

LITURGY FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Saturday 5.30 pm)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness 257

GLORIA

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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. Amen.

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan.

It is the Lord who loves the just, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen - those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.



GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'



PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN

Blest are you, O poor in spirit; here is wealth beyond all telling. Blest are you that faint with hunger; here is food all want dispelling.

Blest are you that weep for sorrow; endless gladness here is given. Blest are you when men shall hate you; I will be your joy in heaven.

Blest are you when you show mercy; grace to you is without measure. Blest are you that thirst for justice; uprightness will be your treasure.

Blest are you who seek to sow peace; you will know my gentle guiding. blest are you when persecuted; in my love you are abiding.

HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he, O blessed is he, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

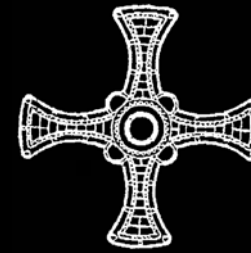
MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

My soul is filled with joy 489

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The Catholic faith community serving North Carrick



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Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm. Sunday 9.30 am

Weekday Masses

Mon 7 pm, Wed 9 am, 7 pm; Fri 7.30 am

Celebration of the Word and Eucharist

Tues, Thu at 9.00 am

Mass intentions this week:

Sat: Linda Connolly (Spec Int)

Sun: Julie Smith (RIP)

Mon: Kathleen Magee (Ann)

Wed: John McDermott (Ann)

Fri: Emily Connor (Ann)

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

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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2008

The Sermon on the Mount is an exposition of the ideals to which Christ's disciples should aspire. Beginning with the Beatitudes, it shows us how to live, to achieve the best results for ourselves and our world.

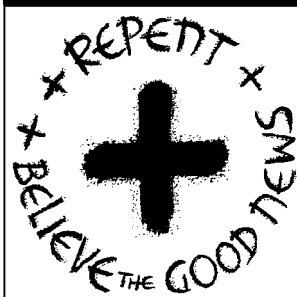
We are told that, recognising the poverty of our spiritual life, we can rejoice that the kingdom of God, in the person of Jesus, has come among us; the gentle, often squashed by the world, will in effect be the ones who inherit the earth; those who mourn, whether over lost ones or over their sin, will be comforted; those who aim for holiness will be fed; those who offer mercy will receive it, and the peacemakers will be recognised as God's children. To the persecuted Jesus promises the prize of the kingdom where he is truly Lord. His words challenge human attitudes, turning the world's values upside down.

Our vocation as disciples is to try to live the Beatitudes. They are the way to find true happiness in this life, especially in difficult situations. With the help of the Holy Spirit, strengthened by the nourishment of the Eucharist, we can aspire to their high standards.

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

Last week's collection: **£573.32.**
Thank you.

THIS WEDNESDAY IS ASH WEDNESDAY WHEN LENT BEGINS



God never overpowers. God's power in this world is never the power of force, of speed, of physical attractiveness, or of brilliance. The world's power tries to work that way. But God's power is more muted, more helpless, more shamed, and more marginalised. It lies at a deeper level, at the ultimate base of things, and it will, in the end, gently have the final say.

This is what we celebrate at Easter. Without God having the final say, without Jesus rising from the dead, any faith in him would be empty.

There would be no scriptures with any authority, no Church. And that is why Easter is the most important feast in the Church: what happened that first Easter is central to her existence.

Christmas is probably more popularly celebrated, yet Easter is more important. A priest once said, "Christmas is the mystery of God made man for children: Easter is the same celebration, but for adults." These words express very well that when we stretch away from the rudiments and mechanics of religion and enter into the mystery of faith, of sacrifice and reward, of effort and results, of hope and new life, of death and resurrection, the adult faith we develop gives us new energy, meaning and direction.

Pray-as-you-go is a website www.pray-as-you-go.org which allows people to download a short meditation for their mp3 players.

A new prayer session is produced every day. It is not a 'Thought for the Day', a sermon or a bible-study, but rather a framework for your own prayer.

