

LITURGY FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

O God of our fathers, almighty to save,
come rescue our spirits from sin's early grave.
Enliven our souls with the promise of grace,
and give us the courage new life to embrace.

Though deeply entombed in the cavern of shame,
we thrill to the Saviour who calls us by name!
Released from despair and assured of our worth,
we welcome with rapture the call to come forth!

Now, freed from enslavement to sin and to death,
we sing of this grace as the Spirit gives breath,
and order our lives, both in action and word,
as those who are sharing the joy of the Lord.

All honour and glory to Father and Son,
and life-giving Spirit, eternally one,
whose promise of perfect salvation we know,
and from whose abundance true justice will flow.

KYRIE

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

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:12-14

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this - it is the Lord who speaks.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:8-11

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal body through his Spirit living in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL

John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45

The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him 'Lord by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I know indeed that you always hear me. But I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them. 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN

The love I have for you 662

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.

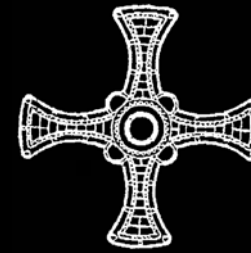
LAMB OF GOD

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Father, I place into your hands 251

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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 9 am, Thu 9 am; Fri 7.30 am

Celebration of the Word and Eucharist

Tues, Wed at 9.00 am

Mass intentions this week:

Sat: John McLarty (Ann)
Sun: Betty Hay (Ann)
Mon: Maria Anne Forte (RIP)
Thu: Bridget Connolly (Ann)
Fri: Thomas 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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY 9th MARCH 2008

Anyone present at the raising of Lazarus must have experienced a mixture of fear and awe as the shrouded figure emerged from the tomb four days after burial. The finality of death was being challenged before their very eyes. It was this miracle which drew many more people to recognize Jesus as the Messiah and which was the final straw causing the Jewish leaders to activate their plot to kill Jesus. They even planned to kill Lazarus as his presence was a constant witness to the miracles Jesus was capable of performing.

Great though the raising of Lazarus was, he would die again physically. However, Jesus words "Unbind him, let him go free!" point ahead to the freedom from sin and death he is about to achieve for us on the cross - an even greater miracle. By his death and resurrection he frees us in this life from the kingdom of darkness and sin and in the next, destroying the power of death, he admits us to eternal life with God. Anyone present at the raising of Lazarus must have experienced a mixture of fear and awe as the shrouded figure emerged from the tomb four days after burial. The finality of death was being challenged before their very eyes. It was this miracle which drew many more people to recognise Jesus as the Messiah and which was the final straw causing the Jewish leaders to activate their plot to kill Jesus. They even planned to kill Lazarus as his presence was a constant witness to the miracles Jesus was capable of performing.

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

Last week's collection: **£564.15.**
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

HALL DIARY

Thu 13 March, 6-8pm
Youth Club

Fri 14 Mar, 6-9.30 pm
C/K Dancing

Mon 17th, 6-7 pm
St Cuthbert's Parent Council

Tue 18 Mar, 6-9.30 pm
C/K Dancing

Hall keeper: Tom McCahill
(882884)

FATHERS PRAYERS



This group is especially for men who wish to pray together and support each other and will include both physical and spiritual fathers.

Fathers Prayers groups of up to eight men meet regularly in their local areas, in houses or a hall/church, to pray for all fathers and their families. Many men around the world have been blessed through their meetings.

A group has been meeting in Our Lady and St Cuthbert's for a few months now. During the time of prayer, praise and scripture reading the group allows space for any concerns. The group then surrenders these concerns to the Lord, withholding our natural desire to counsel and give advice. Please speak to Tony Morell, Bennett Ward or Robert Mackie if you would like more information. The group meets at the church house on the first and third Mondays of the month from after Mass for about an hour. You will be made very welcome to join them.

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 Xavier's, Waterside
Wednesday 12th March	St Margaret's, Ayr
Thursday 13th March	St Ann's, Mossblown
Friday 14th March	St Paul's, Ayr

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 12 noon to return for Mass.



SPECIAL COLLECTION: The annual Papal and Episcopal Charities special collection last weekend raised £295.34 and with giftaided contributions this increases to £351.96. 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.

THANK YOU to the young people and their parents who packed supermarket bags in Asda in Girvan on Saturday 1st March. They raised an excellent £520.22 to be saved and used for young people in the parish to go to future Youth for Lourdes and World Youth Day events.

