

# LITURGY FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING (Sunday)

## ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Christ is our King 771

## 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 2 Samuel 5:1-3

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. Look they said we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel. So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response:  
*Save us, O Lord; carry us back. Rouse your power and come. Rescue your people; show us your face. Bring us back.*

O Shepherd of Israel, hear us. Return and we shall be saved. Rise, O Lord; hear our cries, O Lord: bring us back!

How long will you hide from your people? We long to see your face. Give ear to us. Draw near to us, Lord God of hosts!

Turn again; care for your vine; protect what your right hand has planted. Your vineyards are trampled, uprooted and burned. Come to us, father of might!

## SECOND READING Colossians 1:11-20

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. He 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 - all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, 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 23:35-43

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'



## PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN

Give me joy in my heart 274

## 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

Come and worship royal priesthood, come and praise him, holy nation. Worship Jesus, our Redeemer, he is risen, King of glory!

## COMMUNION HYMN

Majesty 469

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

Our God reigns 346



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The Catholic faith community serving North Carrick



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<p><b>Sunday Masses</b> Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm. Sunday 9.30 am</p> <p><b>Weekday Mass this week</b> Thu 9 am</p> <p><b>Celebration of the Word and Eucharist</b> Mon 7 pm; Tues, Wed, Fri 9 am</p>	<p><b>Mass intentions this week:</b> Thu: The faithful departed</p> <p><i>The Masses Fr Stephen offers while on holiday will be for the faithful departed.</i></p>	<p><b>Sacrament of Confession</b> After Vigil Mass and when requested</p> <p><b>Sacrament of Baptism</b> Forms available at the back of the church</p> <p><b>Sacrament of Marriage</b> At least six months notice is required</p>
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<p><b>PARISH PRAYER</b></p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS</b></p> <p>Lord, make me a better person: more considerate toward others, more honest with myself, more faithful to you.</p> <p>Help me to find my true vocation in life and grant that through it I may find happiness myself and bring happiness to others.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>
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**SOLEMNITY OF JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING SUNDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2007**

The feast of Jesus Christ, Universal King, is a real cause for celebration. It reminds us that one day we will stand with him in all his majesty and power, with our own resurrected and glorious bodies recalled from the dust. The whole world will witness his return in splendour and every knee, including ours, will bow before him. Jesus is the ultimate King and his kingdom will be established in its fullness forever throughout the whole universe.

Yet the gospel today is from the Passion of Christ – a scene of degradation, humiliation and brutality. The Church gives us this reading because the Cross is paradoxically the place of Christ's greatest victory – a victory of love and self giving. As has been said "Jesus reigns from the cross". It is through the sacrifice of Calvary that we are restored to God's eternal presence. His apparent powerless is only an illusion. The Cross changes the destiny of mankind.

We too want to hear the words Jesus spoke to the Good Thief addressed to us "This day you will be with me in Paradise". These are the most important words we will ever hear!

Items for inclusion in this newsletter should be given in writing to David Kiltie (882644 or [david.kiltie@virgin.net](mailto:david.kiltie@virgin.net)) Last week's collection £464.66 Thank you.

## TIME TRAVELLING YOUNG PARISHIONERS



Young parishioners travelled through time to a Leisure Pool in Coatbridge last Saturday, to return home in time to celebrate the Sunday Mass, where they helped lead us in the liturgy. On Sunday evening the Children of Faith prayer group for secondary age pupils met in the parish house.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Pantomime, Beauty and the Beast,  
Palace Theatre, Kilmarnock**  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Leaves the parish at 12.30 pm and returns in time for the Youth Mass.

*How to go on this trip:*

Limited places are now available. Phone Denise McCaffery on 882760 if you would like a place. Tickets cost £6 and this money is to be paid to Denise McCaffery or Fr Stephen. A [Parental Consent Form](#) must be completed for this trip or you will not be able to go.

### Children of Faith group

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December, 5.30 – 6.30 pm

This group for young people to talk about their faith in a fun way is open to all secondary age pupils. Come along and see how God can work in **your** life!

*Parental consent forms are available in the wall racks on the back wall of the church or on the website.*

**Visit the parish youth page on [www.olasc.org.uk/youth](http://www.olasc.org.uk/youth)**



Mary's Meals provides daily meals to chronically hungry children in their local school. In this way the hungry child is encouraged to attend school and, through education gain a better future for himself and his communities. It costs £5.30 to feed one child with Mary's Meals for one year. Thank you for your support of the Mary's Meals project last weekend.