Lasting between ten and thirteen minutes, it combines music, scripture and some questions for reflection. The aim is to help you to:

- become more aware of God's presence in your life
- listen to and reflect on God's word
- grow in your relationship with God.

These meditations will be made available every week on CDs at the back of the church. Please take one and use it to pray this Lent.

Feasts and important occasions bring joy to our lives and invite us to take stock: when there's an important birthday, anniversary or event to celebrate, people put in a lot of effort to make sure the party goes very well. And people enjoy and remember celebrations and also repeat them. Easter can be no exception to this. When a person of faith prepares for the Feast of Easter, the arrival of Easter will, for certain, be a joyful and life-changing celebration.

Lent is a time of preparation for Easter. It is a time for change, to spring-clean our lives to throw out all that holds us back from loving and living fully. Our preparation helps us turn back to God who waits patiently for us. He asks us to be ready to celebrate the great Feast of Jesus' Resurrection at Easter.

We are offered the tools of prayer, fasting and almsgiving during Lent to help us prepare for Easter. Ash Wednesday, 6th February, is the beginning of Lent. We receive ashes on our forehead as a sign of penitence and mortality.

The marking of their forehead with a cross made of ashes reminds each of us that: death comes to everyone; we should be sad for our sins; we must change ourselves for the better; and God made the first human being by breathing life into dust, and without God, human beings are nothing more than dust and ashes. The shape of the mark and the words used are symbolic in other ways: the cross is a reminder of the mark of the cross made at baptism; the cross of ashes may symbolise the way Christ's sacrifice on the cross as atonement for sin replaces the Old Testament tradition of making burnt offerings to atone for sin.

This Wednesday the Church asks people of all ages to abstain from eating meat.

People who are healthy and aged 14 and over and under 59 are asked to make an effort to fast and do without some food.

We are invited to join the community, either at 9.00 am or 7 pm in Our Lady and St Cuthbert's church, to celebrate the Eucharist and to receive our ashes as a mark of our penitence.

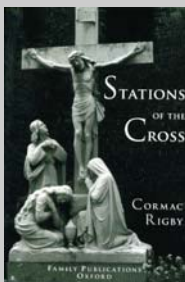
SCIAF boxes will be available next weekend.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This devotional prayer walks the last journey of Jesus and focuses on the self-giving love he freely offered us. It is a particularly healthy devotion during the season of Lent, and helps us to repent and to turn towards God's merciful love.

Please think seriously about doing this devotion often during Lent.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed together in the church each Sunday evening at 6.00 pm.



DEVOTIONS AND PRAYER DURING LENT

SUNDAY: 6 pm Stations of the Cross (followed by Benediction when a priest is available)

7.30 pm Ecumenical Lenten Study Group at 7.30 pm in St Oswald's Church Hall

MONDAY: 7 pm Mass

TUESDAY: Celebration of the Word and Communion at 9.00 am followed by public recitation of the rosary

WEDNESDAY: Morning Prayer at 8.45 am followed by a Celebration of the Word and Communion at 9.00 am

THURSDAY: Mass at 9.00 am

FRIDAY: Early Mass (to help accommodate those who work) at 7.30 am

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK: To mark the World Day of the Prayer for the Sick, there will be Mass with Anointing of the Sick in St John's Church, Stevenston on 17th February at 3.30 pm. Tea and coffee will be served after Mass. All are welcome.

MASS FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS will take place in St Andrew's Cathedral, Clyde Street, Glasgow on Sunday 17th February at 12 noon. This Mass, organised on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland, is offered to members of the medical and nursing professions and all health workers as an annual opportunity to express their vocational solidarity and to re-commit themselves to the sick. The Mass will be celebrated by members of the Scottish Hierarchy under the presidency of His Eminence Cardinal O'Brien, and by hospital chaplains and other members of the clergy able to attend. There will be a reception thereafter in the Eyre Hall, 196 Clyde Street.

