

LITURGY FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (Saturday 5.30 pm)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Vaster far than any ocean 700

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

KYRIE

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

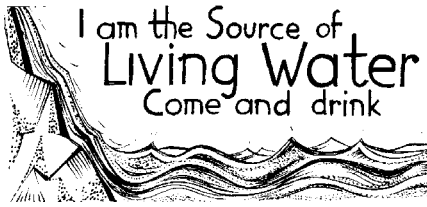
GOSPEL

John 4:5-42

FIRST READING

Exodus 17:3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'



PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN

In you, my God 369

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

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.

LAMB OF GOD

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN

God forgave my sin 286

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O that today you would listen to his voice:
'Harden not your hearts.'

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God, and we the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.

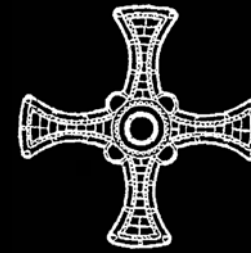
O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert, when your fathers put me to
the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

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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: Margaret Scobie (Ann)
Mon: Terrence Flanagan (RIP)
Thu: Fr Frank Goodall (Ann)
Fri: Mary Hind (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.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY 24th FEBRUARY 2008

Jesus reveals some of the deepest truths about himself and his mission to this Samaritan woman. She is surprised that a man, and a Jew at that, spends time speaking with her at all. She takes his offer of living water literally and wonders how he can deliver without a bucket. Without realising it she points to the truth about Jesus when she asks if he is greater than Abraham. She recognises him as a prophet because he knows all about her and questions him about where to worship God. It is then that Jesus leads her to see that it is **how** God is worshiped that matters - he is to be worshipped in spirit and in truth. Then comes his greatest revelation - he is the Messiah. No wonder she runs off to tell everyone - her encounter with Jesus changed her way of thinking, perhaps her whole life.

Jesus gently led this woman to grasp immense truths, using her journey for essential water supplies to point her to great spiritual truths. We too can encounter Jesus in word and sacrament and through His Spirit indwelling us, he graciously leads us to the truths about himself which change our lives too. Only Jesus can meet the deepest needs of the human heart, needs far beyond bodily requirements. When we fully grasp this, we too will want to run and tell everyone about it.

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

Last week's collection: **£466.40.**
Thank you.

EXCURSION FOR YOUTH OF THE PARISH TO KELVINGROVE

On Saturday 15th March there will be an excursion to Kelvingrove Museum in Glasgow for secondary age pupils. Kelvingrove Museum is an art gallery featuring paintings from Dutch, French, Italian and Scottish artists. However the museum also boasts exhibits from Ancient Egypt, including mummies; objects that explain science, including an orrery - a moving model of the planets in the solar system; a real spitfire plane; and many other displays from nature, life, technology and history. One item not to be missed is Sir Roger the stuffed elephant — a full size, once living, elephant who has resided at Kelvingrove for many years. Contact Denise McCaffery (882760) if you would like a place. Time of departure to be confirmed.



Blair Kirkpatrick, Allison McGregor and Danielle Connolly, together with Denise McCaffery and Fr Stephen will join hundreds of thousands of young people in Sydney Australia in July to meet with Pope Benedict for World Youth Day. The young people have raised all their funds to go on this experience of a lifetime. They thank you for your support.



They would like to continue raising funds to help other young people to take part in future World Youth Days and Youth for Lourdes pilgrimages. To do so they will be bag-packing in Asda in Girvan on Saturday 1st March from 10 am to 4 pm. They ask for volunteers to help them do this, so, young people and their parents, this effort could help you. Can you help pack bags on Saturday 1st March? Please contact Jean Harvey on 883271.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL INVITED

Today 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!

PPC MEMBERSHIP AT PRESENT

(No need to nominate these people!)

Ellen Hawkes (Chair)
David Kiltie (Vice-chair)
Frances Campbell (Secretary)
Jim Campbell
Marguerite Hunter-Blair
Denise McCaffery
David Strang
Bennett Ward

Members to step down now:

(These people - and others - can be nominated.)

Maureen Hay
Laura Kiltie
Elizabeth Meek
Michelle McDowall

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

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 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.

NEW CANONS FOR THE DIOCESE: Bishop Cunningham has bestowed the honour of Canon to Fr Patrick McSorley of Prestwick, Fr Matt McManus of Ardrossan, Fr Michael Farrington of Dumfries, and Fr Patrick

Keegans of Ayr. The new Canons will be installed at a Mass in the Cathedral on **24th April** (not 10th April as published in last week's newsletter) at 7.30 pm.

WELCOME TO THE BROWNIES: Today the Brownies join us for morning Mass to mark Thinking Day when they will renew their Brownie Guide promise.

WALL OF HOPE: In an effort to support SCIAF during Lent and also the Badagry Health Clinic project in Nigeria (being run by Queen Margaret Academy), pupils from St Cuthbert's Primary will be selling bricks for £1 at Masses this weekend. Please support them and these worthy causes if you can. Thank you.

PICNIC GARDEN AT ST CUTHBERT'S PRIMARY: St Cuthbert's Primary School has a picnic garden which the pupils enjoy using during warmer weather. Unfortunately the garden has become somewhat run down over the years and the School Parent Council with Mrs Miller need parents to use their talents and time to help get the garden ready for this spring/summer. The skills required are some joinery, some gardening knowledge, some knowledge of levelling the

ground. Then some tools, some plastic sheeting and, of course, muscles and time will all be needed. **Please help make this project a success for your children to enjoy this spring by offering your support on the weekend of 28th-30th March.** Please contact Mrs Miller or Frances Campbell if you can help.

RAFFLE: A voucher for beauty treatment in the salon in Newmarket Street in Ayr has been offered to the parish to raise funds. There is a raffle to find out the winner of the voucher. If you would like a chance at winning then tickets are available from Nessie Connolly.

MOTHERS' DAY IS NEXT SUNDAY: Quality cards are available from the back of the church.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: The annual Papal and Episcopal Charities special collection during Lent will take place at Masses next weekend. In Galloway Diocese this collection is for two purposes. 75% of next weekend's collection goes to SCIAF for their work with those in need throughout the world. 25% on the collection goes to the Bishop's Charity Fund. Gift aid envelopes are provided for those who wish to take advantage of this scheme.

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 23rd Feb 3rd of Lent Youth Mass	Alex Meek	Nancy Flanagan	Ellen Hawkes David Malone	Alex Kelly Robin Donald	Paul Strang, Ronan, Owen & Phoebe McDowall	Nicola Lawrence Choir
Sun 24th Feb 3rd of Lent	Amy Malone	Rachel Campbell	Marian Davidson Betty McCaffery	Jim McDermott Jim Campbell	Brittany Campbell, David Welsh, Amy Malone, Rachel Campbell	Donna McKay Gerry Murphy
Sat 1st Mar 4th of Lent	Nancy Flanagan	Jim McDermott	Margaret Reilly Maureen Hay	John Sabbatini Kate Sprott	Kyle & Ciera Campbell, Patrick & Roisin McCallum	Nicola Lawrence
Sun 2nd Mar 4th of Lent	Liam Menzies Sam Currie	Ronan McDowall	Marian Davidson David Strang	Tony Kerrigan Dennis McCaffery	Ali Roy, Simone McCa- hill, Sam Currie, Phoebe McDowall	Children's 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.