## CAN YOU IDENTIFY THESE PARISHIONERS OF OUR LADY & ST CUTHBERT'S?



Top row, 2nd from right is Mary McMillan; 2nd row, 1st on right (no glasses) is Meg Scobie; 2nd row, 3rd on right is Jean McMillan (older sister of Mary). Maybe you know the others.

## BRIEFING AND GRIEF

We all experience grief in our lives. It is a normal response to a life-changing event. But too often that experience can seem so overwhelming that it could adversely affect our lives, and our relationship with others. If you or someone you know is experiencing the loss of someone close to them, either recently or in the past, and would like to talk with someone please contact Maureen Hay on 01655 331083.

**RACE NIGHT:** Thank you to all who supported the race night on Friday to raise funds for our young people to travel to World Youth Day in Sydney.

**FLOWER ARRANGING CLUB:** Meets on Mondays in the parish hall at 7.30 pm. For more information please speak to Gerald Ward on 750491.

**HOLIDAY:** Fr Stephen will be on holiday from Tuesday 20th until Thursday 29th November. Should you need the service of a priest in an emergency then please contact:  
20th-23rd November: Monsignor Boyd on 01292 610928  
24th-29th November: Fr McGee on 01465 713331  
Welcome to Fr John Kinsler who will celebrate Mass this weekend.

**QUEEN MARGARET ACADEMY BUILD HEALTH CLINIC IN NIGERIA:** Senior pupils, teachers and other friends of Queen Margaret Academy have embarked on a project to go to Nigeria themselves next summer and (at least begin) to build a Health Clinic in the needy town of Badagry in Nigeria. To reach this goal the school community will have to raise between £150,000 and £200,000. It is hoped that local businesses will offer support. During this year they will keep us abreast of their progress. Please support this worthy project where you can.

**KEEPING YOUNG PEOPLE AND VULNERABLE ADULTS SAFE:** The Catholic Church in Scotland is concerned with the lives, safety, wholeness and well being of each individual person within God's purpose for everyone. It seeks to safeguard the welfare of all, especially children, young people and vulnerable adults, who are involved in whatever capacity with the Church and its organisations. As a Church community, we accept that it is the responsibility of all of us, ordained, professed, paid and voluntary members to work together to prevent abuse or neglect. Our parish Child Protection Co-ordinators are Liz Kerrigan (883085) and Gerry Murphy (889528) and can be contacted for information or should there be a concern.

**Some parishioners may receive a request through the post to complete forms and to be Disclosure Scotland checked to meet the requirements of the Law for Protection of Children and Vulnerable adults. Please don't be alarmed by this and if you have any questions please contact Liz or Gerry at the numbers above.**

## OBITUARY - Common Sense

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years.

No one knows for sure how old he was since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as knowing when to come in out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm, and life isn't always fair, and maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies like don't spend more than you earn, and reliable parenting strategies like adults, not children are in charge.

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. And when a teacher was fired for reprimanding an unruly student, this only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job they themselves failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer Aspirin, sun lotion or a sticky plaster to a student, but could not inform the parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband; and criminals received better treatment than their victims. Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar can sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realise that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust; his wife, Discretion; his daughter, Responsibility; and his son, Reason.

He is survived by three stepbrothers however who are now in charge; I Know my Rights, Someone Else is to Blame, and I'm a Victim.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone.

## 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 24th Nov <i>Christ the King</i>	Alex Meek	Matthew Reilly	Doreen Donald Ellen Hawkes	David Malone Alex Kelly	Ali Roy, Ross Malone Rachel Campbell, David Welsh	Nicola Lawrence Choir
Sun 25th Nov <i>Christ the King</i>	Stuart Green	Marian Davidson	David Strang Elizabeth Meek	Dennis McCaffery Chic McDermott	Owen & Phoebe McDowall Chloe Brownlee, Liam	Donna McKay Gerry Murphy Adult singers
Sat 1st Dec <i>1st of Advent</i>	Margaret Boyce	Alex Meek	John Malone Angela Kirkpatrick	John Sabbatini Robin Donald	Paul Strang, Amy Malone, Simone McCa- hill, Ali Roy	Nicola Lawrence Choir
Sun 2nd Dec <i>1st of Advent</i>	Phoebe McDowall	Emily Kiltie	Margaret Kiltie Cindy McEwan	Tony Kerrigan Jim Campbell	Liam Menzies, David Welsh, Rhian Collins, Jonathan Lewis	Children's Choir