

# LITURGY FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (Sunday 9.30 am)

## ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Be still, for the presence of the Lord 165

## KYRIE

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

## FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-4

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.



'I will bless those who bless you:  
I will curse those who slight you.  
All the tribes of the earth  
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord had told him.

them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him'. When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

## SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

## GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led

## PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN

Majesty, worship his majesty 469

## 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

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

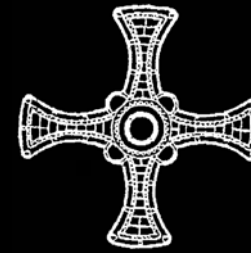
## LAMB OF GOD

(Cantor sings verse)  
Hear our prayer, have mercy; hear our prayer, have mercy; give us your peace.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

Be thou my vision 168

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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, Thu 9 am; Fri 7.30 am

### Celebration of the Word and Eucharist

Tues, Wed at 9.00 am

### Mass intentions this week:

Sat: Brian O'Rourke (Ann)  
Mon: James Connolly Snr (Ann)  
Thu: James Scobie Snr (Ann)  
Fri: Fr Alistair Tosh (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 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2008

Jesus went up Mount Tabor with three disciples to pray and the glory hidden beneath his humanity was manifested. The awesome voice of the Father instructed the disciples to listen to his Son, causing them to fall flat on their faces with fear. Coming within a week or so of Peter's declaration at Caesarea Philippi, this was visible confirmation of the truth that Jesus was the Son of God.

The splendor of the divinity of Jesus must have remained firmly fixed in the minds of the three disciples who would very soon witness a very different scene, as Jesus struggled in Gethsemane. While appalled and confused by his crucifixion and death, the memory of Mount Tabor, must have offered them a glimmer of hope.

For ourselves Mount Tabor experiences are rare. Most of the time we have to earnestly seek the face of Christ, so often hidden by worldly issues. Yet we are comforted by his promise to live in us, with his sacramental presence in the Eucharist and with the dialogue we can enjoy with him in prayer and the reading of his word.

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: £611.30.  
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**

**NOMINATIONS FOR THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL INVITED**

Next Sunday, 24th February, we will begin the process to invite nominations for membership of the Parish Pastoral Council.

What does a parish council do and why does the parish have one? Well before we answer these questions, lets take one step back and remember what happened at our Baptism.

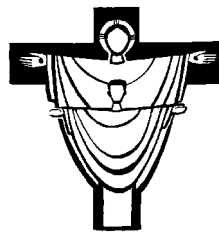
**BAPTISM:  
WHAT JESUS HAS  
DONE FOR US**

In Baptism we became members of the Church — parts of the body of Christ. Our gifts and personalities are an important and valued part of the Church which is the Body of Christ here on earth. This Body of Christ continues the work Jesus began when, as God, he came down to earth as a human being, one like us except he didn't sin. God became human to show that he was willing to share our sufferings, our sickness, our frustrations. He wanted us to know that he knows what it is like for our life to be hard at times. Yet, he encourages us to have faith in him because he destroyed sin and death —the most self-emptying and lonely moment of our human existence— and won life for us by rising from death. We are invited to take the place prepared for us in heaven. And in the face of all that is difficult in our world that is incredibly good news — in fact, it is the Good News, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our brother.

**BAPTISM: WHAT WE NOW DO  
FOR JESUS**

So in Baptism we began our journey towards death in the hope of the new life beyond death. We will all die — nothing is more certain and that is not

something to fear or become morose about. It's a most basic fact of life. The good thing about our faith is that we can taste already the life that awaits us in heaven. We do this through the Church — by a prayerful relationship with Jesus and with the help of the Sacraments. By tasting already that new and wonderful life that awaits us, we can live good and honest lives here on earth that make visible that new life in heaven. That is the life our Baptism calls us to lead.



**BAPTISM GIVES US THE  
CHANCE FOR OUR VOICE TO  
BE HEARD**

As well as the duty we have to live Christian lives, we have the right to have a say in how our Christian parish community is to be built up and function. Many of us enjoy that right and duty already. Belonging to a Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) give us a real and active opportunity to live out our Baptism in a way that closely supports and builds up our parish mission.

You can make the difference in our parish because our parish is not the bricks and mortar of our lovely building — our parish is the communion of gifts and service that is offered by our members. Our parish is our continued witness to the values Jesus taught and lived while walking this earth.

**WHAT WILL BE  
EXPECTED OF ME?**

As a member of the PPC you would be given an exciting challenge: to help set goals for the parish and to help make

them a reality so that we can be a strong and caring Church at the service of our modern world. To be a member of the PPC you do not need vast knowledge or formal qualifications. We are looking for people of faith, who are committed to practising that faith. You should have an understanding of your faith from a "person in the pew" perspective and be open to the Holy Spirit working in you and in others. It is important that you voice opinions and offer constructive assessment while respecting differing ideas. You will be expected to attend a meeting at least four times a year and one weekend retreat which will take place at the end of April. We are looking for people to help promote better contact and communication among the people of the parish.

