

# LITURGY FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE (Saturday Vigil)

## ENTRANCE PROCESSION

The day of resurrection

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## 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 3:13-15, 17-19*

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.*

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;  
from anguish you release me, have mercy and hear me!  
It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;  
the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.  
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.  
I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,  
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

## SECOND READING

*1 John 2:1-5*

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

## GOSPEL

*Luke 24:35-48*

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about this when Jesus himself stood among them and said

to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'



## PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN

Sing of one who walks beside us and this day is living still,  
one who now is closer to us than the thoughts our hearts distill.  
One who once upon a hilltop raised against the power of sin,  
died in love as his own creatures crucified their God and King!

Strangers we have walked beside him the long journey of the day,  
and have told him of the darkness that has swept our hope away.  
He has offered words of comfort, words of energy and light,  
and our hearts have blazed within us as he saved us from the night.

Stay with us, dear Lord, and raise us, once again the night is near.  
Dine with us and share your wisdom free our hearts from every fear.  
In the calm of each new evening, in the freshness of each dawn,  
if you hold us fast in friendship we will never be alone.

## 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

Thanks for the fellowship

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# Parish of Our Lady & St Cuthbert

## THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

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

### Weekday Masses

Mon 7 pm; Thu 9 am

### Celebration of Word and Communion

Tue, Wed, Fri 9 am

### Mass intentions this week:

Sat: Robert Malone (RIP)  
Sun: John Connolly (Ann)  
Mon: Mary Paterson (RIP)  
Thu: Michael Diamond (Ann)  
Next Sat: Hugh Connolly (Ann)  
Next Sun: Linda Rennie (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 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY 26th APRIL 2009

Jesus dealt patiently with the initial doubts of the Apostles about his resurrection. Their hesitation was understandable as never before had anyone come back from the dead. It would take some getting used to – that this risen Christ before their eyes was the mangled and bloody dead body of Calvary. No wonder they were "dumbfounded" – here was concrete proof of life after death, proof that Jesus was actually who he said he was – the Messiah, the Son of God. They stood in the presence of almighty God and perhaps for the first time were fully and acutely aware of this fact and all it meant for mankind's destiny.

Jesus teaches them now in a different manner, opening their minds by the power of his Spirit to understand the real meaning of Scripture and how it applied to the lives there and then. They were witnesses to the greatest event in history and they were being called to let the nations know about it. Every one of them thereafter did bear that witness. Today it's our turn to carry on where others left off and Jesus has not left us to go it alone.

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))

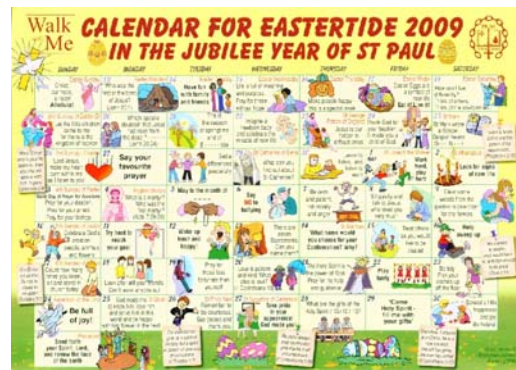
Last week's collection: £614.99.  
Thank you.



Pray online at  
[www.easterpodcasts.org.uk](http://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](http://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".

**EASTER CALENDARS**



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



**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.

**OUR LADY AND ST CUTHBERT'S GUITAR HEROES**



Last Saturday young parishioners gathered from 4 pm in the hall to discuss their Catholic faith. After watching some video clips from the Mary's Meals charity, they discussed the church's mission, the need for education, and how we can build up our community. After the Vigil Mass, they enjoyed a healthy buffet meal and £55 was donated for the Mary's Meals charity. The evening finished with a quiz and then a nail biting contest to see who was the Wii guitar hero. Liam Menzies was the winner.

**ST CUTHBERT'S PRIMARY SCHOOL:** is having a Rag Bag collection for Eco schools on 27<sup>th</sup> May. If anyone has rags to donate can you take them to the school on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> of May in time for uplift on 27<sup>th</sup> please.

**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. The boxes raised £376.41 and the collection on the fourth Sunday of Lent raised £321.00. These monies have been sent to SCIAF. Any remaining money in SCIAF boxes should be sent directly to the address on the box.

**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.

**SAVE THE CHILDREN** is 90 years old and local organisers are having a party for children at Maybole Castle and garden. A spokesman told us, "Please bring along your children for a couple of hours of fun and laughter, from 3 to 5pm on Sunday 26th April. We will have face painting, games and races, balloons, pony rides, castle tours, craft activities, and refreshments for all children including a birthday cake donated by Mr Tunnock (yes, of tea cake fame!) "The idea is fun and celebration at the start of national collecting week, but this is not intended as a money earner. Entrance will be £1.50 per child to cover party food, and some pocket-money costing stalls. Tell your friends about it and hope to see you there!"



**WELCOME** to Tom Cochrane who is being baptised into the Church this weekend. Please pray for him and his family.

**SECULARISM FADING**

A poll by the BBC has found that a majority of people believe that our laws should respect and be influenced by UK religious values. In the age group 18 -24 it was found that 77% believe that religion has an important role to play in public life.

The survey found considerable variations across the UK, for instance in Northern Ireland 84% agree that our laws should be influenced by religious values compared with 57% in Scotland. 61% of Scots polled did still assert that religion has an important role to play in society.

It is also notable that among Muslim, Hindu and Sikh respondents to the survey support for the influence of "UK religious values" was between 74 and 79%.

There has of course been considerable effort to ensure that the benchmark for political policy has been atheism or agnosticism to the point where religious values are sometimes not tolerated. These generalised findings may be encouraging but they set a challenge as to how religious values can positively influence our laws and way of life and also be presented well to show that they are beneficial to all members of society.

**GALA KING AND QUEEN CHOSEN**

Niall Murphy and Sam Currie have been chosen to be this year's Gala King and Queen. They are pictured here and will be crowned on Gala Day, 21st June. Congratulations to them both!



**HOLY HOUR NEXT SUNDAY TO PRAY FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD**



Next Sunday, 3rd May, is the Day of Prayer for vocations. In these times there seem to be few men responding to the call of Christ to serve his Church as a priest. Next Sunday afternoon, from 5.30 pm until 6.30 pm there will be a Holy Hour of prayer for priestly vocations. Please come along to pray that more men will hear and respond to Christ's call.



**"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](mailto:stephen.p.latham@btinternet.com) or visit the Priests for Scotland National Vocations website at [www.priestsforScotland.org.uk](http://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 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	
Sat 2 May 4th of Easter	Alex Meek	Eileen Hamilton	David Malone Jnr. Maureen Hay	Jim Campbell Robin Donald	Kyle, Ross, Kieran, Ciera, Patrick			David Malone Jnr.	Nancy Flanagan Chris Connolly Betty McCaffery
Sun 3 May 4th of Easter Children's Mass	Emily Kiltie Jodie Brownlee	Ronan McDowall	Irene Hewitt Jim McDermott	Chic McDermott Dennis McCaffery	Chloe, Jodie, Brody Zak, Niall	Children's Mass		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.**