

LITURGY FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE (Sunday 9.30 am)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

The temple of the living God is built of living stones,
a holy people, called to live by light of Christ alone.

With special joy we celebrate the word the psalmist said:
'The stone the builders cast aside is now the corner's head!'

The temple of the living God is set secure above,
where Christ invites the world to share his perfect reign of love.

And we who seek the Father's face are summoned to obey,
and follow where he goes before, the Life, the Truth the Way.

The temple of the living God upon the earth must grow,
and those of ev'ry race and class his true compassion know.

The widow and the fatherless receive a special care,
till all creation, just and free, his perfect peace will share.

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 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Ring our joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.

For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God
and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the

holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

GOSPEL

John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said; 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN

I am the light 350

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

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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

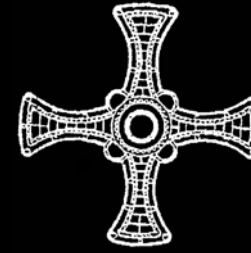
Christ be near at either hand, Christ behind, before me stand,
Christ with me where e'er I go, Christ around, above, below.

Christ be in my head and mind, Christ within my soul enshrined,
Christ control my wayward heart; Christ abide and ne'er depart.

Christ my life and only way, Christ my lantern night and day;
Christ be my unchanging friend, Guide and shepherd to the end.

Christ the King and Lord of all, find me ready at his call;
Christ receive my service whole; hand and body, heart and soul.

Thanks to him, who for our food, gives his sacred flesh and blood;
praise to him unceasing rise; Christ whose glory fills the skies.



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

Mon 7 pm, Thu 9 am

Celebration of Word and Communion

Tue, Wed, 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: Rosina McGougan (RIP)

Sun: Robert Magee (Ann)

Mon: Angela Valdrighi (RIP)

Thu: John Connolly (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.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

SUNDAY 20th APRIL 2008

The words Jesus speaks today are among the most reassuring in the Bible, and are often used at funeral services to comfort the bereaved.

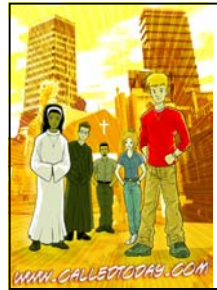
Jesus has gone ahead to prepare a place for us! We are not to be troubled at heart but trust his promises. He adds, almost pleadingly, "if this was not so, I should not have told you about it!" The text follows up with Jesus reaffirming to his disciples that he is the way, the truth and the life. In other words, all that matters in life is to be centred on him, for to have seen and heard him is to have seen and heard God. Father, Son and Holy Spirit have the same loving purpose towards mankind, and as we believe the words of Jesus and follow his way, we are united with the God who created us and wants the best for us.

As we move through our Easter celebration towards Pentecost, we are preparing to be filled again with the Spirit who reveals Jesus to us, who empowers us to be Christ-centred rather than world-centred and who will one day welcome us to that place he is even now preparing for each of us. It's good to know that the end of the journey on earth holds such promise.

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

Last week's collection: **£544.65.**
Building Fund: **£127.00.** Thank you.

FOCUS ON VOCATION



Visit www.calledtoday.com to find out about the religious and priestly lives of the characters shown below.

Prayer for Discernment

Loving Father,
 You have blessed me with wonderful gifts.
 Through baptism I am member of Christ's Body the Church,
 and share in its mission of proclaiming the Gospel
 and becoming a Holy People.
 Keep my heart open to following Jesus' way of serving others
 in love and to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.
 Amen.



Brother Ben is a member of a religious congregation of teaching Brothers. He is a college chaplain and is involved in local community projects.



Sister Catherine is a contemplative nun. She lives with her community in a convent praying for the needs of today's world.

Brother Gregory belongs to a community of Benedictine monks, who live together in a monastery following the rule of Saint Benedict. The monks also run a busy parish and work with people from all walks of life in the course of their pastoral work.



Sister Leah belongs to a worldwide congregation of apostolic sisters. She lives in a small community house in town and works as a parish sister.

Father Michael is a diocesan priest and is currently serving in a busy suburban parish which also has two catholic schools.



"Who has faith in Me will do the works I do, and far greater than these." Are you being called to do the work of the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If you are considering this possibility please speak to your parish priest or the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Stephen Latham, stephen.p.latham@btinternet.com, or visit www.priestsforScotland.org.uk

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 hon-

our 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: spreadgalloway@talktalk.net

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).

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: There will be a meeting in the church at 7.30 pm on Monday 21st 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. And why not come along to Mass first at 7 pm?

ALTAR SERVERS: There will be a training class for altar servers of primary seven age and above on Monday evening at 6.00 pm Mass. Altar servers of these ages who want to learn how to use the thurible and incense should attend. This is the second thurible training class to allow those who wanted to come to the training session a fortnight ago but could not manage to be trained in the use of the thurible.

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 19 Apr 5 th of Easter		Rhiain Collins	Danielle Connolly Alice Mackie	Patrick McCallum Simone McCahill	Rhiain Collins, Kieran Porte, Rachel Campbell, Ronan McDowall	Youth Mass	
Sun 20 Apr 5 th 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
Sat 26 Apr 6 th of Easter	Nancy Flanagan	Eileen Hamilton	Maureen Hay Doreen Donald	Jim Hawkes Alex Kelly	Paul Strang, Ronan, Owen & Phoebe McDowall	Maria Newlands Choir	
Sun 27 Apr 6 th of Easter	Marian Davidson	Ellen Hawkes	Irene Hewitt Jim McDermott	Dennis McCaffery Tony Kerrigan	Brittany Campbell, David Welsh, Amy Malone, Rachel Campbell	Guitars	Roddy Wright