Are you interested? Or do you know someone who would be good at this? You can put your name forward or nominate someone else to be asked if they would be willing to join the PPC.

**WHERE WE ARE NOW**

The constitution of the PPC states that four members will step down each year and nominations are invited to fill these places. The members who were selected by lottery to stand down are eligible to stand again. We need nominations.

People who are nominated are totally free to choose whether they wish to stand for election or not.

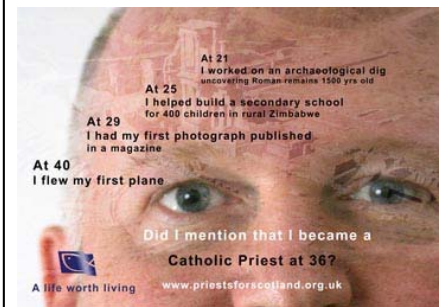
Should there be more than four candidates nominated and happy to serve, the members will be decided by an election to take place on Sunday 9th March.

**Be courageous!**

Carrick Academy has been granted the status of a 'School of Ambition' by the Scottish Executive. To build on this status the school is keen to develop links with local organisations and businesses to form partnerships. If you are able to support the school in one of the following ways: link to a curriculum area, interview techniques, career talk/interview skills, supporting events, work placement for students, or any other way, then please contact Mrs E Watson on 882389.

**PRAY AS YOU GO** is a website [www.pray-as-you-go.org](http://www.pray-as-you-go.org) of short weekday meditations. 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.

**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 does a priest do?**

**A.** The particular ministry that a priest might get involved in is dependent on several factors. Firstly the needs of the Church especially the needs of the diocese in which he serves, the ordained minister has after all placed his life at the service of the Church under the authority of the diocesan bishop, but a priest's own interests and talents are also important. A diocesan priest spends much of his time celebrating the sacra-

ments; Baptism, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Marriage and Anointing. Some of his time should be set aside every day for prayer, especially the Liturgy of the Hours. He will be involved in visiting the sick, visiting the homes of people in his parish and working with various groups and organisations. His involvement with the people of the parish may lead him in any of a number of directions attending to the needs of young and old. He may find himself ministering in the local school or university. He will spend time with those caught up in the sadness of death and the joy of new birth. The parish priest strives to be available to the community whenever he is needed. He will be involved in offering counsel and comfort. He is also a spiritual leader in the community. Along with his parishioners, he addresses issues that touch all members of the community, particularly those who are abandoned and forgotten.

Most priests working in parishes are responsible for all ministry provided by the parish. He is also responsible for parish administration and general organisation. Having said all this a priest is also charged with care of self. He must find time to relax, to look after himself and to recharge his batteries.

**150 CLUB PARISH DANCE:** This year's dance was enjoyed on Friday by around eighty parishioners and friends. Thank you very much to all who organised this successful evening and to all who supported it. £335.50 was raised for parish funds.

**FERTILITY CARE SCOTLAND** is delighted to be welcoming the American Professor Janet E Smith to Scotland on the 40<sup>th</sup> 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,

1<sup>st</sup> 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 POINEER 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, today, 17<sup>th</sup> February at 3.30 pm. Tea and coffee will be served after Mass. All are welcome.

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

**NEW CANONS FOR THE DIOCESE:** Bishop Cunningham has bestowed the honour of Canon to Fr Patrick McSorley of Prestwick, Fr Matt McManus of Ardrrossan, Fr Michael Farrington of Dumfries, and Fr Patrick Keegans of Ayr. The new Canons will be installed at a Mass in the Cathedral on 10th April at 7.30 pm.

**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 16th Feb<br>2nd of Lent<br>Youth Mass | Ronan Hunter Blair | Caoimhe Hunter Blair | Danielle Connolly<br>Gillian Thomson | Owen McDowall<br>Patrick McCallum | Rhiain Collins, Kieran Porte, Rachel Campbell, Ronan McDowall | Youth Choir                                  |
| Sun 17th Feb<br>2nd of Lent               | Marian Davidson    | Ellen Hawkes         | Irene Hewitt<br>Jim McDermott        | Dennis McCaffery<br>Tony Kerrigan | Liam Menzies, David Welsh, Chloe & Jodie Brownlee             | Maria Newlands Choir                         |
| Sat 23rd Feb<br>3rd of Lent<br>Youth Mass | Alex Meek          | Nancy Flanagan       | Ellen Hawkes<br>David Malone         | Alex Kelly<br>Robin Donald        | Paul Strang, Ronan, Owen & Phoebe McDowall                    | Nicola Lawrence Choir                        |
| Sun 24th Feb<br>4th of Lent               | Tom Dowman         | Robert Malone        | Marian Davidson<br>Betty McCaffery   | Jim McDermott<br>Jim Campbell     | Brittany Campbell, David Welsh, Amy Malone, Rachel Campbell   | Donna McKay<br>Gerry Murphy<br>Adult singers |

**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.**