the silver jubilee of the historic visit to Scotland of Pope John Paul II.

Due to reconstruction work at the Grotto the Mass will be celebrated at an altar erected near the statue of John Paul II. At the end of Mass the Cardinal will unveil a marble plaque commemorating John Paul II's visit.

Mass will begin at 3.00 pm and will be followed by a Rosary Procession at approximately 4.45 pm. For those travelling by car, directions will be given by the stewards to the appropriate locations.

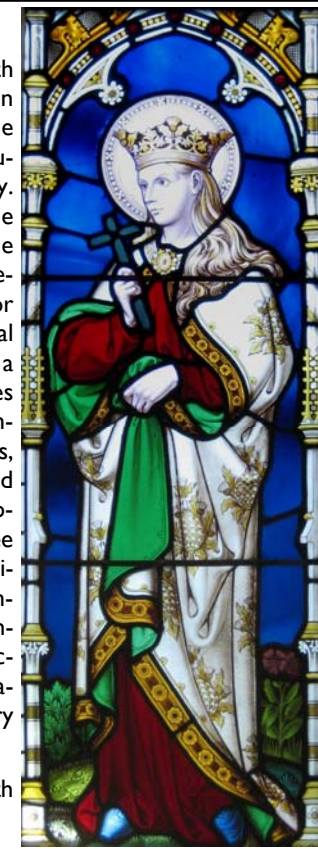
A commemorative booklet of the late Pope's visit will be distributed at Masses throughout Scotland that weekend.

Music practice for young musicians and singers on Monday at 6.00 pm in the church.

ST MARGARET'S CATHEDRAL, AYR TO BE DEDICATED

When the Hierarchy was restored to Scotland in 1878, the Diocese of Galloway consisted of South Ayrshire, Dumfriesshire, Kirkcudbrightshire and Wigtownshire, and St Andrew's Dumfries was chosen as the Cathedral Church and Parish. In 1947 the Apostolic Constitution, 'Dominici Gregis' erected the Province of Glasgow by creating Motherwell and Paisley as the two new suffragan sees. This same document also detached ten parishes in the north of Ayrshire and placed them in the Diocese of Galloway. This change resulted in Dumfries no longer being central to the population of the Diocese as a whole and convinced the then Bishop, Joseph McGee, that he should move his residence to Ayr, where he could be more available to his people. In the aftermath of the tragic destruction of St Andrew's Cathedral by fire on 10th May 1961, Bishop McGee petitioned Pope John XXIII (now Blessed John XXIII) for permission to site the cathedral in the town of Ayr and to use Good Shepherd Church as his cathedral until such time as a new cathedral could be built. This permission was granted on 12th March 1962 by a decree issued by the Sacred Consistorial Congregation. During the years that followed circumstances changed and no new cathedral was ever built. In addition to this, serious problems developed concerning the fabric of the Good Shepherd building and persistent water penetration. More serious than this, however, was the substantial drop in the numbers of those attending the cathedral – a drop that proved to be ongoing. By September 2001 Bishop Maurice Taylor had come to the conclusion that Good Shepherd Church was no longer a suitable venue for the cathedral. Accordingly, he petitioned the Holy See for permission to transfer the cathedral to St Margaret's, Ayr, the mother church in the area. The decision taken in Rome, in view of the fact that Bishop Taylor was due to retire, was that any decision concerning the future of the cathedral should be left to his successor. By the end of last year, Bishop Cunningham had come to the same conclusion as Bishop Taylor concerning the future of the cathedral. Accordingly, he petitioned the Holy Father to transfer the cathedral from Good Shepherd to St Margaret's. He received an affirmative response and St Margaret's has been the cathedral since 28th February this year.

The new St Margaret's Cathedral will be dedicated at a solemn Mass celebrated there on Friday 14th September at 7.30 pm. All are welcome.



MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

Please arrange a substitute 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 18th Aug 20th in OT	Nancy Flanagan	Matthew Reilly	Jim Hawkes Margaret Reilly	Kate Sprott Robin Donald	Paul Strang, Amy Malone, Paige & Kyle Campbell	Nicola Lawrence Choir
Sun 19th Aug 20th in OT	Eamonn Nolan	Ellen Hawkes	Irene Hewitt Jim McDermott	Dennis McCaffery Tony Kerrigan	Justin McQuillan, Maeve & Niall Murphy Amy Malone	Maria Newlands Choir
Sat 25th Aug 21st in OT	Alex Meek	Nancy Flanagan	Ellen Hawkes Eileen Hamilton	Jim McDermott	Phoebe & Owen McDowall, David Welsh, Ali Roy	Nicola Lawrence Choir
Sun 26th Aug 21st in OT	Tom Dowman	Robert Malone	Marian Davidson Betty McCaffery	Jim McDermott Jim Campbell	Jonathan Lewis, Chloe Brownlee, Ross Malone, Maeve Murphy	Donna McKay Gerry Murphy