

LITURGY FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE (Saturday 5.30 pm)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Hail, Redeemer, King divine

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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, 36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

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

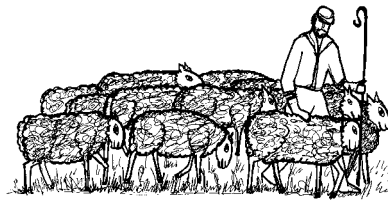
1 Peter 2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you

have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

GOSPEL

John 10:1-10



Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN

Loving shepherd of thy sheep

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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

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

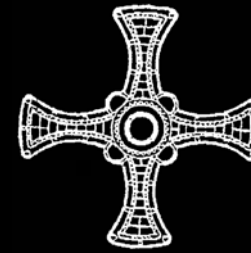
Regina coeli, Regina coeli, laetare,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Quia quem meruisti portare, meruisti portare,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Resurrexit sicut dixit, resurrexit sicut dixit,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Ora, ora, ora pro nobis Deum,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm. Sunday 9.30 am

Weekday Masses

Mon 7 pm, Thu, Fri 9 am

Celebration of Word and Communion

Tue, Thu 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: Maria Anne Forte (RIP)
Mon: Catherine Gilfether (Ann)
Thu: Tom Corbett (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.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

SUNDAY 13th APRIL 2008

As we hear the words of St Peter speaking of the "perverse generation" of his times, we might reflect on what it is about our faith which enables us to overcome the evils of our generation. In today's gospel we have the assurance of Jesus that we will be safe from predators if we follow his voice. The image Jesus means to convey when he calls himself our shepherd is one of tender loving care, to the point of putting his own life in danger.

Jesus came to bring us the truths which lead to wholeness and happiness. No matter how many other voices call for our attention, we hold on to his words "I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full!" If we are not experiencing this abundant life, it is because our experience is falling short of the promise.

The promise holds good, as Peter reminds us, for us and our children. Perhaps we need to ask the Holy Spirit to search our hearts, to help us find out where we may have followed other voices, so that repenting, we may experience the abundant new life Jesus promises.

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

Last week's collection: £370.10.
Building Fund: £310.90. Thank you.

PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP JOHN CUNNINGHAM ON VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

The World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Every year the Fourth Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday, is observed as a World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In his pastoral letter to mark this the 45th such day, His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, stresses the need for the Church to understand herself as missionary. He writes that "this one characteristic needs to be present in every Christian, since it is through the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation that every Christian is called to bear witness and to announce the gospel." The Pope's letter echoes the teaching of the Second Vatican Council, which spoke about the Universal call to Holiness that is issued to all the baptised. We are all called to holiness, but we are not all called to holiness in the same way.

Some are called as bishops, some as priests, some as religious, some as married couples and parents, some as widows and widowers, and some as single people. Accordingly all Christians, in the conditions, duties and circumstances of their lives and through all these, will sanctify themselves more and more if they receive all things in faith from the hand of the heavenly Father and co-operate with the divine will, thus showing forth in that temporal service the love with which God has loved the world.

God has not stopped calling men and women to the priesthood and the religious life. Perhaps the present dearth of vocations to the priesthood and the religious life is but a reflection of the general loss of a sense of vocation that has occurred in our increasingly secular and materialistic society. Other vocational professions such as nursing and teaching are also experiencing difficulty in attracting recruits. Perhaps it has occurred because our young people are not recognising God's call for what it is. It may also be that when the young express an interest in the priesthood or the religious life, they do not get any encouragement or support from those around them.

Vocations to the priesthood and to the religious life can only flourish in a spiritual soil that is well cultivated with a spirit of mission and service. Christian communities which recognise that we are all called to holiness and to service should be happy to encourage their sons and daughters, brothers and sisters to consider that the Lord may be calling them to the priesthood or the religious life.

Parishes need priests to celebrate the sacraments and offer pastoral care. The Church needs the witness of men and women who live the life of a religious and are dedicated to faithful service in the Church.

Last year we had one ordination to the priesthood and this year we will have another. At present, however, we have just one other seminarian studying for the priesthood. He is currently in his third year and has three more years of study ahead of him. Please pray for him and the other students currently preparing for the priesthood.

Many young people today are searching for a life that will offer satisfaction and fulfilment. Some may be feeling the promptings of the Holy Spirit urging them to something new, to a new and different way of living. I would invite them to consider the ordained ministry or religious life in this diocese. Through the work of *Priests for Scotland*, a commission of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland, and through the work of our Diocesan Vocations Directors, advice and support is readily available for anyone who is contemplating this life. Please feel free to contact them through the *Priests for Scotland* website at www.priestsforscotland.org.uk

Wishing you every blessing,

I am,

Yours sincerely in Christ



+ John Cunningham
Bishop of Galloway



SEE CARDINAL O'BRIEN'S MORAL MESSAGE ON YOUTUBE

Cardinal Keith O'Brien has used "You Tube" to warn of the dangers in the Government's "Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill". In a 5 minute film which will be copied to DVD and sent to all UK MPs, the Cardinal reiterates his opposition to the creation of animal-human hybrid embryos and highlights recent opinion poll findings on the subject.

