

# LITURGY FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Saturday Vigil)

## ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Lord Jesus Christ 447

## GLORIA

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.

*Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo; gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.*

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 *Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24-25*

Thus says the Lord: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises. Jacob, you have not invoked me, you have not troubled yourself, Israel, on my behalf. Instead you have burdened me with your sins, troubled me with your iniquities. I it is, I it is, who must blot out everything and not remember your sins.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.*

Happy are those who consider the poor and the weak.  
The Lord will save them in the day of evil,  
will guard them, give them life, make them happy in the land  
and will not give them up to the will of their foes.

The Lord will give them strength in their pain,  
he will bring them back from sickness to health.  
As for me, I said: 'Lord, have mercy on me,  
heal my soul for I have sinned against you.'

If you uphold me I shall be unharmed  
and set in your presence for evermore.  
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel  
from age to age. Amen. Amen.

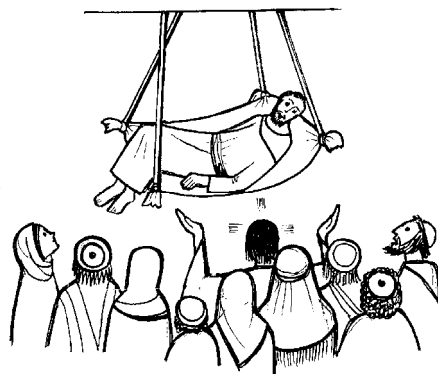
## SECOND READING *2 Corinthians 1:18-22*

I swear by God's truth, there is no Yes and No about what we say to you. The Son of God, the Christ Jesus that we proclaimed among you - I mean Silvanus and Timothy and I - was never Yes and No: with him it was always Yes, and however many the promises God made, the Yes to them all is in him. That is why it is 'through him' that we answer Amen to the praise of God. Remember it is God himself who assures us all, and you, of our standing in Christ, and has anointed us, marking us with his seal and giving us the pledge, the Spirit, that we carry in our hearts.

## GOSPEL *Mark 2:1-12*

When Jesus returned to Capernaum, word went round that he was

back; and so many people collected that there was no room left, even in front of the door. He was preaching the word to them when some people came bringing him a paralytic carried by four men, but as the crowds made it impossible to get the man to him, they stripped the roof over the place where Jesus was; and when they had made an opening, they lowered the stretcher on which the paralytic lay. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralytic, 'My child, your sins are forgiven.' Now some scribes were sitting there, and they thought to themselves, 'How can this man talk like that? He is blaspheming. Who can forgive sins but God?' Jesus, inwardly aware that this was what they were thinking, said to them, 'Why do you have these thoughts in your hearts? Which of these is easier: to say to the paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven" or to say, "Get up, pick up your stretcher and walk?" But to prove to you that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins,' - he said to the paralytic - 'I order you: get up, pick up your stretcher, and go off home.' And the man got up, picked up his stretcher at once and walked out in front of everyone, so that they were all astounded and praised God saying, 'We have never seen anything like this.'



## PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN

My God, accept my heart this day 479

## HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.

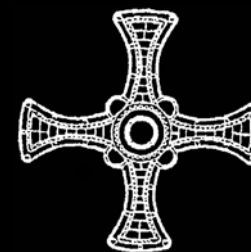
## LAMB OF GOD

(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.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

God forgave my sin 286

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# Parish of Our Lady and St Cuthbert

The Catholic faith community serving North Carrick



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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  
**Teas in the hall after Sunday Mass**

### Weekday Mass

Mon 7 pm, Wed 9am, 7 pm,  
Thu 9 am, Fri 7.30 am

### Celebration of Word and Communion

Tue, Fri 9 am

### Mass intentions this week:

Sat: Margaret Scobie (Ann)  
Sun: Fr Sam McGinness (RIP)  
Mon: Lee Ann McLean (Spec Int)  
Wed: Jean Allison (RIP)  
Thu: Robert Malone (RIP)  
Next Sat: Valerie Kerliher (Spec Int)

### Sacrament of Baptism

Forms available at the back of the church

### Sacrament of Confession

After Vigil Mass and when requested

### 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.

## THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OF YEAR B SUNDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2009

The healings Jesus performed drew great crowds, amazed to see the power of God at work before their very eyes. Commending the faith of the paralytic and his friends, Jesus astonished the crowd even more by telling the man his sins were forgiven, a power which everyone would recognise as belonging to God alone. Jews believed that disease was a punishment from God, so by healing the paralytic Jesus was challenging that belief and no doubt giving them cause for reflection about his power to forgive sin.

