

LITURGY FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Saturday Vigil)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Amazing grace 131

KYRIE

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Christe eleison
Kyrie eleison

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:8-14

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from you sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL

John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN

Christ is my light, lights up my days,
fills me with joy, shows me the way.
Fills me with hope, fills me with peace,
fills me with love that is gentle and free.

Christ is my guide, he leads me on,
fills me with strength when things go wrong.
Fills me with hope, fills me with peace,
fills me with love that is gentle and free.

Christ is my sight, helps me to see,
fills me with truth, makes me believe.
Fills me with hope, fills me with peace,
fills me with love that is gentle and free.

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

Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.

LAMB OF GOD

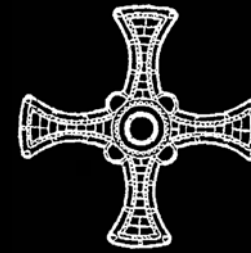
(Cantor sings verse)
Hear our prayer, have mercy; hear our prayer, have mercy;
give us your peace.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Walk with me, O my Lord

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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: Mary Malone (Ann)
Mon: Edward McCaffery (Ann)
Thu: James Davidson (Ann)
Fri: Thomas Sabbatini (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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY 2nd MARCH 2008

The healing of the man born blind shows up a far worse "blindness" in the Jewish authorities. In spite of the evidence of the blind man and his parents, and the fact that "ever since the world began it is unheard of for anyone to open the eyes of a man who was born blind", they refused to acknowledge the miracle and chose to focus on what they considered an infringement of man-made laws for the Sabbath. In their blindness they failed to recognize the genuine work of God among them, fulfilling the messianic prophecies and entirely suited to the Sabbath.

This blindness was a great tragedy for the Jewish people. It led their leaders to a fanatical intolerance and a crime far worse than those of which they accused Jesus, who showed us the true nature of faith in God by his life and death. The way of love is the only one God walks, the only one which safeguards us from the blindness of self interest. In a way we are all born blind, and need the light of Christ to shine deeply into our souls. Having that light within us we too can then witness to Jesus, even in a hostile world.

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

Last week's collection: £914.79.
Thank you.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL INVITED

Today we will continue 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, let's 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

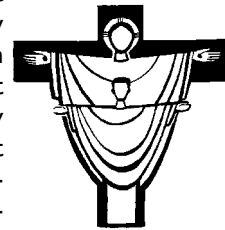
(No need to nominate these people!)

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



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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)

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.

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.

MOTHERS' DAY IS TODAY:

Congratulations to all who are mums!

SPECIAL COLLECTION: The annual Papal and Episcopal Charities special collection during Lent will take place at Masses this 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. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

MONEY COUNTING: Will everyone who is involved in counting money or handling cash at church please come to a short meeting at 6.00 pm on Monday 3rd March in the church hall. Thank you.

NEW HALLKEEPER: Tom McCahill (882884) has taken on the job of hall keeper. Please direct all enquiries about the hall to him.

PRAY AS YOU GO is a website 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.

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	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	PASSKEEPERS	ALTAR SERVERS	MUSIC	MALE SUPERVISOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY
Sat 1st Mar 4th of Lent Children's Mass	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 McCahill, Sam Currie, Phoebe McDowall	Children's Choir	
Sat 8th Mar 5th of Lent	Eileen Hamilton	Ellen Hawkes	Jim Hawkes John Malone	Alex Kelly David Malone	Niall Murphy, Kieran Porte, Ross Malone, Rachel Campbell	Nicola Lawrence Choir	
Sun 9th Mar 5th of Lent	Tom Dowman	Nancy Flanagan	Betty McCaffery Dennis McCaffery	Jim Campbell Cindy McEwan	Amy Malone, Connor Menzies, Ali Roy, Jonathan Lewis	Maria Newlands Choir	Roddy Wright

NEW ROTAS ARE NOW AVAILABLE. Please make sure you check the rota and know when you are serving. Thank you for your support.

LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

There will be a Lent penitential service in Our Lady and St Cuthbert's on Monday 10th March at 7 pm. This provides us all with an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confession before Easter. Because of the penitential service Monday Mass will be at 9 am.



Penitential services in other parishes take place at 7.00 pm:
Sunday 9th March Our Lady & St Meddan's Troon
Monday 10th March St Quivox, Prestwick
Tuesday 11th March Sacred Hearts' Girvan
St Paul's, Ayr
Wednesday 12th March St Margaret's, Ayr
Thursday 13th March St Ann's, Mossblown

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.