The video can be viewed at www.scmo.org or on "You Tube" at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=22MR984zgvo>

YOUTH MASS: The next Youth Mass will take place next Saturday, 19th April. Before Mass, at 3 pm, young people of the parish are asked to gather at church to help tidy the church grounds. Please bring stout gloves to protect your hands. After Mass those who help and stay for Mass will be invited to join in a take-away meal in the parish hall.

DIOCESE OF GALLOWAY YOUTH EVENINGS are beginning again! Come along to St Mary's, Ardrossan Road, Saltcoats to meet young people your own age. 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: Meets 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.

GIFT AID FORMS: New gift aid forms to be completed are being sent out to all people who donate to the church using the gift aid scheme. Please return your completed form as soon as possible by post or by bringing it to Mass.

SAVE THE CHILDREN CURRY NIGHT: The Maybole branch of Save the Children are helping the Minishant Tandoori restaurant organise a specialist Bangladeshi Buffet evening to raise funds for the relief work following the terrible cyclone that hit

the South of Bangladesh in November. Would you like to come along on Wednesday 7th May and support the event?

NEW CANONS FOR THE DIOCESE: Bishop Cunningham has bestowed the honour of Canon on Fr McSorley, Fr McManus, Fr Farrington, and Fr Keegans. 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.

JOB ADVERTISEMENT: Administrative Assistant (SPRED programme development), 16 hrs/wk flexible. Salary : £7.60 per hour. The post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure (Scotland) Check. Closing date: 25th April 2008. Applications available from: SPRED, Queen Margaret Academy, Dalmellington Rd, Ayr KA7 3TL. Tel/Fax: 01292 263196. Email: [sprendgalloway@talktalk.net](mailto:spredgalloway@talktalk.net)

FR STEPHEN is attending a friend's ordination to priesthood on Sunday 13th April. Welcome to Fr McGee who will celebrate Mass today.

FUNDRAISING BINGO FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY: There will be a bingo in St Margaret's Cathedral hall, Ayr to raise funds to support the young people of the diocese in their travel costs to World Youth Day with Pope Benedict XVI in Sydney Australia this July. Please come along and support this event on Tuesday 29th April at 7.00 pm for a

7.30 pm start. Thank you.

RETREATS AT KINNOULL REDEMPTORIST CENTRE OF SPIRITUALITY: "Body, Soul and Spirit: where does love begin? Exploring John Paul II's theology of the body", 28th April – 2nd May, Fr Jim McManus CSsR. "Healing in the Spirit: a spirituality of true self-esteem", 5th – 9th May, Fr Jim McManus CSsR and Sr Germaine O'Neill. Full details from: The Secretary, St Mary's, Kinnoull, Perth, PH2 7BP; telephone: 01738 624075, email: copiosa@aol.com, web: www.kinnoullmonastery.org

DIOCESE OF GALLOWAY LOURDES HOSPITALITE: There will be a fundraising social evening on Friday 25th April from 7.30 pm in St Margaret's Cathedral hall, Ayr. Light refreshments and a bar are available. Tickets, priced £7.50, are available from Debbie Gillion (01563 523758) or Therese Gibson (01294 212466).

CONGRATULATIONS to baby Fergus William Cron and his family who was baptised and became a member of the church last Sunday afternoon. Also to Eleanor McDowall and David Campbell who were married yesterday afternoon.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: There will be a meeting in the church at 7.30 pm on Monday 21st (not Tuesday 15th) for parents of children who will make their Sacraments on 11th May this year. This meeting is to make final arrangements for the Confirmation/Communion day. Please make every effort to attend.

SACRED HEARTS FATHERS, SMITHSTONE HOUSE OF PRAYER RETREAT EXPERIENCES

Quiet Day (welcoming the Holy Spirit) on April 12th, 10.00 am – 4.00 pm.

Pentecost Series on Thursdays 1st, 8th, 15th May, 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm.

Summer Fayre on Sunday 1st June starting at 2.00 pm. Home baking, bottles, bric-a-brac, books etc welcome.

Sacred Heart Day Retreat – a day of reflection prayer, adoration and Holy Mass on Saturday 7th June, 10.00 am – 4.00 pm.

Bible Study and Prayer on Wednesdays 11th, 18th, 25th June and 2nd July, 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm.

Autumn Series (Reaching out to God in Prayer) on Wednesdays 8th, 15th and 22nd October from 7.30 – 9.00 pm.

For details of these and all courses and retreats please visit www.smithstonehouse.org.uk or contact Fr Stephen Motroni on 01294 552515.

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 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
Sat 19 Apr 5th of Easter Youth Mass	Mina Green	Rhiain Collins	Danielle Connolly Alice Mackie	Patrick McCallum Simone McCahill	Rhiain Collins, Kieran Porte, Rachel Campbell, Ronan McDowall	Youth Mass	
Sun 20 Apr 5th of Easter	Tom Dowman	Jim McDermott	Margaret Kiltie Eileen Hamilton	John Sabbatini Cindy McEwan	Liam Menzies, David Welsh, Chloe & Jodie Brownlee	Maria Newlands Choir	Jim Campbell