

LITURGY FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST (Saturday Vigil)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator, come 210

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 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, that the face of the earth be renewed.

O my soul, arise and bless the Lord God.
Say to him: 'My God, how great you are.
You are clothed with majesty and splendour,
and light is the garment you wear.'

'You have built your palace on the waters.
Like the winds, the angels do your word.
You have set the earth on its foundations,
so firm, to be shaken no more.'

'All your creatures look to you for comfort;
from your open hand they have their fill,
you send forth your Spirit and revive them,
the face of the earth you renew.'

While I live, I sing the Lord God's praises;
I will thank the author of these marvels.
Praise to God, the Father, Son and Spirit
both now and for ever. Amen.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

GOSPEL

John 20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'



PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN

The Spirit lives to set us free 672

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.

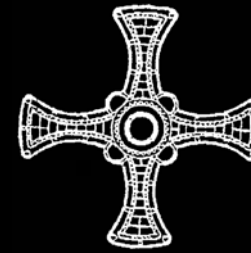
LAMB OF GOD

(Cantor sings verse)
Hear our prayer, have mercy; hear our prayer, have mercy;
give us your peace.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Spirit of the living God 630

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Our Lady & St Cuthbert's, Maybole, a parish of the R C Diocese of Galloway. Charity number SC010576.

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: Mae and Charles Donald (Ann)

Sun: Michael Diamond (RIP)

Mon: Michael Kilbane (RIP)

Thu: Archie Scobie (RIP)

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.

THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

SUNDAY 11th MAY 2008

What tremendous power must have been released in the lives of the apostles when they received the Holy Spirit. One moment cowering behind closed doors for fear of the Jews and the next filled with intense joy and courage to preach the gospel of love and forgiveness to the very people they feared. The Holy Spirit's coming made a difference to their individual lives and to the spread of the gospel. They were filled with a power beyond their human capability and were given gifts beyond their natural ones, which enabled them to reach the hearts and minds of their once hostile listeners.

Today the Holy Spirit is still with us as Christ promised. No matter the difficulties the Church faces, it is this power of the Holy Spirit working in priests and laity which will enable the kingdom of God to be preached effectively throughout the world. The gifts the Spirit brings are many and always available to God's faithful people. We pray daily for the power of God's Spirit living within us to guide and protect us, to help us live as genuine disciples of Christ and to help us use the natural and supernatural gifts God has provided so that all men and women may hear the Good News.

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

Last week's collection: £677.21.
Communications: £349.34. Thanks.

SCIAF LAUNCHES EMERGENCY MYANMAR (BURMA) APPEAL



SCIAF is calling for urgent donations to help provide emergency food, water, medicines, temporary shelters and long term support to survivors left devastated by Cyclone Nagris in Myanmar, Burma.

With direct access to people on the ground via a partner organisation in Yangon (Rangoon) and access to the badly affected Irrawaddy region, SCIAF has already released £10,000 to provide rice and temporary shelters and pledged a further £50,000 in immediate assistance for water, medicines, food, and additional temporary shelters. Donations from the public are vitally important to help SCIAF provide its partner with life-saving support and long term recovery.

Donations can be made online to SCIAF at www.sciaf.org.uk or by cheque to SCIAF, 19 Park Circus, Glasgow, G3 6BE. Donations can be made using the gift aid scheme online.

HUMAN FERTILISATION AND EMBRYOLOGY (HFE) BILL

Proposed legislation, currently being considered by the United Kingdom Parliament, threatens to further weaken the status of vulnerable human life. Through the Human Fertilisation and Embryology (HFE) Bill, a series of new measures that have disturbing moral and ethical implications for all people in Scotland and further afield, are set to become law.

These measures include:

- The creation of human/animal hybrid embryos for stem cell research — a move opposed by 67% of the UK population.
- The liberalisation of abortion laws through a reduction in the numbers of Doctors' signatures required to have an abortion.
- The removal of the legal recognition of fatherhood as an important consideration prior to IVF treatment.
- Extension of the use of human embryos in stem cell research — in spite of the existence of an ethical alternative in adult stem cells, and the widespread application of adult cells in over 70 medical treatments.
- The creation of saviour siblings — sanctioning the use of human life as a means to an end, rather than an end itself.

His Eminence Keith Cardinal O'Brien has accurately described these measures as a "monstrous attack on human rights, human dignity and human life". In spite of the horrific provisions within the Bill, and the very high level of public opposition, the Government is refusing to allow MPs a free vote on the full Bill. This is both undemocratic and in breach of one of the most basic and fundamental human rights: the right to freedom of conscience.

As Catholics, we can openly express our opposition to the measures contained within this Bill and to encourage our MPs to vote in accordance with their conscience. A simple way we can do this is to send the passion for life postcards, available at church, directly to your MP at House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA, to register our opposition to the provisions within the Bill.

Please also to pray for our MPs at this time, and for the realisation of the Passion for Life campaign, which seeks to draw the line **now** on this proposed legislation.

Visit the www.passionforlife.org.uk website for much more information, scientific explanation and opportunities to act against this legislation. There is also an excellent video clip available on this website.

