

LITURGY FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE (Saturday Vigil)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Alleluia, alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord 105

GLORIA

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo; gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14, 22-32

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy; my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence. Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Show us, Lord, the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.'

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.

O Lord, you will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:17-21

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason - so that you would have faith and hope in God.

GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN

Sing of one who walks beside us and this day is living still,
one who now is closer to us than the thoughts our hearts distill.
One who once upon a hilltop raised against the power of sin,
died in love as his own creatures crucified their God and King!

Strangers we have walked beside him the long journey of the day,
and have told him of the darkness that has swept our hope away.
He has offered words of comfort, words of energy and light,
and our hearts have blazed within us as he saved us from the night.

Stay with us, dear Lord, and raise us, once again the night is near.
Dine with us and share your wisdom, free our hearts from every fear.
In the calm of each new evening, in the freshness of each dawn,
if you hold us fast in friendship we will never be alone.

HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

LAMB OF GOD

Hear our prayer, have mercy; hear our prayer, have mercy;
give us your peace.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Thine be the glory

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Parish of Our Lady and St Cuthbert

The Catholic faith community serving North Carrick



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Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm. Sunday 9.30 am

Weekday Masses

no weekday Mass this week

Celebration of Word and Communion

Mon-Fri at 9 am

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

Mass intentions this week:

Sat: Tom Corbett (Ann)

Mon: Cissie Highton (Ann)

Thu: Thomas Jennings (Ann)

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

SUNDAY 6th APRIL 2008

As we read the story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus we recognise that something very powerful has resulted from their meeting with the Risen Christ. They rise up and return to Jerusalem even though the evening is far gone and the road dangerous.

They ask "Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us and explained the Scriptures to us?"

The Holy Spirit whose feast we are preparing to celebrate at Pentecost is the one who can do the same for us. In the very early Church, the disciples knew exactly who the Holy Spirit was – they did not confuse him with the Father or the Son, and they were very aware that they needed the power of the Holy Spirit if they were to carry out the work Christ had left for them. It is that same Spirit who is willing to energise us today to get us excited about the Scriptures and the God who made and loves us.

If we too invite Jesus to dwell with us we pray, "It is nearly evening and the day is almost done!" we can expect the same response from God.

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

Last week's collection: **£432.94.**
Thank you.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES AND PARISH GIVING 2008-2009

The collection envelopes for the coming financial year, beginning on the first Sunday of April, are now available at the back of the church. Please take them with you. They are placed in alphabetical order, for those who use the gift aid scheme on the left side and then those who do not use the giftaid scheme on the right side. If you do not use envelopes and would like to use them please speak to Fr Stephen.

To make best use of the giftaid scheme, the collection envelopes contain a separate envelope for all special collections this coming year. This will save having to fill in your name and address on the back of the giftaid envelopes we put on the end of the pews on a Sunday when there is a special collection. The special collection envelopes are inserted on the date of the special collection to act as a reminder. On those Sundays, please bring both envelopes to church.

Until six months ago we took a regular monthly building fund collection. At three times during this coming year, appropriately chosen not to coincide with other special collections, a building fund collection will be taken up. This will help the parish continue the demanding task of bringing our buildings up to date and maintaining the fabric of our buildings. Please give what you are able.

I hope this envelope system helps simplify and better organise the calendar of giving to the parish.

Very soon, I will write to all the people who give using the giftaid scheme and ask you to complete a Giftaid Declaration Form. I know you have completed one in the past. However, the parishes now operate with a new registered charity number — that of Galloway Diocese — and the form should be completed again. **It is essential that you return this form for the parish to reclaim the tax you have already paid on your contribution to Our Lady & St Cuthbert's.** I will also include a calendar of giving for the year 2008-2009 with the letter I write.

Thank you very much for your continued generosity. A statement of accounts for 2007 will be published very soon in the updated Parish Directory for 2008.

Fr Stephen McGrattan

OPPOSITION IS WIDE TO CREATION OF HUMAN-ANIMAL EMBRYOS

Cardinal Keith O'Brien has welcomed the results of an opinion poll released today which shows that over two thirds of the UK population oppose the creation of part-human part-animal embryos. The poll conducted by ORB (Opinion Research Business - www.opinion.co.uk) on behalf of the Catholic Media Office asked how strongly people opposed or supported such research, 67% opposed (of which 51% opposed strongly) any moves to create hybrid embryos. The poll also questioned attitudes on IVF treatment being given to women without the child's genetic father being identified. 64% of respondents believed IVF clinics should be required to identify a child's genetic father.

Both proposals are contained in the Government's "Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill". Commenting on the results, Cardinal O'Brien who has led UK opposition to the Bill said:

"I am delighted to see that the overwhelming majority of people, like me, are completely opposed to the creation of animal-human hybrids. I sincerely hope that Gordon Brown and all our MPs will take notice of this result and reconsider the need for this legislation. It is also heartening to see that the vast majority of people across the UK firmly believe that when a woman receives IVF treatment the clinic involved should know that the child's genetic father is identified."

The Cardinal added; "Recently, Gordon Brown said about animal-human hybrid research, that "lives will be saved" and "treatments and cures will be available". Such statements are not only complete scientific fantasy but are blatantly untrue. They presents nothing more than a cruel deception to the thousands of families caring for an ill relative who may benefit from stem cell therapies. The Prime Minister obviously isn't aware of the recent statement by an expert molecular biologist (Dr David King), who said; "there is abundant evidence that even if stem cells are obtained (from hybrid embryos) they will be so abnormal as to be useless".

