

LITURGY FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Again we keep this solemn fast, a gift of faith from ages past, this Lent which binds us lovingly, to faith and hope and charity.

The law and prophets from of old in figured ways this Lent foretold, which Christ, all ages' Lord and Guide, in these last days has sanctified.

More sparing, therefore, let us make the words we speak, the food we take, our sleep, our laughter, every sense; learn peace through holy penitence.

Let us avoid each harmful way that lures the careless mind astray; by watchful prayer our spirits free from scheming of the Enemy.

We pray, O blessed Three in one, our God while endless ages run, that this, our Lent of forty days, may bring us growth and give you praise.

KYRIE

(Priest) Kyrie eleison. (All) Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison Christe eleison

FIRST READING

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death."' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise.

SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-19

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: he will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN

Take me, Lord 638

HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, 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

Longing for light, we wait in darkness 439

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Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm. Sunday 9.30 am

Weekday Masses

Mon 7 pm, Thu 9 am; Fri 7.30 am

Celebration of the Word and Eucharist

Tues, Wed at 9.00 am

Mass intentions this week:

Sat: Joseph Kayes (Ann)

Mon: Special Intention

Thu: Edgar Kane (Ann)

Fri: Archie Scobie (RIP)

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 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2008

Satan always tries the same trick as in the Garden of Eden – he tries to put doubt in our minds to lever us away from God's way into distortions claiming to lead us to happiness.

The way Jesus deals with temptation has lessons for us. After forty days, Jesus would have been ravenously hungry and Satan, as is his wont, strikes at any point of weakness. Jesus points out that his priority is spiritual food not earthly nourishment. The second temptation is about reliance on the word of God, which Satan is not averse to quoting for his own purposes. Again Jesus, interpreting Scripture as it should be, corrects him. The last attempt, is to offer Jesus a quick way to be lord of the kingdoms of the earth. Jesus finally rebukes and dismisses his adversary, holding firmly to God's word.

Temptations are about the primacy of God in our lives and there is nothing too small or too much trouble to the evil one to try to dislodge us from that primacy. We are faced with the same choice as Jesus - to put God first. Jesus came to defeat the works of evil, and we are still involved in that battle. With God on our side, we are more than able to deal with our adversary.

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

Last week's collection: **£354.86.**
Thank you.

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 and are at school) at 7.30 am



LENT EXTRA is a 36 page full-colour magazine with spiritual articles, prayer guidance and suggested activities to help our Lent be a full preparation for Easter. There is a colourful pull-out calendar for children with a good deed to perform each day. They will be available from Ash Wednesday. Please take one copy per family as you leave.



Pray-as-you-go is a website www.pray-as-you-go.org which allows the user 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.

Would you like to make a BIG Change to someone else's life?



With SCIAF's WEE BOX, BIG Change campaign, a WEE change in your life can help make a BIG Change for someone else.

Last year, thousands of you across Scotland raised over £870,000 to help fund life-saving projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America. This year with your help we hope to raise even more.

Why not make a WEE change today and give up your daily bag of crisps, bar of chocolate or can of fizzy drink and put the money you save in a WEE BOX. After Lent is over, send your WEE BOX money to SCIAF, where it will help some of the world's poorest people to lift themselves out of poverty. Scotland is a small country but through SCIAF we have a massive outreach around the world.



YOUTH MASS

After the Youth Mass on Saturday 16th February there will be a film evening in the parish hall. Please bring your own sweets and 50 p to pay for popcorn. The movie will be 'Hairspray'.

150 CLUB PARISH DANCE: This year's dance will take place on Friday 15th February in the Carrick Sports Club from 8.00 pm-1.00 am. Tickets (£2.50 members, £7.50 non-members) are available from 150 Club Committee members and the price includes a buffet meal. Please come along and make this a memorable parish event.

FERTILITY CARE SCOTLAND is delighted to be welcoming the American Professor Janet E Smith to Scotland on the 40th anniversary of Humanae Vitae. Professor Smith is distinguished within the Roman Catholic Church for teaching on matters of human sexuality, relationships and family life. Her signature talk "Contraception: Why Not?" will be presented at Fertility Care Scotland's half-day conference on Saturday, 1st March 2008, 9.30 am – 1.30 pm, at the GTG Conference Centre, 1330 South Street, Glasgow, G14 0BJ. For a booking form, please contact Fertility Care Scotland on 0141 221 0858.