The man's friends overcame obstacles to bring him to Jesus, the source of physical and spiritual healing. Whether we see ourselves as the paralytic or as his friends, the important thing is that we bring the problem to Jesus, no matter what obstacles bar the way. In response to faith, Jesus can bring healing. He is the one hope for the human race. It's up to us to prayerfully bring our own and our world's needs before him who even now intercedes for us at his Father's right hand.

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

Last week's collection: £521.89.  
Students' Fund: £206.84. Thank you.

**PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION THIS WEEKEND**

This weekend the election will take place for membership of the new Parish Pastoral Council for the next year. Please complete your nomination forms and leave them in the basket at the back of the church. Thank you to all who have agreed to put themselves forward for election. 10 people will be chosen through the election and those standing will be informed of the outcome during the week.

New members will be expected to attend meetings six times a year on Sundays evenings. They are also expected to participate in the annual residential retreat which takes place this year in Skelmorlie from the evening of Friday 8th May until the afternoon of Sunday 10th May. **The first meeting of the new pastoral council will be on Sunday 8th March at 6.00 pm in the parish house.**

**YOUTH RETREAT**

A retreat is being organised for the young people of primary 7 and secondary age in Our Lady & St Cuthbert's and St Ann's parishes:

- **Dates:** Thursday 2nd April (after school) until Saturday 4th April (returning for Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday). You have permission to be away from school on Friday.
- **Place:** Craig Lodge retreat house, Dalmally, near Oban, where a community of young adults will help lead our retreat.
- **Transport:** Community minibuses.
- **Cost:** £40 per person. (There is a discount for families of more than 1 child who would like to take part.) This includes transport, accommodation and all meals.
- **Supervision:** Approved youth leaders from Maybole and Mossblown parishes will be present.
- **To go or if you have questions:** phone Denise (882760) or Fr Stephen (882145) before Friday 27th February.

**INVITATION TO PRAY DURING LENT:  
WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER**

Last December, because of freezing conditions and snow, the guides for the Week of Guided Prayer were unable to travel to lead the participants. They did, however, agree to return and the Week of Guided Prayer has been rescheduled during the Third Week of Lent. This can be an excellent way to take time to prepare for Easter.

Trained prayer guides will meet with those who wish to take part on Sunday 15th March at 7.00 pm in the church. Participants will join in a short prayer service that evening, and will receive a passage from Scripture and will be allocated a personal prayer guide. With the Scripture passage there will be guidelines and tips on how to pray with the passage.

Every day that week you are expected to spend 1/2 hour praying the Scripture passage. Each evening you will meet with the prayer guide at

church, at a time to be arranged. The time with your guide will be one-to-one sharing, and anything shared will be kept confidential. The meeting will last up to 30 minutes and allows you to speak about your prayer time that day and, where necessary, be guided to other Scripture passages that may help you experience the presence of God in your life.

During the evening meetings with the prayer guides, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the church and all parishioners are welcome to come and adore Jesus at this time.

On Friday 20th March, after the individual meetings with prayer guides, there will be a short closing service.

**How do I find out more or to put my name down?**

Speak to Fr Stephen or Ellen Hawkes, or put your name on the list on the noticeboard at the back of the church before Sunday 1st March. If transport, or getting to and from church is a problem please let us know.



You will see that a Catholic Truth Society bookstand has been put in place at the back of the church. The booklets teach on essential aspects of the Christian Faith and on the relationship of The Faith to other faiths and the world. These books accurately communicate Church teaching and are made available to you to help you inform yourself better in the Catholic Faith. They are reasonably priced and money for the booklets should be placed in the plastic box at the back of the church.

**LENT 2009**

Wednesday 25th February is Ash Wednesday. Masses will be at 9.00 am and 7.00 pm both in Our Lady and St Cuthbert's Church. The children from St Cuthbert's primary will come for Mass in the morning.

Ash Wednesday is one of two days in the Church's year (the other being Good Friday), where Catholics aged 15 and over are to abstain from eating meat and Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are asked to fast (taking one meal and two smaller snacks). Please remember this sacrifice on Ash Wednesday that helps us remember our deep human need to look beyond the material world to life in God's spirit.

To help foster prayer during Lent, the parish will host the Week of Guided Prayer (details above). There will also be an additional weekday Mass on Friday mornings at 7.30 am, to encourage those who are working and school pupils to begin the day with Mass. It may involve a special effort but the spiritual benefit of beginning the day with Mass is enormous.