THANK YOU to Nessie Connolly and her helpers for the raffle for church funds run recently. It raised £100 for parish funds. The winners were Sam (from the Dairy Corner), Chris Connolly, Nancy Flanagan, Margaret Wallace, and Joan Robb. Congratulations and thanks for your support.

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.

SCOTTISH INTERNATIONAL RELIEF: You may remember that a representative from Scottish International Relief came to the parish last November to speak about the work of this charity, and in particular about Mary's

Meals. Mary's Meals provides daily meals to chronically hungry children in their local school. In this way the hungry child is encouraged to attend school and, through education gain a better future for himself and his communities. It costs £5.30 to feed one child with Mary's Meals for one year. Many of our parishioners bought tickets for the SIR draw. No-one from Our Lady & St Cuthbert's won the draw! However, it raised a magnificent £115,000, and this and other fundraising allow SIR to feed over 300,000 children every day. SIR thanks us for our support.

JUNIOR PARISH COUNCIL: The

next meeting will be on Sunday 6th April at 5.30 pm in the parish house.

CHILDREN OF FAITH: Will not meet next Sunday, Palm Sunday. It will meet again on Sunday 20th April at 5.00 pm in the parish house.

A SPORT RELIEF EVENT will be held in Ayr on Sunday 16th March from 12pm-4pm at Ayr Racecourse. There will be a mystery celebrity, bouncy castles, face painting, DJ, refreshments, a magician and lots of fun. Everyone must register before 12th March online at www.sportrelief.com or phone 0845 605 8000. For further information contact Audrey Kane at Health Promotion on 01292 614630.

MAYBOLE CHARITY SHOP: The parish has the charity shop during the first week of May. Please bring to the church or hall anything second hand of good quality that can be sold. Clothes sell particularly well.

150 CLUB: July winners are £25 to Rosemary Menzies (no 72), £15 to Chris Connolly (no. 108), £10 to Nancy Flanagan (no 65). Congratulations.

SCIAF: thank you for your generosity now and always. Last year, throughout Scotland, the parishes raised £870,000 for SCIAF through collections and the WEE BOX. Over 100 projects are funded in 20 countries. Please bring you SCIAF box to church on Holy Thursday, 20th March. Remember to fill in the giftaid space. Your final Lenten penance can be to count the coins and put a cheque or notes in the box to the value — please do your own counting to save hours of time for the counters!



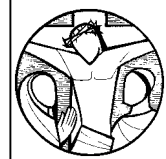
HOLY WEEK 2008



Next Sunday, 16th March, we begin Holy Week, where we remember what Jesus, our Lord and brother did for us. The liturgies we will celebrate are the most important and meaningful of the entire Church's year. It is very important that you take part in them and join Christ on his final journey towards death and into everlasting life — which will be ours too! Holy Week is packed with dramatic liturgies. The dates and times are as follows:



Sunday 16 March	Passion (Palm) Sunday	Mass at 5.30 pm (Vigil); 9.30 am Stations of the Cross at 6 pm
Monday 17 March	Monday of Holy Week	Morning Prayer of the Church at 9 am followed by Mass
Tuesday 18 March	Tuesday of Holy Week	Morning Prayer of the Church at 9 am followed by Celebration of the Word and Communion



Wednesday 19 March	Wednesday of Holy Week	Mass of Christ at St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr at 7.30 pm Morning Prayer of the Church at 9 am followed by Mass Ecumenical service led by the Church of Scotland, in the Baptist Church at 7.00 pm
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Thursday 20 March	Holy Thursday	Morning Prayer of the Church at 9 am (not followed by Mass) Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8 pm followed by watching at the place of repose until Night Prayer at 10 pm Morning Prayer of the Church at 9 am (not followed by Mass)
Friday 21 March	Good Friday	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3 pm Stations of the Cross at 7 pm
Saturday 22 March	Holy Saturday	Morning Prayer of the Church at 9 am (not followed by Mass) Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection at 9 pm
Sunday 23 March	Easter Sunday	Ecumenical sunrise service at the War Memorial at 7 am Mass at 9.30 am

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 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
Sat 15th Mar Passion Sunday Youth Mass	Paige Campbell	Chloe Simpson	Alice Mackie Gillian Thomson	Ali Roy Chris McKay	Kyle & Ciera Campbell, Owen McDowall, Brittany Campbell	Youth Mass	
Sun 16th Mar Passion Sunday	Elizabeth Meek	Robert Malone	Margaret Kiltie Irene Hewitt	Chic McDermott Jim McDermott	Jonathan Lewis, Maeve Murphy, Patrick & Roisin McCallum	Maria Newlands Choir	Gerry Murphy

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