

LITURGY FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (SUNDAY 9.30 am)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Longing for light 439

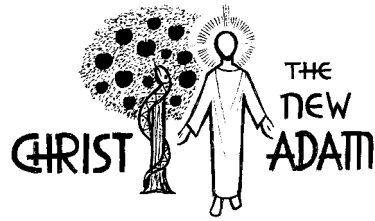
PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN

You shall cross the barren desert 757

FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8-15

God told Noah and his sons: 'I am going to make a solemn promise to you and to all who will live after you. This includes the birds and animals that came out of the boat. I promise every living creature on earth that the earth and those living on it will never again be destroyed by a flood. The rainbow that I have put in the sky will be my sign to you and to every living creature on earth. It will tell you that I will keep this solemn promise forever. When I send clouds to cover the earth, and the rainbow appears in the sky, I will remember my promise to you and to all other living creatures. Never again will I let flood waters destroy all life.'



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

Turn to me 696

RECESSIONAL HYMN

The love I have for you 662

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord: 'My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!'

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.*

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear.
Under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield.

You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.

For to his angels he's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot
against a stone.

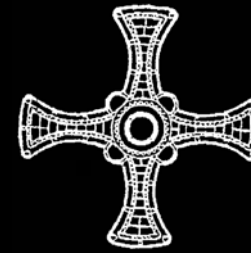
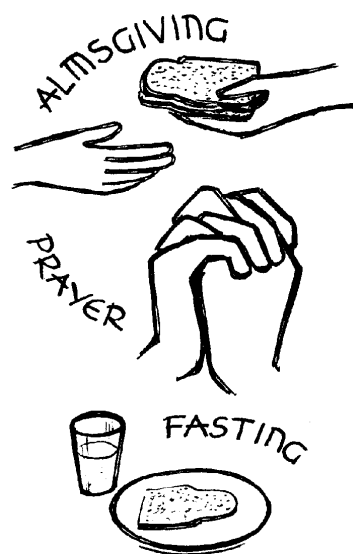
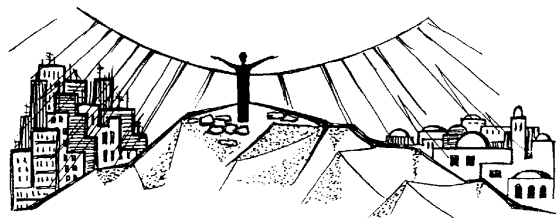
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

GOSPEL

Mark 1:12-15

Right away God's Spirit made Jesus go into the desert. He stayed there for forty days while Satan tested him. Jesus was with the wild animals, but angels took care of him. After John was arrested, Jesus went to Galilee and told the good news that comes from God. He said, 'The time has come! God's kingdom will soon be here. Turn back to God and believe the good news!'



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, Thu 9 am, Fri 7.30 am
Celebration of Word and Communion
Tue, Wed 9 am

Mass intentions this week:

Sat: Valerie Kerliher (Spec Int)
Mon: Edward McCaffery (Ann)
Thu: Betty Corbett (RIP)
Fri: Ross McIlwraith (RIP)
Next Sat: Robert Malone (RIP)
Next Sun: Betty Hay (Ann)

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 1st SUNDAY IN LENT OF YEAR B

SUNDAY 1st MARCH 2009

It is fitting that the gospel of the first Sunday of Lent speaks about Jesus being led into the desert by the Holy Spirit to be tempted by Satan. Resisting the various subtle traps set for him, Jesus then begins his public mission with the message to repent.

Today Satan, as deceitful and as subtle as ever, goes about his business often disguising his temptations as ways to enhance our wealth, looks, social status and happiness while really leading us along paths of self-centredness and greed. If we allow the Holy Spirit to lead us into the desert of our own heart, he will show us very clearly where we are being tempted and strengthen us to resist. He will also shed light on areas where repentance is needed and lead us gently to confess our sin to an ever merciful and forgiving God.

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

Last week's collection: £610.10.
Students' Fund: £242.84. Thank you.

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 Ecuador, and other news and articles. Please take one and read about life in the diocese.

SACRED HEARTS, GIRVAN: Fr Stephen Motroni, SCJ, will speak on "The life and teaching of St Paul — an introduction" on Monday 23rd March, 2009 at 7.30 pm in the Catholic Hall in Girvan. The evening will finish by 9 pm, and there will be a break for tea and biscuits.

LENTEN PRAYER RESOURCES FROM THE UNITED STATES: The US bishops' conference is offering resources on their Web site to help people live the Lenten season.

The site focuses on themes from the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, including what we believe, what we celebrate, how we live and how we pray. It includes teaching on prayer, the sacraments and the passion and resurrection of Christ.

It offers video meditations, using pictures of the crucified Christ and Michelangelo's Pieta, as well as an audio podcast based on Pope John Paul II's Stations of the Cross.

It features a video and a question-and-answer section about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. The bishops offer daily meditations, in text, audio and video segments, as well as other resources for deepening in prayer and sacramental life.

