

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

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Be still for the presence of the Lord

165

that you gave me everything I have. I told my followers what you told me, and they accepted it. They know that I came from you, and they believe that you are the one who sent me. I am praying for them, but not for those who belong to this world. My followers belong to you, and I am praying for them.'



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.

PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN

Be still and know I am with you

163

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

*One thing I ask, this alone I seek,
to dwell in the house of the Lord all my days.
For one day within your temple heals every day alone.
O Lord, bring me to your dwelling.*

Hear, O Lord, the sound of my calling.
Hear, O Lord, and show me your way.

The Lord is my light and hope of salvation.
The Lord is my refuge; whom should I fear?

Wait on the Lord, and hope in his mercy.
Wait on the Lord and live in his love.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Sing my soul

620

FIRST READING

Acts 1:12-14

The Mount of Olives was about half a mile from Jerusalem. The apostles who had gone there were Peter, John, James, Andrew, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon, known as the Eager One, and Judas the son of James. After the apostles returned to the city, they went upstairs to the room where they had been staying. The apostles often met together and prayed with a single purpose in mind. The women and Mary the mother of Jesus would meet with them, and so would his brothers.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Yahweh is the God of my salvation: I trust in him and have no fear.
I sing of the joy which his love gives to me,
and I draw deeply from the springs of his great kindness.*

Open our eyes to the wonder of this moment, the beginning of another day.

Be with us, Lord, as we break through with each other, to find the truth and beauty of each friend.

When ev'ning comes and our day of toil is over, give us rest, O Lord, in the joy of many friends.

Take us beyond the vision of this day to the deep and wide ways of your infinite love and life.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 4:13-16

Brothers and sisters: Be glad for the chance to suffer as Christ suffered. It will prepare you for even greater happiness when he makes his glorious return. Count it a blessing when you suffer for being a Christian. This shows that God's glorious Spirit is with you. But you deserve to suffer if you are a murderer, a thief, a crook, or a busybody. Don't be ashamed to suffer for being a Christian. Praise God that you belong to him.

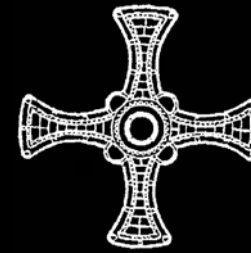
GOSPEL

John 17:6-9

Jesus prayed to God: 'You have given me some followers from this world, and I have shown them what you are like. They were yours, but you gave them to me, and they have obeyed you. They know



Our Lady and St Cuthbert's has permission to reproduce hymn words under licences: CCL 960699 and 960709, Calamus 1526



Parish of Our Lady and St Cuthbert

The Catholic faith community serving North Carrick



Parish Priest: **Father Stephen G McGrattan**

Our Lady and St Cuthbert's Presbytery, 28 Dailly Road, Maybole, KA19 7AU

Telephone: 01655 882145

Fax: 01655 882173

Email: info@olasc.org.uk

Web: www.olasc.org.uk

Church hall and bookings: Tom McCahill (882884)

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: Tom Corbett (RIP)

Sun: Hugh Connolly (Ann)

Mon: Special Intention

Wed 10 am: Michael Diamond (RIP)

Thu: Sophia Corbett (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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

SUNDAY 4th MAY 2008

Jesus tells us that eternal life is to know his Father, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom he has sent. To know God in this way we have to be willing to spend time with him in prayer and reflection – to get to know him rather than just knowing about him. Jesus challenges us "Who do you say that I am?" Our answer will determine how we lead our Christian lives. Time is a gift which God has given to each of us. To return some of it, by spending it with him, brings the reality of the Risen Christ more effectively into our lives.

Jesus finished the work his Father sent him to do on earth at Calvary. His whole life and ministry as a human being was geared to the redemptive work of the cross. He gained a complete victory over the devil, the world and the flesh as a member of the human family and so won reconciliation with God for every member of that family. We owe him a tremendous debt of gratitude. Giving him back some of his gift of time is one way of expressing our thanks to him who even now, seated in glory in heaven, constantly intercedes for us.

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

Last week's collection: £519.23.
Building Fund: £10. Thank you.

MESSAGE FOR THE 42nd WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The theme of this year's World Communications Day - "The Media: At the Crossroads between Self-Promotion and Service. Searching for the Truth in order to Share it with Others" - highlights the important role of the media in the life of individuals and society. As the Pope says in his message this year; "there is no area of human experience, especially given the vast phenomenon of globalization, in which the media have not become an integral part of interpersonal relations and of social, economic, political and religious development."

The mass media today is pervasive, persuasive and all too often invasive.

Pope Benedict rightly acknowledges the contribution the media can make to the diffusion of news, to knowledge of facts and to the dissemination of information. At the same time the Pope warns that the mass media can be used for ideological purposes, and "can tend to legitimise or impose distorted models of personal, family or social life". As Scottish Catholics, we know only too well how true this is, and we are keenly aware of how rarely our own media represents us as people of faith in a fair or balanced manner.

