

LITURGY FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Amazing grace 131

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FIRST READING *Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23*

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia come to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

By the waters, the waters of Babylon,
we sat down and wept, and wept for thee, Zion;
we remember thee, remember thee, remember thee, Zion.

On the willows, the willows of Babylon,
we hung up our harps, our harps, for thee, Zion;
how can we sing, can we sing, sing of thee, Zion?

There our captors, our captors from Babylon,
tried to make us sing, to sing of thee, Zion;
but we could not sing, we could not sing, we could not sing, Zion.

SECOND READING *Ephesians 2:4-10*

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ - it is through grace that you have been saved - and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL *John 3:14-21*

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may

have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN

*All that we have and all that we offer
comes from a heart both frightened and free.
Take what we bring now and give what we need,
all done in His name.*

Some would rely on their power, others put trust in their gold.
Some have only their Saviour, whose faithfulness never grows old.

Sometimes the road may be lonesome, often we may lose our way;
take courage and always remember love isn't just for a day.

Sometimes when troubles are many, life can seem empty, it's true,
but look at the life of the Master, who lovingly suffered for you.

HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of 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

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come. Lord Jesus, come in glory!

LAMB OF GOD

(Cantor sings verse) Hear our prayer, hear our prayer;
through this bread and wine we share,
may we be your sign of peace ev'rywhere.

COMMUNION HYMN

*Seed, scattered and sown, wheat, gathered and grown,
bread, broken and shared as one, the Living Bread of God.
Vine, fruit of the land, wine, work of our hands.
One cup that is shared by all; the Living Cup,
the Living Bread of God.*

Is not the bread we break a sharing in our Lord?
Is not the cup we bless the blood of Christ outpoured?

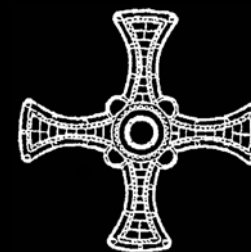
The seed which falls on rock will wither and will die.
The seed within good ground will flower and have life.

As wheat upon the hills was gathered and was grown,
so may the church of God be gathered into one.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Longing for light 439

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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: Archie Scobie (Ann)
Sun: Marc Devlin (Ann)
Mon: John Connolly (Ann)
Thu: Eileen Connolly (Ann)
Fri: Fr Sam McGinness (RIP)
Next Sat: Robert Malone (RIP)
Next Sun: Betty Corbett (RIP)

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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT OF YEAR B SUNDAY 22ND MARCH 2009

Nicodemus was a good man, a Pharisee convinced that God was with Jesus because of his works but needing to speak to Jesus alone to make a final decision – one which might get him into hot water with other Pharisees. Jesus does not miss the opportunity to lead Nicodemus towards a new way of living – by being born again by water and the Holy Spirit.

We reflect on all that Jesus has to say to us through Nicodemus. We are not expected to plod on our pilgrim way alone. We have the power of the Holy Spirit who indwells us. This power draws us closer in our personal lives to the Son of God, sent by his Father to redeem us. In our Eucharist, the priest calls down the power of the Holy Spirit to change bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ and we are once again present at the eternal sacrifice at Calvary. This power of the Spirit, within us as individuals and as Church community, enables us to live the new life of Christ here on earth before joining him for eternity in heaven.

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

Last week's collection: £488.88.
Thank you.

ADDITIONAL PRAYER EVENTS DURING LENT

Friday early Mass at 7.30 am (ideal for workers and school pupils)
 Lent study group, St Oswald's Church Hall, Gardenrose Path on Sunday at 7.30 pm
 reflecting on video monologues given by witnesses to Christ's Passion (this week Simon of Cyrene)

VISITORS FROM QUEEN MARGARET ACADEMY

We welcome some pupils and teachers from Queen Margaret Academy this weekend who will be coming to receive a cheque collected from the Christmas offering last year. Between Maybole and Mossblown parishes we are able to give a magnificent £1,600 towards the building of a health clinic in Badagry, Nigeria. Thank you. The pupils will also give us an update on the project. Below are some photos from their visit to Nigeria last summer to build the foundations of the clinic.



