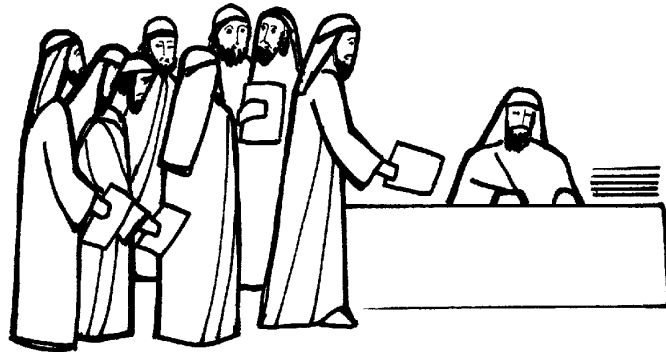


LITURGY FOR THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Sunday 9.30 am)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Seek ye first

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GLORIA

Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Lord God, heavenly King, peace you bring to us;
we worship you, we give you thanks, we sing our song of praise.

Jesus, Saviour of all, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away our sins, O Lord, have mercy on us all.

At the Father's right hand, Lord, receive our prayer,
for you alone are the Holy One, and you alone are Lord.

Glory Father and Son, glory Holy Spirit,
to you we raise our hands up high, we glorify your name.

FIRST READING

Amos 8:4-7

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat. The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, "Never will I forget a single thing you have done."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor, blessed be the Lord!

I will bless the Lord at all time, his praise ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the Lord, for he hears the cry of the poor.

Let the lowly hear and be glad: the Lord listens to their pleas;
and to hearts broken he is near, for he hears the cry of the poor.

Ev'ry spirit crushed he will save; will be ransom for our lives;
will be safe shelter for their fears, for he hears the cry of the poor.

SECOND READING

Timothy 2:1-8

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone - petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving - and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and - I am telling the truth and no lie - a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am

dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes." 'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty." 'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light. 'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? 'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN

Take my hands

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HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, holy is the Lord, God almighty! (2)
Who was and is and is to come: holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

Blessed, blessed, blest is he who comes,
blest is he who comes in the Lord's name! (2)
Hosanna in the heights of heaven: holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

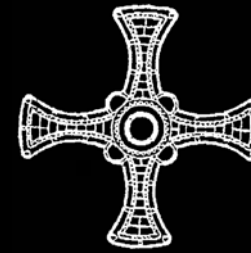
He is Lord! He is Lord!
He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

God forgave my sin

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Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil at 7 pm. Sunday at 9.30 am

Weekday Mass

Mon 9 am

Celebration of the Word and Eucharist

Tues, Wed, Thu, Fri at 9 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

Mass intentions this week:

Sat: Raymund O'Donnell (Ann)

Sun: Elizabeth Connolly (Ann)

Mon: Margaret Connolly (Ann)

PARISH PRAYER

Lord our God,
we the people of Our Lady and Saint Cuthbert's Parish
offer ourselves to you to be your people in this place,
to be your Church in this community,
to be agents of peace and forgiveness and love.
Help us to face what the future holds,
and to make new beginnings in your name.
Amen.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord, make me a better person: more considerate toward others,
more honest with myself, more faithful to you.

Help me to find my true vocation in life and grant that through it
I may find happiness myself and bring happiness to others.

Grant, Lord, that those whom you call to enter priesthood
or religious life may have the generosity to answer your call,
so that those who need your help may always find it.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2007

Jesus speaks today of a very important subject for 21st century living, because so much of western civilization revolves around money and what it can buy. Jesus does not condemn prosperity – there is a right attitude and place for it, but he warns against its becoming the priority in our lives. He categorically states "You cannot serve God and money" – a statement which defies the "wisdom" of the world. It is so easy to think we can have a foot in both camps. Jesus thinks otherwise.

This is why he constantly calls us to check on how we use the good things with which God has blessed us. Like the servant in the passage, we too are stewards and Jesus want us to be able to give a good account of ourselves so that we may be trusted with the genuine riches of heaven.

What he is trying to get home to us is that we are not to allow material gain to rule our lives and possibly ruin those of others. In practical terms, not to buy goods which are cheaper because of exploitation of others, or fall a prey to the "Must have" advertisements in shops and TV. Rather we are to share what we have, much or little, with others less fortunate.

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

Last week's collection £577.80
Thank you.

CHRIST HAS NO BODY NOW BUT YOURS

This is the name of the appeal being made in the parish during the month of September. Our parish, indeed any parish, is alive because the people who make it up receive and share the graces and gifts God's Spirit has first given them.