Today, mass communications can fairly be charged with losing the ethical underpinning that once existed. It is a sad reality that those involved in the production and dissemination of much of our media content do not themselves share the religious or moral perspectives of their audience. There has occurred a fundamental disconnection between the provider and the consumer. While the last national census showed that over two thirds of Scots described themselves as Christians, few of those who work in radio, television and the press share this identity.

How then can they understand what motivates and engages us? How can they provide us, their viewers, listeners and readers with appropriate content? The Pope suggests we need to introduce "info-ethics", just as we have bioethics in the field of medicine and scientific research.

Analysing the ethical implications of how information is transmitted would help the media avoid becoming spokespersons for a secular and humanistic agenda. It is crucial that those who work in this field seek to understand the moral and ethical view of humanity shared by those of us who believe in God.

We each have a responsibility to help them in this task. We are all consumers of the mass media and when we are misrepresented or maligned we must speak out. Likewise, when our values and ideals are respected and represented fairly, we must praise and commend.

Nationally this is exactly what our Catholic Media Office through imaginative and ongoing engagement with the media seeks to do. To this end, to coincide with World Communications day, the Scottish Catholic Media Office has created a new website. The new website can be viewed at www.scmo.org

I would urge you to visit this site. It will allow you to see first hand what the Church has said on a wide range of issues, in turn preventing you from being misled by partial or inaccurate media coverage. The new website includes audio clips and video content, and includes a facility which allows anyone to subscribe to all media releases simply by entering their email address. Again I would urge you to subscribe in this way to the output of our Media Office.

While the information service provided by the Media Office is free at the point of use, it clearly has to be paid for. With this in mind I appeal to your great generosity in asking you to contribute to today's special communications collection.

Finally, in the words of Pope John Paul II of happy memory: "Let us ask the Holy Spirit to raise up courageous communicators and authentic witnesses to the truth, faithful to Christ's mandate and enthusiastic for the message of the faith."

Yours devotedly in Christ

+ Philip Tartaglia

Bishop Philip Tartaglia
President, National Communications Commission



MICHAEL PATRICK DIAMOND, RIP:

The prayers and sympathy of the parish are with Nancy Diamond and her family as they mourn the loss of Michael. Michael's body will be received into church on Tuesday 6th May at 7.00 pm and his Requiem Mass will be offered on Wednesday 7th may at 10 am.

CONGRATULATIONS to Leiland Blanks and family on being baptised this weekend.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Today 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 this 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.

MAYBOLE CHARITY SHOP: The parish has the charity shop later this month. 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

ECUMENICAL HARVEST SUPPER: There will be an inter-church Harvest Supper today, Sunday May 25th at 6 pm in the church hall. As with previous successful events you are asked to bring a dish (hot or cold — hot dishes can be heated in the ovens) for us all to share. Many people have enjoyed the inter-church suppers before and have shared Christian fellowship and good food together. Please come along with your family. The picture is from our last ecumenical supper in October 2007.



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 go along on Wednesday 7th May and support the event?

FUNDRAISING BINGO FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY: Thanks to all who supported the bingo last week 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. The evening raised a magnificent £460.

NEW ROTAS are now available. Please make sure you take one.

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: Rebecca Campbell, Deaghan and Dara Hunter Blair, Patrick McCahill, Suilven 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.

BAG-PACKING FOR CHRISTIAN AID: Volunteers are needed to pack bags in Somerfield on Maybole High Street on Friday 9th, Saturday 10th, Friday 16th and Saturday 17th May, for only one hour at a time, to raise funds for Christian Aid. If you can spare an hour on one or more of these days please contact Doreen Qua on 883530.

CONGRATULATIONS: The "159 Club" winners for April are £25 Margaret Wallace (number 61); £15 Audrey Wilson (number 148); £10 Ann Scobie (number 113).

SACRED HEARTS FATHERS, SMITHSTONE HOUSE OF PRAYER RETREAT EXPERIENCES

Pentecost Series on Thursdays 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 3 May 7th of Easter	Matthew Reilly	Nancy Flanagan	Maureen Hay Margaret Reilly	David Malone(Snr) Jim Hawkes	Kyle & Ciera Campbell, Ross Malone, Kieran Porte, Paul Strang	Maria Newlands	
Sun 4 May 7th of Easter Children's Mass	Liam Menzies	Sam Currie	Elizabeth Meek Cindy McEwan	Dennis McCaffery Jim McDermott	Chloe & Jodie Brownlee, Amy Malone, Zak & Ali Roy	Children	
Sat 10 May Pentecost	Alex Meek	Margaret Boyce	Ellen Hawkes Nancy Flanagan	Jim Campbell Kate Sprott	Patrick & Róisín McCallum,, Sam Currie, Brittany Camp- bell, Emily Kiltie	Maria Newlands	
Sun 11 May Pentecost Sacraments			Irene Hewitt Marian Davidson	Dennis McCaffery Robin Donald Jim McDermott	Rachel Campbell, Rhian Collins, Owen, Pheobe & Ronan McDowall	Children/Guitars	

Ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest

Priests for Scotland
'a life worth living'



"They received the Holy Spirit." The Blessed Virgin Mary intercedes for your faithfulness to the vocation to which the Spirit is leading you. If you think God may be offering you the grace of serving Him and His people as a priest or in the consecrated life, 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