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.

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.

QUEEN MARGARET ACADEMY FUNDRAISER: A race night/disco will take place in Queen Margaret Academy on Friday 27th March at 7.00 pm. The funds raised will support the school fund, and a donation will also be made to the building of the Health Clinic in Badagry, Nigeria. Tickets are available from the school and cost £2.50. Families/groups/businesses are invited to buy horses in advance at the cost of £2 per horse – race sheets are available from the school with 8 blank spaces for horses. Please try to fill a sheet. There will be a prize for the winning horses. The event is for people age 18 and over. There will be a bar. For more information, horse ownership sheets and tickets please contact the school on 01292 268379.

YOUNG PEOPLE: A mountain rescue team came to give a interesting and entertaining talk and demonstration of their work on Saturday before the youth Mass. Thank you very much to Kenny, Ray and Johnnie.

YOUTH FOR LOURDES: There are still places for young people to go to Lourdes at the beginning of July. Cost £550. Please speak to Fr Stephen for more details.

APPEAL FOR ADULTS TO WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE: Will all those who are already working with young people in the parish, or who would like to become involved with our mission work with young people, please come to a meeting in the parish house on Monday 23rd March at 7.30 pm.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES: The parish Penitential Services to make use of the Sacrament of Confession before Easter take place as follows. All services begin at 7.00 pm.

- Tuesday 24th March: St Ann's, Mossblown
- Sunday 29th March: Our Lady & St Meddan's, Troon
- Monday 30th March: Our Lady & St Cuthbert's, Maybole
- Tuesday 31st March: Sacred Hearts, Girvan; and St Xavier's, Waterside
- Wednesday 1st April: St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr; St Clare's, Drongan
- Thursday 2nd April: St Paul's, Ayr

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MUSIC PRACTICE: There will be a music practice for young people aged primary 7 and older. They will use this time to prepare music for the children's and youth Masses.

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR PAPAL AND EPISCOPAL CHARITIES



The annual Papal and Episcopal Charities special collection during Lent will take place at Masses this weekend. In Galloway Diocese this collection is for two purposes. 75% of next weekend's collection goes to SCIAF for their work with those in need throughout the world. 25% on the collection goes to the Bishop's Charity Fund. Gift aid envelopes are provided for those who wish to take advantage of this scheme.



"God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him." Are you being invited to share the mission of Jesus 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

A selection of Easter gift candles are available at the back of the church. Remember also the Catholic Truth Society book stand: these books present teachings of the Catholic faith in an accessible and reliable way. Most books are priced £1.95. Please make use of this parish resource.

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 Mar 4th in Lent	Maeve Murphy	Kieran Porte	Owen McDowall Gillian Thomson	Phoebe McDowall Rhian Collins	Kyle, Ross, Liam, Ciera, Patrick	Nicola Lawrence		Robin Donald	Doreen Donald Robin Donald
Sun 22 Mar 4th in Lent	Nancy Flanagan	Elizabeth Meek	Margaret Kiltie Jim McDermott	Chic McDermott Dennis McCaffery	Chloe, Jodie, Brody, Zak, Niall	Guitars	Roddy Wright	Jim Campbell	
Sat 28 Mar 5th in Lent	Owen McDowall	Caoimhe Hunter Blair	Jim Hawkes Margaret Reilly	Alex Kelly John Sabbatini	Kyle, Ross, Kieran, Ciera, Patrick	Nicola Lawrence		David Malone Jnr.	Nancy Flanagan Chris Connolly Betty McCaffery
Sun 29 Mar 5th in Lent	Roddy Wright	Gillian Thomson	Irene Hewitt David Strang	Cindy McEwan Jim McDermott	Liam, Amy, Deaglan Dara, Roisin	Maria Newlands	Gerry Murphy	Laura Kiltie	