During these weeks Fr Stephen will speak about the different areas of activity in the parish. These activities are already detailed in the Parish Directory which was made available to everyone in June. Additional copies can be found at the back of the church. The areas are: Faith Development, Children and Youth, Communications, Liturgy, Pastoral Care, Fabric and Environment, and Stewardship and Finance.

After each Mass, during these weeks, you are invited to think about each of these areas of parish life and tick or write any gift activity you think God is asking you to share with the parish. If you think God is asking you to share a gift, then please don't resist him: God uses each of us here and now to make himself present here and now to the people of Maybole and North Carrick.

This week Fr Stephen will speak about the area of Pastoral Care during Mass. After Mass please fill in the Skills Commitment Sheet if you feel you have gifts to offer in this area. If you feel your gifts lie in the other areas then you will have an opportunity to choose from the other commitment forms next weekend.

If you are already doing an activity listed on the commitment forms then please make a note of this on the form and return it. The purpose of this exercise is to encourage more people to share their gifts in the parish and to do an audit of who is already giving in whatever way.

If there is an activity not listed on the form that you think should be included then please add it.

Please complete the forms immediately after Mass if possible and leave them at the back of the church. You may however take them away to think and pray some more but do please return them soon. Thank you for your continuing support.



ECUMENICAL HARVEST SUPPER:

There will be an inter-church Harvest Supper on Sunday October 7th at 5 pm in the church hall. As with previous successful events you are asked to bring a dish (hot or cold — hot dishes can be heated in

the ovens) for us all to share. Many people have enjoyed the inter-church suppers before and have shared Christian fellowship and good food together. Please come along with your family. The picture is from our last ecumenical supper in June.

Poll shows over 40% of British teenagers don't believe in God

A MORI poll on religious beliefs commissioned by the British Library reveals that over two in five teenagers surveyed have no religion or faith. But the poll also reveals an unexpected "step change" in belief once people enter their twenties.

The poll revealed that 43% of 16 - 19 year olds have no religion or faith but only 20% in the 20+ age group have no religion or faith. In the 65+ age group this shrinks to only 8%.

Those surveyed were asked what, if any, was their religion. The overall average shows that one in five people (21%) have no religion or faith. However, when examined across the age groups, this figure becomes more variable.

"Does this mean people tend to find faith or become more religious as they get older - or, alternatively, does it mean that the younger generation are increasingly less likely to follow a religion or have any belief?" said a British Library spokesperson.

Christianity was the main religion followed, at 64% (including Catholic, Protestant and other denominations) with Islam the second most common at 4%.

Of those who do not follow a religion, around one third say they used to be Christian (32%), while three in five have never followed a religion in the past (58%).

Among those with a religion, around half "try to practise it a great deal or a fair amount in everyday life" (49%), although a similar proportion say they "do not practise religion very much, if at all" (50%).

Those aged 20 or over are more likely than those aged 16-19 to practise religion (50%, vs. 35%); women are also more likely to practise religion (54%, vs. 44% of men), as are those in higher

socio-economic groups - 57% of ABs say this, compared to fewer than half of C2DEs (45%).

Looking at the different religions, Muslims are more likely to say that they try to practise religion "a great deal" or "a fair amount" in their day to day lives than Christians (92% vs. 46%).

Similarly, Muslims are more likely to see religion as "relevant to their life" than Christians (95% vs. 54%), with fewer than half of the people polled saying this overall (43%). The 16-19 year olds are most likely to describe religion as "not relevant" (72% vs. 54% of those aged 20+). Nearly a quarter of those polled say that religion is relevant at all times in their lives (23%); this increases to a third among those aged 65+ (33%), but falls to 14% among 16-19 year olds. Around a quarter of all people asked say that religion is never relevant (23%).

The event most likely to make religion more pertinent to people's lives is the death of a family member (45%). A further third cite weddings as important (31%), with a quarter mentioning the birth of a child (24%).

The poll was commissioned to accompany the Library's groundbreaking exhibition Sacred, presenting some of the world's most important, earliest surviving and beautiful religious texts, which ends in two weeks time (September 23).

A nationally representative quota sample of 2,030 adults was interviewed by Ipsos MORI throughout Great Britain. Interviews were carried out face-to-face in-home between 10 and 16 August 2007. Data are weighted to be representative of the adult (15+) population.