THE POINER TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION OF THE SACRED HEART invites us to think about taking the short term pledge for Lent. This means abstaining from all intoxicating drink until Easter Sunday. There are leaflets at the back of the church with a prayer to be recited should you wish to make this personal commitment.

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.

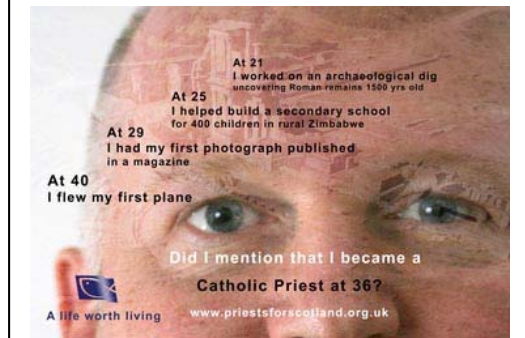
MASS FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS will take place in St Andrew's Cathedral, Clyde Street, Glasgow on Sunday 17th February at 12 noon. This Mass, organised on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland, is offered to members of the medical and nursing professions and all health workers as an annual opportunity to express their vocational solidarity and to recommit themselves to the sick. The Mass will be concelebrated 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.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUNDAY: Thank you for your generosity with last week's special collection for the Scottish Catholic Education Service. It raised £180.76 (which increases to £223.32 with giftaid reclaimed).

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: There will be a meeting of the PPC in the parish house at 7 pm on Sunday 10th February.

CHILDREN OF FAITH: This prayer/social group for young people of secondary age meets next Sunday, 17th Feb at 5 pm in the parish house.

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. Why become a diocesan priest?

A. Everyone looks for meaning and fulfilment in life. As Catholics we look to our faith in God to provide us with that meaning and fulfilment. It is in the service of God that ultimately we find our calling as Christians. Discovering our place in God's plan allows us to discover what form that service might take; single, married, religious or as an ordained priest. As a result, and after serious reflection, prayer and study, some men feel that they are called to ordained service as a priest.

"For God so loved the world,
That He gave
his only
begotten
son
That whosoever
Believeth In Him
Should Not perish,
But have Everlasting life."

John 3:16

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 |
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| 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 |
| Sat 16th Feb 2nd of Lent Youth Mass | Ronan Hunter Blair | Caoimhe Hunter Blair | Danielle Connolly Gillian Thomson | Owen McDowall Patrick McCallum | Rhiain Collins, Kieran Porte, Rachel Campbell, Ronan McDowall | Youth Choir |
| Sun 17th Feb 2nd of Lent | Marian Davidson | Ellen Hawkes | Irene Hewitt Jim McDermott | Dennis McCaffery Tony Kerrigan | Liam Menzies, David Welsh, Chloe & Jodie Brownlee | Maria Newlands 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.

**SACRED HEARTS FATHERS
SMITHSTONE HOUSE OF PRAYER, KILWINNING
RETREAT EXPERIENCES**

Listening Ear for all interested in pastoral visiting
from Thursday 14th, 21st, 28th February, 7.30 – 9.00 pm
Sacred Heart Novena
on Friday evenings, 7.00 – 8.00 pm
Overnight Retreat for quiet reflection and prayer
on February 15th-16th

Sacred Heart Day Retreat—a day of reflection prayer, adoration and holy Mass
on Saturday 15th March, 10.00 am – 4.00 pm
Lenten Series 2008
on Mondays 11th, 18th, 25th March, 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm
Quiet Day (welcoming the Holy Spirit)
on April 12th, 10.00 am – 4.00 pm
Pentecost Series
on Thursdays 1st, 8th, 15th May
What Shapes the Church of Tomorrow
on Saturday 4th June, 10.00 am – 4.00 pm
Autumn Series (Reaching out to God in Prayer)
on Wednesdays 8th, 15th and 22nd October from 7.30 – 9.00 pm

For details of these and all courses and retreats please visit www.smithstonehouse.org.uk or contact Fr Stephen Motroni on 01294 552515.

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.