Lenten Web site: <http://www.usccb.org/lent/index.shtml>

SHORT TERM PLEDGE FOR LENT: The Pioneer Total Abstinence Society of the Sacred Heart invites you to think about

taking the short term pledge during Lent by abstaining from alcohol from Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday. There are leaflets available at the back of the church, with a prayer to invigorate one's efforts.

SMITHSTONE HOUSE LENTEN SERIES: Lent talks will run through March this year. On Mondays 2, 9, 16 March in the evening from 7 pm – 9 pm.

EASTER SEASON 'THOUGHT FOR THE DAY' STYLE REFLECTIONS: Thank you to those who have put their names forward for this project. You should now have received a letter with details of the next stages to make the initiative happen.

RITE OF ELECTION: Adults who will be joining the Church at Easter will meet the Bishop at the Cathedral this afternoon, Sunday 1st March, for the Rite of Election, when they are formally chosen to be members of the Church. Mass is in the Cathedral in Ayr at 3.30 pm. All welcome.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Galloway Lourdes Hospitalité will be on pilgrimage in Lourdes from 6th-13th 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Adoration is devotional prayer where people spend time in quiet prayer before the

consecrated host displayed in the monstrance. It is a time to gaze on Jesus present under the form of bread, and to experience the intimacy of his continuing presence among us. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration on the first Saturday of the month in Our Lady and St Cuthbert's, from 10.00 am until 12.30 pm, beginning on Saturday 7th March. 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 commit to spending 15 minutes by adding your name to the list on the noticeboard.

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. 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.

HOUSE AND CHURCH REPAIRS: The scaffolding around the house is to facilitate the replacement of the gutters on the house and part of the church building.

150 CLUB: Thank you to all who helped organise and who participated in the annual 150 Club dance on Friday. It was a most enjoyable evening. Winner of the February draw are: £25 Jim Crawford (no 10), £15 Dougie Wilson (no 137); £10 Louise Gibson (no 118).

JOLASC JOURNAL: The March issue of the Youth Newsletter is now available.

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.

YOUNG PEOPLE...

A mountain rescue team are coming to give a talk and demonstration on Saturday 21st March at 1 pm. Please phone Denise (882760) if you will take part.

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:

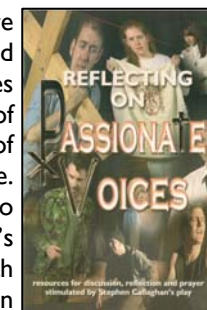
- **Dates:** Thursday 2nd April (after school) until Saturday 4th April (returning for Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday). You have permission to be away from school on Friday.
- **Place:** Craig Lodge retreat house, Dalmally, near Oban, where a community of young adults will help lead our retreat.
- **Transport:** Community minibuses.
- **Cost:** £40 per person. 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:** Places now limited. Phone Denise (882760) or Fr Stephen (882145) for more information.

LENT 2009

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 are now available. Please return the boxes on Holy Thursday, 9th April). The Lent Extra magazine is also now available.

Prayer and reflection meetings: What were the basic raw, human emotions of those connected with the Passion of Jesus Christ? Through a series of dramatic monologues on DVD, this series of Lent studies discusses the thoughts and feelings of six characters with a role in the Passion narrative. An original and inspiring series for anyone who wishes to enrich their appreciation of our Lord's Passion. These meetings will take place, with members of the other Christian churches, on Sundays of Lent at 7.30 pm in St Oswald's church hall, Gardenrose Path.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The new Pastoral Council membership is:

- Frances Campbell
- Jim Campbell
- Doreen Donald
- Eileen Hamilton
- Jean Harvey
- Ellen Hawkes
- Marguerite Hunter Blair
- David Kiltie
- Robert Mackie
- Denise McCaffery

Thank you to all who have served on the parish council during the previous three years, and to all who put themselves forward for election.

The first meeting of this newly elected parish council will be on Sunday 8th March at 6 pm in the parish house.

"Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God." Is He prompting you to suffer with Him, bringing others to God as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Please speak to your parish priest or to the Diocesan Vocations Director, Father Stephen Latham, stephen.p.latham@btinternet.com or visit the Priests for Scotland National Vocations website at www.priestsforScotland.org.uk

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 28 Feb 1st in Lent 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 1st in Lent	Ronan McDowall	Emily Kiltie	Elizabeth Meek Irene Hewitt	Tony Kerrigan Dennis McCaffery	Chloe, Jodie, Brody Zak, Niall	Children's Mass		Laura Kiltie	
Sat 7 Mar 2nd in Lent	Matthew Reilly	Eileen Hamilton	Doreen Donald John Malone	John Sabbatini David Malone Snr.	Owen, Connor, Phoebe, Ronan, Emily	Nicola Lawrence		Robin Donald	Nancy Flanagan Chris Connolly Betty McCaffery
Sun 8 Mar 2nd in Lent	Tom Dowman	Jim McDermott	Betty McCaffery Dennis McCaffery	Chic McDermott Cindy McEwan	Liam, Amy, Deaglan Dara, Roisin	Maria Newlands	Jim Campbell	Laura Kiltie	

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.