"Since Gordon Brown is intent on making hopelessly inaccurate statements on scientific matters he clearly doesn't understand I would urge him to consider meeting some of the scientists in this field and would be glad to facilitate just such a meeting."

Cardinal O'Brien concluded: "It is time the Government focussed its attention on supporting and funding stem cell research which is both ethical and effective which is research using adult stem cells. Our Government deliberately ignore this proven research in favour of the morally bankrupt blind alley of embryo destruction. As a result of such wilful ignorance on the part of government we risk losing an entire generation of our top scientific minds to other countries who see the potential in their work and support it where we fail."

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.

ALTAR SERVERS

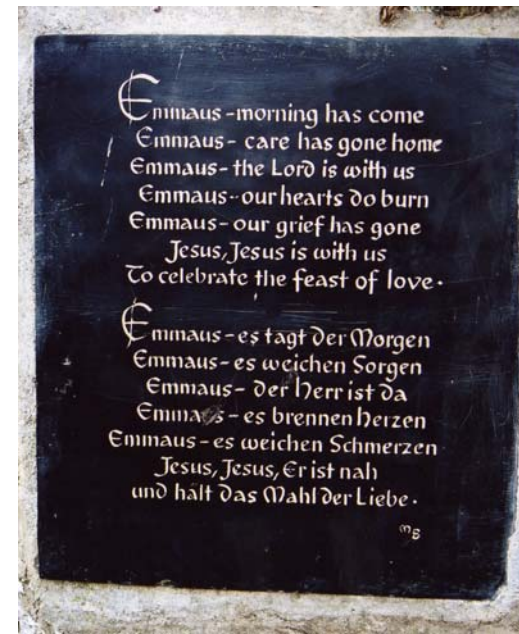
There will be a training class for altar servers of primary seven age and above on Monday evening after 7.00 pm Mass. Altar servers of these ages who want to learn how to use the thurible and incense should attend.

BUILDING FUND

There will be a building fund special collection at Masses this weekend. Envelopes for this are in your new boxed set of envelopes. Please give what you are able.



Today's Gospel tells the story of Emmaus. This is a photo of Bishop Taylor and pilgrims walking the road to Emmaus in the Holy Land in 2000.



JUNIOR PARISH COUNCIL:

The next meeting will be on Sunday 6th April at 5.30 pm in the parish house. Among the items on the agenda will be the events organised for the young people of the parish. Recently, a trip was arranged for the young people to go to Kelvingrove Museum in Glasgow. Even though the trip was advertised 3 weeks before the event, only 2 people signed up for the trip (including last minute withdrawals) and it was cancelled. A lot of preparation goes into preparing these trips and people are not going to take part then we will need to ask whether we continue them in the future. Fr Stephen asks the young people to think seriously about this so we can share ideas at the meeting.

DIocese OF GALLOWAY YOUTH EVENINGS

are beginning again! Come along to St Mary's, Ardrossan Road, Saltcoats to meet young people your own age, have a good laugh, and pray and discuss your faith in a non-threatening totally supportive way. The evenings begin with Mass at 6.30 pm followed by time together in the hall ending at 9.30 pm. Bring a friend or two. (Dates: 27th April, 8th June, 29th June.)

CHILDREN OF FAITH: Will meet again on Sunday 20th April at 5.00 pm in the parish house.

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.

SCIAF: thank you for your gener-

osity 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. The SCIAF boxes have been counted and the money given sent away. The total given in the wee boxes was £369.28. If you haven't brought your box to church by now please send a cheque for the amount directly to SCIAF yourself.

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 St Margaret's Cathedral on 24th April at 7.30 pm.

PPC RETREAT:

The parish council retreat, for all parish council members, takes place in the Notre Dame Apostolic Centre, Skelmorlie, from the evening of Friday 25th to the afternoon of Sunday 27th April.

A MUSIC MINISTRY DAY

is being held on Saturday 12th April at St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr, from 10 am (for a 10.30 am start) to 3.30 pm. The day will be led by Noel Donnelly, who has been actively involved in Catholic music for many years and is well known as a composer and liturgist. The day will be informal, with plenty of opportunities for meeting with other musicians. We will be looking at music for the Liturgy of the Word and the Eucharist, and also at plain-song. The day will end with sung Vespers of Our Lady.

MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	READER	BIDDING PRAYERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	PASSKEEPERS	ALTAR SERVERS	MUSIC	SUPERVISOR FOR YOUNG LIT
Sat 5 Apr 3rd of Easter	Margaret Boyce	Alex Meek	John Malone Angela Kirkpatrick	John Sabbatini Robin Donald	Paul Strang, Simone McCahill, Kieran Porte, Justin McQuillan	Nicola Lawrence Choir	
Sun 6 Apr Children's Mass	Phoebe McDowall Rachel Campbell	Jodie Brownlee	Margaret Kiltie Cindy McEwan	Tony Kerrigan Jim Campbell	Amy Malone, Rhian Collins, Chloe Brownlee, Simone McCahill	Children's Choir	
Sat 12 Apr 4th of Easter	Matthew Reilly	Ellen Hawkes	Margaret Reilly David Malone	Alex Kelly Jim Campbell	Justin McQuillan, Sam Currie, Patrick & Roisin McCallum	Nicola Lawrence	
Sun 13 Apr 4th of Easter	Roddy Wright	Nancy Flanagan	Stuart Green Cindy McEwan	Jim McDermott Chic McDermott	Niall & Maeve Murphy, Jonathan Lewis, Emily Kiltie		David Strang