WELCOME to Mrs Miller, Head Teacher of St Cuthbert's Primary, and to Mrs Gray, Head Teacher of Queen Margaret Academy who join us for Mass this Education Sunday.

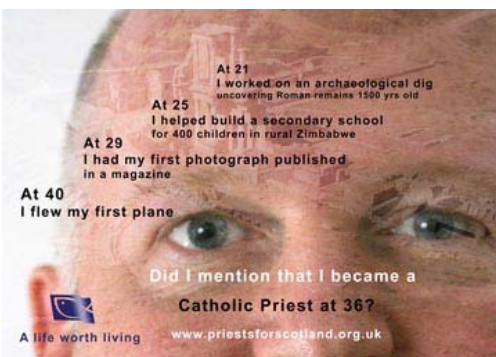
150 CLUB: Winners for January are £25 John Ward (no. 53); £15 Allison McGregor (no. 50); £10 Cole Struthers (no. 141).

150 CLUB PARISH DANCE: This year's dance will take place on Friday 15th February in the Carrick Sports Club. Tickets are available from 150 Club Committee members and the price includes a buffet meal. Please come along and make this a memorable parish event.

MASS INTENTIONS: Sometimes people ask me why their Mass intention hasn't been offered on or just after the date of, for example, an anniversary. I try very hard to offer the Mass requested on or close to the date requested. Since becoming parish priest of St Ann's, I celebrate fewer Masses in Our Lady and St Cuthbert's and so it takes longer to offer all the Masses asked of me. This may mean your Mass is offered later than you requested it. Fr Stephen.

PRIESTS FOR SCOTLAND: A LIFE WORTH LIVING

Over these weeks some often asked questions and answers about the call to priesthood will be printed in this newsletter. Please pray for more vocations to the priesthood using the prayer on the front of this newsletter.



Q. What is a diocesan priest?

A. A priest who is committed to working within a particular geographical area, for example Galloway, under the direction of the Diocesan Bishop is a Diocesan priest. Most often diocesan priests will work in parishes and be located close by the church. In some dioceses, particularly in rural areas, the priest may have responsibility for more than one parish and he may have to travel to several Mass stations. In addition to serving the needs of people in the context of the parish diocesan priest will often find themselves caring for people in hospitals, prisons, schools, or similar locations.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2008 "TEACHING VALUES FOR LIFE"

From 27th January - 3rd February the Catholic community is called upon to celebrate the importance of the education which is provided in various settings – in family homes, parishes and schools. Education Sunday will be marked in this parish on the weekend of 3rd-4th February. There will be a special collection at all Masses for the Scottish Catholic Education Service which supports the interests of the Church in the field of education, and provides resources and advice for all those who work in Catholic school communities throughout Scotland. Please take a newsletter as you leave Mass today.



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 2nd Feb 4th Sun in OT	Margaret Boyce	Alex Meek	John Malone Angela Kirkpatrick	John Sabbatini Robin Donald	Paul Strang, Simone McCahill, Kieran Porte, Justin McQuillan	Nicola Lawrence Choir
Sun 3rd Feb 4th Sun in OT	Liam Menzies Roisin McCallum	Niall Murphy	Margaret Kiltie Cindy McEwan	Tony Kerrigan Jim Campbell	Amy Malone, Rhian Collins, Chloe Brownlee, & Simone McCahill	Children's Choir
Sat 9th Feb 1st of Lent	Matthew Reilly	Robert Malone	Doreen Donald Maureen Hay	Jim Hawkes Alex Kelly	Justin McQuillan, Sam Currie, Patrick & Roisin McCallum	Nicola Lawrence Choir
Sun 10th Feb 1st of Lent	Stuart Green	Jim McDermott	Margaret Kiltie Eileen Hamilton	Chic McDermott Cindy McEwan	Niall & Maeve Murphy, Jonathan Lewis, Emily Kiltie	Nicola Lawrence Choir

Please make sure you have an up-to-date rota if you are involved in parish ministry. Please make sure you check the rota and know when you are serving. Thank you for your support.