Also, as in previous years, SCIAF Lenten packs with 'wee boxes' to gather alms will be made available from Ash Wednesday. Please return the boxes on Holy Thursday, 9th April). The Lent Extra magazine will also be made available from Wednesday.



**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:**

Galloway Lourdes Hospitalité will be on pilgrimage in Lourdes from 6<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> July 2009. There is a **very urgent need** for trained nurses and carers to work as part of a medical team caring for the sick pilgrims of our diocese. There are not enough just now to make taking sick pilgrims viable. If you know of any nurses who may be able to go on the pilgrimage please speak to Father Stephen. The cost is £750 but subsidy from this parish will be available for a nurse to go. They also need male and female helpers to aid with general duties. If you are interested or would like more information please contact the Hospitalité President Miss Debbie Gillion on 07531 016747.

**EASTER SEASON 'THOUGHT FOR THE DAY' STYLE REFLECTIONS:**

Thank you to those who have put their names forward for this project. You will receive a letter during the week with details

of the next stages to make the initiative happen.

**GALLOWAY DIOCESE NEWS:**

The Lent edition of the diocesan newsletter is now available. It features a report from the recent Holy Land pilgrimage, the Ayr historic churches visit, the project to digitally recreate the interior of Crossraguel Abbey, an article from Fr Martin Chambers, the Galloway priest in Educador, and other news and articles. Please take one and read about life in the diocese.



**CAR PARK:** You will be able to see that work is being done to extend and improve

the car park area at the rear of the church. When complete all cars will be asked to use the rear car park at weekend Masses, and the car park at the side and front of the church will be reserved for disabled and infirm parishioners to have easy access to the church. The improvements should make a significant difference to the inadequate parking at present. In the meantime **please do not park** in the corner of the church hall just as you come in the entrance or in the passageway alongside the fire exit of the hall because this makes access very difficult for other drivers. Thank you.

**LITURGY MEETING:** There will be a liturgy meeting after Monday evening Mass this week, in the parish house, and Maureen Hay, Denise McCaffery, Eileen Hamilton, Ellen Hawkes, Alex Kelly and Gerry Murphy are all asked to please attend.

**NEW ROTAS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. Please make sure you check the rota and know when you are serving. Thank you for your support.**

**150 CLUB PARISH DANCE**

The dance takes place in the Carrick Sports' Club (Speakers' Club) on Friday 27th February, and begins at 8.00 pm for the buffet to be served at 8.30 pm. The dance will run until 1.00 am. Tickets are available from the 150 Club committee members after Masses or from Jim McDermott on 882592. Tickets cost £2.50 for 150 Club members and £7.50 for non-members. Please come along to support the parish and help build a stronger sense of community.

**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 21 Feb 7th in OT	Margaret Boyce	Matthew Reilly	Maureen Hay Angela Kirkpatrick	Jim Hawkes Alex Kelly	Owen, Connor, Phoebe, Emily, Ronan	Nicola Lawrence		David Malone Jnr.	Jim McDermott Irene Hewitt Wilma Valdrighi
Sun 22 Feb 7th in OT	Elizabeth Meek	Tom Dowman	Jim McDermott Margaret Kiltie	Cindy McEwan Dennis McCaffery	Rachel, Rebecca, Justin, David, Sulven	Guitars	Roddy Wright	Laura Kiltie	
Wed 25th Feb Ash Wednesday 9.00 am	St Cuthbert's Pupils	St Cuthbert's Pupils	Doreen Donald Ellen Hawkes	St. Cuthbert's Pupils	St Cuthbert's Pupils				
Wed 25th Feb Ash Wednesday 7.00 pm	Nancy Flanagan	Eileen Hamilton	Dennis McCaffery Jim McDermott	Jim Hawkes Jim McDermott	Liam, Rachel, Rebecca	Nicola Lawrence			
Sat 28 Feb 8th in OT Children's Mass	Alex Meek	Ellen Hawkes	David Malone Jnr. Eileen Hamilton	Jim Campbell Robin Donald	Kyle, Ross, Kieran, Ciera, Patrick	Nicola Lawrence		David Malone Jnr.	Doreen Donald Robin Donald
Sun 1 Mar 8th in OT	Ronan McDowall	Emily Kiltie	Elizabeth Meek Irene Hewitt	Tony Kerrigan Dennis McCaffery	Chloe, Jodie, Brody Zak, Niall	Children's Mass		Laura Kiltie	