

LITURGY FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE (Sunday 9.30 am)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

As we are gathered 143

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 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.'

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

SECOND READING 1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is - keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth.

GOSPEL John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, 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.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you', he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.



PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN Bind us together, Lord 169

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
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN
How often we, like Thomas, need proof before we trust.
Lord Jesus, friend of doubters, come speak your truth to us.
We long to feel your presence; and gain new faith from you,
to find, without our seeing, the blessing Thomas knew.
You always stand among us, no doors can lock you out.
Your presence reassures us though we still live with doubt.
As present-day disciples, whose lives by sin are flawed,
we want to come believing, and cry: 'My Lord, my God!'

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Parish of Our Lady & St Cuthbert

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

The Catholic faith community serving North Carrick



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Sunday Masses
Sat Vigil 5.30 pm; Sunday 9.30 am
Teas in the hall after Sunday Mass

Celebration of Word and Communion
Mon-Fri 9 am

Mass intentions this week:
Sat: Charles Kelly (Ann)
Sun: Jane Shoulin (Ann)
Next Sat: Robert Malone (RIP)
Next Sun: John Connolly (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 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY 19th APRIL 2009

We can sympathise with the apostles' initial feelings of gloom after the death of the Lord – ours would have been exactly the same. So the days after the first Easter must have been tremendously exciting for them. The sight of the risen Christ had removed their despair and fearfulness. Now they were filled with an awe and wonder, which increased their faith enormously – a faith which would be further topped up by the power of the Holy Spirit

Yet they were perhaps given a taste of how difficult it would be to convince others, by the doubt of one of their own number. Thomas typifies the kind of "taste, touch and see" mentality which is prevalent today. This is why Jesus commends those, who believe without seeing, so highly. Our faith is in God, in Jesus Christ leading us to his Father by the power of his Spirit at work within us. We have a life hidden with Christ, an interior faith life, which guides and colours all our attitudes and actions. It is this new life which enables us to say "My Lord and my God" without laying down conditions.

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

Last week's collection: £804.78.
Holy Places: £139.50. Thank you.

This article was printed in 'The Herald' on Monday, 13th April.
Have you heard anyone make such a comparison before?

Spider-Man 'comparable' with Christ

CAROLINE WILSON

FOR decades he has captivated children with his death-defying stunts and selfless acts. Now the web-spinning action hero otherwise known as Peter Parker is being used by the Catholic Church in Scotland to encourage children to join the priesthood.

They claim that Spider-Man's story parallels with the gospel and that his championing of the weak and triumphs

over evil can even be compared to the life of Christ. Children from Catholic schools were offered the chance to watch a special showing of the Hollywood films starring Tobey Maguire as part of the annual Lentfest, run by the Archdiocese of Glasgow.

The screening, entitled Search for The Hero, described the blockbuster as a "parable for our times" and Lentfest director Stephen Callaghan said the fictional hero's struggles were also comparable to

those faced by many priests. He said: "As a trilogy there is absolutely no doubt that it explores Catholicism. It has got a very profound Christology and Catholic iconography appears throughout."

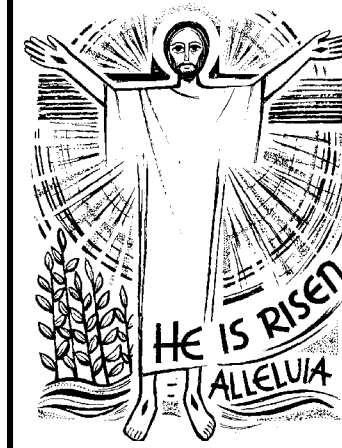
"In the second film you can actually see the Spider-Man crucified on the front of a speeding train.

"He is bleeding from his side, there is blood on his face and he is literally taking the weight of everyone on his shoulders like Christ on the cross."

EASTER CALENDARS



Easter calendars with daily prayers/activities are now available for young parishioners at the back of the church. Please take one home.



Pray online at
www.easterpodcasts.org.uk

EASTER PODCASTS: The people and priests of St Margaret's Deanery have recorded a "thought for the day" style reflection for each of the 50 days of the Easter season, from Easter Sunday through to Pentecost Sunday. Each day's reflection lasts up to six minutes and includes a reading from the Mass of the day followed by the reflection especially prepared by each contributor. There is quiet music in the background to help reflection and prayer. The podcasts can be downloaded on the days of Eastertide from www.easterpodcasts.org.uk and will become available as the days of the Easter season pass. It is hoped that the podcasts provide a focus for prayer during Eastertide and that they fulfil Christ's command to "Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good News".

PRIEST CONTACT 19th-24th April

Fr Stephen will be away from the parish from Sunday 19th until Friday 24th April. Should you need a priest in an emergency, please contact Fr Kinsler on 01292 520204.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES AND PARISH GIVING 2009-2010

The following collection envelopes have still to be taken from the back of the church.

- Margaret and William Boyce
- Michael and Linda Donnelly
- Nicholas and Morag Hunter
- Malcolm and Donna McKay
- Rodney and Lynne Malone
- Anne McPhee
- Brian and Noelle McQuillan
- Nicola and Alan Muir
- David and Sandra Strang
- Kathy Skinner
- William and Mavis Foley

Please take them this weekend. Thanks.

