

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

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Be still and know I am with you 163

GLORIA

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo. Gloria, gloria, in excelsis deo.

Lord God, heavenly King, peace you bring to us;
we worship you, we give you thanks, we sing our song of praise.

Jesus, Saviour of all, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away our sins, O Lord, have mercy on us all.

At the Father's right hand, Lord receive our prayer,
for you alone are the Holy One, and you alone are Lord.

Glory, Father and Son, glory Holy Spirit,
to you we raise our hands on high, we glorify your name.

FIRST READING

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Turn to me, O turn and be saved,
says the Lord, for I am God;
there is no other, none beside me. I call your name.*

I am he that comforts you; who are you to be afraid
of flesh that fades, is made like the grass of the field, soon to wither.

Listen to me, my people, give ear to me, my nation:
a law will go forth from me, and my justice for a light to the people.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth down below.
The heavens will vanish like smoke, and the earth will wear out like
a garment.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but

you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN

*My love for you will never leave you,
my pledge of peace will always stand,
and never will the darkness overcome you:
I am with you till the end of time.*

Till the end of time my love for you will never leave you,
till the end of time, until the end of time.

Through the darkest night my love for you will never leave you,
through the darkest night, throughout the darkest night.

HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, holy is the Lord God almighty! (x2)
Who was and is, and is to come; holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

Blessed, blessed, blest is he who comes, blest is he who
comes in the Lord's name. (x2)

Hosanna in the heights of heav'n; holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

LAMB OF GOD

(Cantor sings verse)
Have mercy on us, have mercy on us, grant us peace. (x2)

COMMUNION HYMN

*We hold the death of the Lord deep in our hearts.
Living; now we remain with Jesus the Christ.*

Once we were people afraid, lost in the night.
Then by your cross we were saved, dead became living,
life from your giving.

Something which we have known, something we've touched,
what we have seen with our eyes: this we have heard;
life giving word.

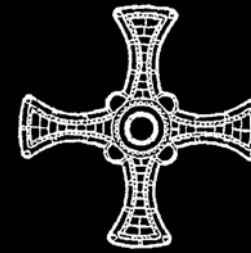
He chose to give of himself, became our bread.
Broken, that we might live. Love beyond love,
pain for our pain.

We are the presence of God; this is our call.
Now to become bread and wine: food for the hungry,
Life for the weary,
for to live with the Lord, we must die with the Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

I will be with you 379

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Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm. Sunday 9.30 am

Weekday Masses

Mon 7 pm, Thu 9 am and 7 pm

Celebration of Word and Communion

Tue, Wed, Fri at 9 am

Mass intentions this week:

Sat: Marc Devlin (Ann)
Sun: Anthony Jennings (Ann)
Mon: Alana Gilsennan (RIP)
Thu, 9 am: Maria Anne Forte (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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

SUNDAY 27th APRIL 2008

This week we hear Jesus promise his disciples the great gift of the Holy Spirit, who guides and protects God's people till the end of time.

Yet Jesus sounds a precautionary note. The world cannot receive the Spirit because it neither sees nor knows him. In other words, the power and work of the Holy Spirit can be blocked by mankind's materialism and independence of God. More than ever, we, the people of God, need to be available channels for the Holy Spirit to work in our darkening world. It is by his power that Jesus shows himself to us. When the Holy Spirit is truly manifest in the hearts of God's people, his light and power will break through. Our participation at Mass and in the sacraments, and our heartfelt prayer put us in a place where God's Spirit can touch us and truly make us a people in, but not of the world.

Pope Paul VI said in 1972 that what the contemporary Church needed most was a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It is even more needed today. Jesus promised that God never fails to send his Spirit to those who ask – God is sending, it is up to us to receive.

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

Last week's collection: **£685.74.**
Building Fund: **£65.** Thank you.

YOUNG PARISHIONERS HELP UPKEEP THE GROUNDS



Thanks to the young parishioners who helped tidy and improve the church grounds last Saturday. After the evening Mass we enjoyed a Chinese meal together.

NEW CANONS FOR GALLOWAY DIOCESE



On Thursday evening in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr, before a congregation of 500 people from all corners of Galloway Diocese, The Very Rev Patrick McSorley (Prestwick), Matt McManus (Ardrossan), Patrick Keegans (Ayr) and Michael Farrington (Dumfries) were installed by Bishop Cunningham as Canons of the Cathedral Chapter. Each made a solemn profession of faith and agreed to obey the statutes of the Chapter.

HALL DIARY

Tue 22 April, 6-9.30pm
C/K Dancing
Thu 24 April, 5.45-8.30 pm
Youth Club
Tue 29 April, 6-9.30pm
C/K Dancing
Thu 1 May, 5.45-8.30 pm
Youth Club
Hall keeper: Tom McCahill
(882884)



“Those who love me will keep my word.” Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness 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

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION:

On Thursday the Church celebrates the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord. It is a Holyday of Obligation. The Church expects us to attend Mass on this day just as we are expected to be at Mass every Sunday. Mass will take place at 9 am and 7 pm in the Church. There is no Mass in the primary school.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Next Sunday, 4th May, is the Papal World Day of Prayer for Communications. We will focus on the work of the Church in promoting the Gospel message on the stage of the wider world. There are costs associated with the Church's media presence and promotion of the Gospel in public life and you are asked to generously support this important work by giving to the special collection that will be taken at Masses next weekend. Please use the envelope provided in your collection envelopes box. In this way, the giftaid will be reclaimed from those who have paid tax.

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. A minibus leaves here this evening at 4.30 pm. Please let Denise McCaffery know if you want a place (882760). (Other dates: 8th June, 29th June.)

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?

PPC RETREAT: The parish council retreat, for all parish council members, takes place this weekend. Welcome to Bishop Taylor who celebrates Mass with the community this weekend.

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.

NEW ROTAS will be available next weekend.

RETREATS AT KINNOULL REDEMPTORIST CENTRE OF SPIRITUALITY: "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

SACRAMENTS OF CONFIRMATION AND HOLY COMMUNION: Rachel Campbell, Deighlan and Dara Hunter-Blair, Patrick McCahill, Suilvan Hunter and Brody Wright will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion for the first time on Sunday 11th May at the 9.30 am Mass. Please pray for these boys and girls as they finish their preparations to become full members of the Church. Mass on Sunday 11th May at 9.30 am is likely to be very busy indeed. Some parishioners may choose to come to the Vigil Mass at 5.30 pm to help leave more space on the Sunday.

WALTER AND EILEEN McKENNA would like to thank parishioners for their prayers and support for their son Edward who was gravely ill over these last weeks. Edward received the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and was cared for in hospital, and has made a full recovery and, with the help of some physiotherapy, is expected to soon return to his normal strength.

THE CARRICK CENTRE will host a Coffee Morning in Maybole Castle on Saturday 3rd May from 10am – 12 noon. Tickets £3 adults £1 Children. Stalls and Tombola.

SACRED HEARTS FATHERS, SMITHSTONE HOUSE OF PRAYER RETREAT EXPERIENCES

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 26 Apr 6th 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 6th of Easter	Marian Davidson	Ellen Hawkes	Irene Hewitt Jim McDermott	Dennis McCaffery Tony Kerrigan	Brittany Campbell, David Welsh, Amy Malone, Ra- chel Campbell	Guitars	Roddy Wright
Sat 3 May 7th of Easter				To be announced			
Sun 4 May 7th of Easter Children's Mass				To be announced			