

LITURGY FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY (Sunday 9.30 am)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Silent night, holy night 614

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 *Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3*

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great'. 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless. . .' Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir'. And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood'. Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea,
raise your voices, lift your hearts.
This is the day the Lord has made, let all the earth rejoice.*

I will give thanks to you, my Lord, you have answered my plea;
you have saved my soul from death,
you are my strength and my song.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

This is the day that the Lord has made, let us be glad and rejoice.
He has turned all death to life, sing of the glory of God.

SECOND READING *Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19*

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he

had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

GOSPEL *Luke 2:22-40*

PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN

Lord Jesus Christ 447

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

He is Lord, he is Lord. He is risen from the dead and he is Lord.
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

LAMB OF GOD

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

COMMUNION HYMN

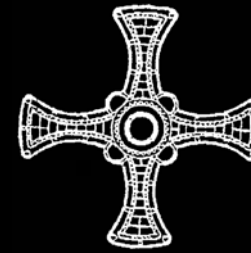
One bread, one body 538

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O come, all ye faithful 501



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Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm. Sunday 9.30 am

Weekday Masses

Mon 9 am; Thu 10 am

Celebration of Word and Communion

Tue, Wed, Fri 9 am

Sacrament of Confession

After Vigil Mass and when requested

Feastdays this week

December 31st: St Sylvester
Thursday 1st: Mary, Mother of God
Friday 2nd: St Basil & St Gregory

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: Archie Scobie (Ann)
Sun: James Scobie (Ann)
Mon: Tom Corbett (RIP)
Thu: Michael McDermott (RIP)
Next Sat: Charles & Sarah Donnelly (Ann)
Next Sun: Brigid Mills (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.

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY 28th DECEMBER 2008

The feast of the Holy Family takes on a special significance in this day and age when so many families have split up. God in his wisdom provided St Joseph as a foster father for Jesus knowing the stability which the father figure should bring to the family unit.

In the Holy Family we have before us a family forced by political circumstances to bring a child into a very hostile world. His life endangered, the family had to flee and become refugees for a time in a foreign land. Yet their faith in God remained firm, even to the end. We witness the sorrowful mother standing beside her Son at the cross, and the Son's care for his mother. Today the hope for our world is a return to this kind of family unselfish love, the hearts of father and mother focused on the children and later perhaps the roles reversed due to the infirmity of the parents. This is the lesson the Church wants us to learn and to live.

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

Last week's collection: **£464.00.**
Thank you.

CHILDREN BRING THE REAL MEANING OF CHRISTMAS



What a wonderful gift the teachers and children of St Cuthbert's primary school have for sharing the real message of Christmas! The pupils of primary 1, 2, and 3 presented the parish with the story of the birth of Our Lord on the Thursday before Christmas. The full cast of the play are pictured above. To the left are Ross, Justin and Niall, joining in with one of the cheerful songs sung by the children, and only too happy to dance with joy at the back of the church! A big thank you to Mrs Elizabeth Miller, Head Teacher, and her staff for their work to support the parents of this parish community pass the Christian faith to the children of these towns and villages.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES UNITED SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS



The Council of Churches work to promote Christian unity among the Baptist, Church of Scotland and Catholic church communities of the Maybole area. Again we marked the Christmas season with a service of lessons and carols in the Town Hall on 16th December.

"God so loved the world, He gave His only Son." How can you give yourself to God in a response to that love? Could God be calling you to live His love as a priest or in the consecrated life? If you think God may be offering you this grace, call your Diocesan Vocations Director or visit www.priestsforScotland.org.uk

CATHOLIC DIARIES for 2009 are available free of charge from the back of the church. There should be enough copies for each parishioner so please take your own copy and wait until everyone does the same. Thereafter you are welcome to take additional copies for others.

MONDAY MASS: Mass this Monday, 29th, will be at 9.00 am.

THANK YOU: to all who have made the church so clean and beautiful for the celebration of Christmas. The flower arrangements are magnificently created, the tree is majestic and carefully and artistically decorated, and the crib is prayerfully arranged. Please keep up this faith-filled work for years to come.

OUTING TO THE PANTOMIME FOR THE YOUTH OF THE PARISH: The parish youth outing to the pantomime for primary 7 and older young people will take place on Monday, 29th November. You must have completed a parental consent form after 30th September in order to go on this excursion. If you haven't, or are not sure, you will find forms at the back of the church or on the downloads page of the parish website at www.olasc.org.uk. **Without a parental consent form you will not be able to go on the trip.**

We will leave at 12.50 pm on Monday, 29th December. You may want to have some lunch before you go. The cost for the trip is £7 which should be given to Rhian Collins as soon as possible.