Like last year the envelope set contains special envelopes for the special collections during the year. Generally this saves from filling in your name and address as you used to have to do. However, there are three special collections in the year that are sent outside the diocese: two mission appeals and the SCIAF and Episcopal Charities collection. You will see the three white envelopes have space for your name and address on the back. This must be completed for the charity to reclaim gift aid.

The special collection envelopes are inserted on the date of the special collection to act as a reminder. On those Sundays, please bring both envelopes to church.

In order to reclaim gift aid — over £6,300 last year alone — you must use the envelopes on a Sunday. If you are a taxpayer and just put cash in the collection bag the parish loses 28p for every £1 given!

Thank you very much for your continued generosity. If you do not use envelopes and would like to use them please speak to Fr Stephen.

WHITHORN YOUTH CAMP: The youth camp organised for young people of primary 7 upwards will take place on 30th-31st May. Forms and details have already been distributed to the young parishioners. Form should have been returned by last Sunday. However, only 5 forms have been returned. **Unreturned forms are now a week late.** When the forms were given out many other young people seemed interested in going camping. Because of this a special extension on returning the forms has been given. Unless your form is returned at 9.30 am Sunday Mass this weekend, your name will not be on the list for the camping. If you did not get a form and need one urgently please speak to Fr Stephen. Fr Stephen would remind the young parishioners that you need to take more responsibility for signing up for parish events, and by the due date, to help the organisers plan your youth events properly.

MEETING OF PARENTS OF BOYS MAKING THEIR SACRAMENTS IN MAY: There will be a meeting in the parish hall on Wednesday 29th April for the parents of the four children who are making their Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist in May. The Sacraments will be given by Bishop Taylor at 9.30 am Mass on Sunday 24th May. Please pray for Aiden, Blair, Jack and Dara.

FIRST COMMUNION/CONFIRMATION GIFTS AND CARDS: A selection of gifts and cards for children making their Sacraments is available at the back of the church. We would recommend you make a purchase of any gifts you need soon because stock will disappear quickly.

SCIAF: thank you for your generosity during Lent in giving to SCIAF. Today is the last day for SCIAF boxes to be handed in. After today you will have to send your contribution yourself to SCIAF. The total collected in the parish boxes handed in will be published next weekend.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF PPC RETREAT: The parish council retreat, for all parish council members, takes place in the Notre Dame Apostolic Centre, Skelmorlie, from the evening of Friday 8th May to the afternoon of Sunday 10th May.

HELP PLEASE: Again the parish grounds are unsightly because of the growth of moss and weeds around the building and, in particular, at the front of the house. We appeal for volunteers who can form a group to help kill the weeds and remove the moss. Please contact Frances Campbell (884034) if you are able to help. Our church has much more presence and dignity when the grounds appear cared for. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SWIMMING CHAMPIONS FROM ST CUTHBERT'S

Congratulations to these St Cuthbert's Primary School swimmers who won the Girls Relay at the recent inter schools gala – Ciera Campbell, Jody Brownlee, Rachel Campbell and Rebecca Campbell.



Successful individual swimmers were:
Rebecca Campbell (2nd Girls P5 Breaststroke, 2nd Girls P5 Backstroke, 2nd Girls P5 Freestyle)
Ronan McDowall (2nd Boys P6 Breaststroke)
Ciera Campbell (2nd Girls P6 Breaststroke, 2nd Girls P7 Backstroke)
Rachel Campbell (1st Girls P7 Breaststroke)
Emily Kiltie (4th Girls P6 Backstroke)
Jodie Brownlee (1st Girls P6 Freestyle, 1st Girls P7 Freestyle)
Niall Murphy (2nd Boys P7 Freestyle)



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: At Mass bread and wine are changed to the Body and Blood of Christ, which we receive in the Eucharist. 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 his close presence among us. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for Adoration next on Saturday, 3rd May, in Our Lady and St Cuthbert's, from 10.00 am until 12.30 pm. The list for watching is at the back of the church. Please make sure someone is present at all times. All are welcome to drop in to church and spend a few moments in prayer.

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 18 Apr 2nd of Easter	Paige Campbell	Roisin McCallum	Patrick McCallum Danielle Connolly	Kyle Campbell Liam Menzies	Kyle, Ross, Kieran, Ciera, Patrick	Youth Mass		Robin Donald	Nancy Flanagan Chris Connolly Betty McCaffery
Sun 19 Apr 2nd of Easter	Elizabeth Meek	Ellen Hawkes	Margaret Kiltie David Strang	Chic McDermott Cindy McEwan	Rachel, Rebecca, Justin, David, Suilven	Maria Newlands	Jim Campbell	Laura Kiltie	
Sat 25 Apr 3rd of Easter	Matthew Reilly	Nancy Flanagan	Angela Kirkpatrick Jim Hawkes	Jim Hawkes John Sabbatini	Owen, Connor, Phoebe, Ronan, Emily	Nicola Lawrence		David Malone Jnr.	Doreen Donald Robin Donald
Sun 26 Apr 3rd of Easter	Roddy Wright	Tom Dowman	Elizabeth Meek Betty McCaffery	Tony Kerrigan Dennis McCaffery	Chloe, Jodie, Brody Zak, Niall	Guitars	David Strang	Jim Campbell	

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.

Ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest

"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." Will you respond to God's call to be sent as priest, sister or brother who proclaims the truth and peace of Jesus Christ? 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