"Just because something is scientifically possible, it does not make it right. Life is not a fashion accessory."

Geraldine Smith, Labour MP

"It is an extremely dangerous road to go down."

Baroness Shirley Williams, Liberal Democrat Peer

"It is deeply immoral to create a life simply in order to plunder it and dispose of it when it has outlived its usefulness."

Lord Ahmed, Labour Peer

"It is a scandal, that in the 21st century, we can have two children of exactly the same age and gestation: one is lying in a cot with all the resources of medical science being poured in to ensure that it lives, and the other is pulled from its mother's womb and destroyed. That's got to be wrong."

Ann Widdecombe, Conservative MP



"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love." We consecrate to our Blessed Lady, the faithful spouse of the Holy Spirit, those discerning their vocations. If you think God is calling you to the priesthood or the religious 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



ECUMENICAL HARVEST SUPPER: There will be an inter-church Harvest Supper on 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.

COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY: Thank you for your generous contribution to the costs associated with the Church's media presence and promotion of the Gospel in public life through the special collection last Sunday. You gave £349.34 (which will increase to over £400 after gift aid is claimed).

MAYBOLE CHARITY SHOP: The parish has the charity shop beginning next Saturday, 17th May. *We earnestly appeal for helpers to come to the garage in the church grounds at 3 pm on Friday 16th May to load the goods into cars and vans to take to the charity shop and then unload them from the vehicles into the shop on the High Street.* In the past it has been very difficult for the ladies because of a lack of volunteers — please support them.

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. *15 out of 77 gift aid forms have still not yet been returned! Please return your completed form as soon as possible by post or by bringing it to Mass.* It only takes a minute to complete!

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 this weekend at the 9.30 am Mass.

Please pray for these boys and girls as they become full members of the Church.

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.

OPEN DAY AT BLAIRS COLLEGE: The Friends of Blairs Association is holding its AGM in the Blairs Chapel on 7th June 2008. This year it plans to hold an open day for anyone interested in visiting the former junior seminary near Aberdeen. Archbishop Mario Conti will be present and will celebrate Mass at 5.00 pm. With the kind permission of the Muir Group, current owners of the college buildings and estate, it has been agreed that supervised access can be given to some areas of the college buildings and grounds. This may be the last time that such access is possible, as major redevelopment works could start in the foreseeable future. The Blairs Museum (located in the former sacristy) will be open for visitors. The friends are organising guided tours of the college for those interested. The supervised tours of the college run from 12 noon until 3.00 pm, the AGM is at 4.00 pm and Mass at 5.00 pm. For further information

please see www.blairsaberdeen.co.uk

SCOTTISH MARRIAGE CARE: Could you be a relationship counsellor? There will be a Scottish Marriage Care information evening for interested parties on Tuesday 20th May, 2008, at 7.00 pm, in the Family Mediation Office, 28/30 Grange Street, Kilmarnock, KA1 2DD. For more information please contact m.morris@scottishmarriagecare.org by email.

AMBULANCE IN MAYBOLE?: The Scottish Ambulance Service is planning to remove the ambulance in Maybole and replace it with what they call "a rapid response vehicle" which would appear to be a car and a paramedic. Peter Mason, Chairman of Maybole Community Council, has called a public meeting to let local residents have their say on the proposal. The meeting has been arranged for 7.30pm on Monday May 12 in Maybole Town Hall and Mr Mason has extended an invitation to residents of eight local villages around Maybole and any other people who feel they may be affected.

YOUTH: Next Saturday's Mass is a Youth Mass and there will be a barbecue for young people of primary and secondary age after Mass in the church grounds. Please come along! Also, Denise McCaffery will soon be in touch with the young people going camping to Whithorn, with further details of the trip.

SACRED HEARTS FATHERS, SMITHSTONE HOUSE OF PRAYER RETREAT EXPERIENCES

Pentecost Series on Thursday 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.

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 10 May Pentecost	Alex Meek	Margaret Boyce	Ellen Hawkes Nancy Flanagan	Jim Campbell Kate Spratt	Patrick & Roisin McCallum, Sam Currie, Brittany Campbell, Emily Kiltie	Maria Newlands	
Sun 11 May Pentecost Sacraments	Ronan & Caoimhe Hunter Blair	Liam Menzies Sam Currie	Irene Hewitt Marian Davidson	Dennis McCaffery Robin Donald Jim McDermott	Rachel Campbell, Rhian Collins, Owen, Pheobe & Ronan McDowall, Simone	Children/Guitars	
Sat 17 May Trinity Youth Mass	Rhian Collins	Chloe Simpson	Alice Mackie Danielle Connolly	Paige Campbell Chris McKay	Simone McCahill, Connor Menzies, Kyle & Ciera Campbell	Youth Musicians	
Sun 18 May Trinity	Jim McDermott	Eileen Hamilton	Margaret Kiltie David Strang	Dennis McCaffery Chic McDermott	Jonathan Lewis, Justin McQuillan, Liam Menzies, David Welsh	Maria Newlands	Gerry Murphy