PARISH COUNCIL: There will be a parish council meeting on Sunday, 11th January, at 6 pm, in the parish house.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (Saturday 3rd January): The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for prayer and adoration on the first Saturday of the month, from 10.00 am until 12.30 pm. People are welcome to drop in at any time. However, a rota of 'watchers' is needed to ensure the Blessed Sacrament is not left alone. Please add your name to the list on the noticeboard to 'watch' over 15 minute periods.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: The National Commission for Justice and Peace advises the Scottish Bishops' Conference of the Catholic Church in matters relating to social justice, international peace and human rights, and promotes action in these areas. There will be a special collection to support this work at Masses next weekend. Please use the gift aid envelope in your box if you pay tax.

PLEASE LEAVE A BABY GIFT UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE



At this time of year in the parish we collect baby gifts to give to mothers in need, after bringing the best gift—the gift of human life—into this world. A representative from the 'Society of the Innocents' will be invited to receive and pass these gifts on in the New year. Gifts can be left under the Christmas tree, left in the sacristy or handed to Fr Stephen.

ONE SOLITARY LIFE

He was born in an obscure village,
the child of a peasant woman.
He grew up in another obscure village
where he worked in a carpenter shop
until he was thirty.

He never wrote a book.
He never held an office.
He never went to college.
He never visited a big city.
He never travelled more than two hundred
miles
from the place where he was born.
He did none of the things
usually associated with greatness.
He had no credentials but himself.

He was only thirty three.
His friends ran away,
one of them denied him.
He was turned over to his enemies
and went through the mockery of a trial.
He was nailed to a cross between two thieves.
While dying, his executioners gambled for his
clothing,

the only property he had on earth.
When he was dead
he was laid in a borrowed grave
through the pity of a friend.
Twenty centuries have come and gone
and today Jesus is the central figure of the
human race
and the leader of mankind's progress.
All the armies that have ever marched
all the navies that have ever sailed
all the parliaments that have ever sat
all the kings that ever reigned put together
have not affected the life of mankind on earth
as powerfully as that one solitary life.



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (1st January)



A woman is a man's mother either if she carried him in her womb or if she was the woman contributing half of his genetic matter or both. Mary was the mother of Jesus in both of these senses; because she not only carried Jesus in her womb but also supplied all of the genetic matter for his human body, since it was through her—not Joseph—that Jesus "was descended from David according to the flesh" (Rom. 1:3).

Since Mary is Jesus' mother, it must be concluded that she is also the Mother of God: If Mary is the mother of Jesus, and if Jesus is God, then Mary is the Mother of God. There is no way out of this logical syllogism, the valid form of which has been recognised by classical logicians since before the time of Christ.

This feast, which falls on January 1st, is placed at the end of the Christmas Octave — on the eighth day of Christmas. Although no longer a holyday of obligation (like Christmas Day), many people come to Mass to remember that Jesus is fully God and full man. It is also good to begin the new year inviting God's protection into our lives. Mass on new Year's Day will be at 10 am.

MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	READER	PRAYER BEFORE MASS & BIDDING PRAYERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	PASSKEEPERS	ALTAR SERVERS	MUSIC	SUPERVISOR FOR YOUNG LIT	BELL RINGER	COUNTERS
Sat 27 Dec <i>Holy Family</i>	Alex Meek	Matthew Reilly	Maureen Hay Angela Kirkpatrick	Jim Hawkes Cindy McEwan	Kyle, Ross, Ciera, Patrick	Nicola Lawrence		David Malone (Jnr)	Nancy Flanagan Chris Connolly Betty McCaffery
Sun 28 Dec <i>Holy Family</i>	Ellen Hawkes	Jim McDermott	Ellen Hawkes Eileen Hamilton	Chic McDermott Jim Campbell	Rachel, Rebecca, Justin, David, Suilven	Guitars	Roddy Wright	Laura Kiltie	
Thu 1 Jan <i>Mary, Mother of God</i>	Elizabeth Meek	Nancy Flanagan	Doreen Donald Maureen Hay	Alex Kelly Jim Campbell	Liam, Amy, Deáglan, Dara, Roisin			Laura Kiltie	
Sat 3 Jan <i>Epiphany</i>	Eileen Hamilton	Ellen Hawkes	David Malone Jun. John Malone	Robin Donald John Sabbatini	Kyle, Ross, Kieran, Ciera, Patrick	Nicola Lawrence		David Malone Jnr.	Nancy Flanagan Chris Connolly Betty McCaffery
Sun 4 Jan <i>Epiphany</i> 9.30 am Mass	Tom Dowman	Gillian Thomson	Nancy Flanagan Irene Hewitt	Cindy McEwan Tony Kerrigan	Chloe, Jodie, Brody Zak, Niall	Maria Newlands	David Strang	Laura Kiltie	