Source: British Library

CHANGE IN MASSTIMES

**From the weekend of 6th-7th October
Masses in Our Lady and St Cuthbert's will be celebrated
at 5.30 pm (Saturday Vigil) and 9.30 am on Sunday.**

At the beginning of June Fr Stephen was given the pastoral care of St Ann's, Mossblown in addition to Our Lady and St Cuthbert's, Maybole. This caused Mass times to be rearranged in order to provide Masses in both parishes. The times were to remain for a period of three months and then be reviewed. Three months have passed and there will no longer be a Saturday Vigil Mass celebrated in St Ann's. St Ann's will have one Sunday Mass at 11.30 am. Since there is a 7.00 pm Mass already in Sacred Hearts, Girvan, and in order to facilitate cover of Masses in an emergency or holiday situation, the Vigil Mass in Our Lady and St Cuthbert's will be celebrated at 5.30 pm from Saturday 6th October. Sunday Mass will remain at 9.30 am.

Mass times in parishes in the deanery

- Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, Girvan: Saturday 7.00 pm (Vigil); Sunday 11.00 am
- St Margaret's, Ayr: Saturday 6.00 pm (Vigil); Sunday 10.00 am, 11.30 am
- St Paul's, Ayr: Saturday 6.30 pm (Vigil), Sunday 11.00 am
- St Francis Xavier's, Waterside: Saturday 5.00 pm (Vigil)
- St Quivox, Prestwick: Sunday 10.00 am, 11.30 am, 6.30 pm
- St Clare's Drongan: Sunday 9.45 am
- Our Lady and St Meddan's, Troon: Saturday 6.00 pm (Vigil); Sunday 9.00 am, 11.00 am
- St Ann's, Mossblown: Sunday 11.30 am

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR RETIRED PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE: Thank you for your generosity last weekend. Including the giftaid reclaimed around £650 was collected.

BUILDING FUND: Thank you for the donation of £10 given last weekend.

YOUTH MUSIC PRACTICE on Monday at 6 pm in the church.

MONDAY WEEKDAY MASS: Mass on Monday this week will be celebrated at 9.00 am because Fr Stephen has a meeting to attend in the evening.

KNITTED CHILDREN'S CLOTHES: Marian Davidson has been knitting lots of children's jumpers and cardigans recently. They will be on sale in the hall this weekend, September 22-23 for parish funds.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: The annual Mass of the St Vincent de Paul Society will take place in St Margaret's Cathedral on Wednesday 26th September at 7.30 pm. (The date of 19th September printed in last week's newsletter was an error. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.) All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS GOODS: Beautiful religious Christmas cards, advent calendars and other religious gifts and ornaments are still available at the back of the church.

CATHEDRAL SOUVENIR CARDS are available at the back of the church. They mark the rededication of St Margaret's Church as the Cathedral Church of the Diocese of Gallo-way. Please take one.

FR ALISTAIR TOSH RIP: Fr Tosh, a retired priest of the diocese, was found dead in his home in Troon on Tuesday. His body will be received into St Andrew's Church, Dumfries on Tuesday 25th September at 6.30 pm and his Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 26th September at 12 noon in the same church. May he rest in peace.

FR McGRATTAN will be attending the National Conference of Priests and Permanent Deacons from Tuesday to Thursday of this week. Should you need the service of a priest in an emergency during this time please contact Fr McGee in Girvan on 01465 713331.

THE PARISH COUNCIL will meet at 7.00 pm on Sunday 7th October in the parish house. There will be no Junior Parish Council Meeting that day.

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	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	PASSKEEPERS	ALTAR SERVERS	MUSIC
Sat 22nd Sep 25th in OT	Ellen Hawkes	Nancy Flanagan	Jim Hawkes Angela Kirkpatrick	Jim Hawkes Robin Donald	Justin McQuillan, Maeve Murphy, Owen McDowall, David Welsh	Nicola Lawrence Choir
Sun 23rd Sep 25th in OT	Eamonn Nolan	Robert Malone	Irene Hewitt Margaret Kiltie	Jim McDermott Kate Sprott	Patrick & Roisin McCallum Paige & Kyle Campbell	Donna McKay Gerry Murphy
Sat 29th Sep 26th in OT	Alex Meek	Matthew Reilly	Doreen Donald John Malone	David Malone Alex Kelly	Jonathan Lewis, Chloe Brownlee, Ross Malone, Liam Menzies	Nicola Lawrence Choir
Sun 30th Sep 26th in OT	Stuart Green	Marian Davidson	David Strang Elizabeth Meek	Dennis McCaffery Chic McDermott	Sam Currie, Connor Menzies, Owen & Phoebe McDowall	Maria Newlands Choir