

# LITURGY FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE (Sunday 9.30 am)

## ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

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## GLORIA

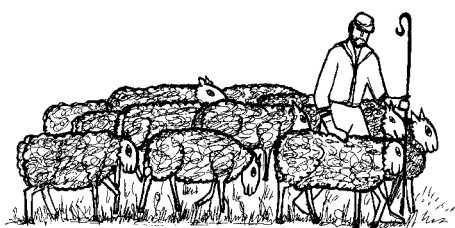
*Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo; gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.*

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.

shepherd gives up his life for his sheep. Hired workers are not like the shepherd. They don't own the sheep, and when they see a wolf coming, they run off and leave the sheep. Then the wolf attacks and scatters the flock. Hired workers run away because they don't care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep, and they know me. Just as the Father knows me, I know the Father, and I give up my life for my sheep. I have other sheep that are not in this sheep pen. I must bring them together too, when they hear my voice. Then there will be one flock of sheep and one shepherd.'



## PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN

The love I have for you, my Lord

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## FIRST READING

*Acts 4:8-12*

Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit and told the nation's leaders and the elders: 'You are questioning us today about a kind deed in which a crippled man was healed. But there is something we must tell you and everyone else in Israel. This man is standing here completely well because of the power of Jesus Christ from Nazareth. You put Jesus to death on a cross, but God raised him to life. He is the stone that you builders thought was worthless, and now he is the most important stone of all. Only Jesus has the power to save! His name is the only one in all the world that can save anyone.'

## 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!

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Because the Lord is my shepherd, I have everything I need.  
He lets me rest in the meadow and leads me to the quiet streams  
He restores my soul and he leads me in the paths that are right.

*Lord, You are my shepherd, you are my friend.  
I want to follow you always just to follow my friend.*

And when the road leads to darkness, I shall walk there unafraid.  
Even when death is close I have courage for your help is there.  
You are close beside me with comfort, you are guiding my way.

In love you make me a banquet for my enemies to see.  
You make me welcome, pouring down honour from your mighty hand;  
and this joy fills me with gladness, it is too much to bear.

Your goodness always is with me and your mercy I know.  
Your loving kindness strengthens me always as I go through life.  
I shall dwell in your presence for ever, giving praise to your name.

## 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

One bread, one body

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## RECESSIONAL HYMN

As I kneel before you

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## SECOND READING

*1 John 3:1-2*

Beloved: Think how much the Father loves us. He loves us so much that he lets us be called his children, as we truly are. But since the people of this world did not know who Christ is, they don't know who we are. My dear friends, we are already God's children, though what we will be has not yet been seen. But we do know that when Christ returns, we will be like him, because we will see him as he truly is.

## GOSPEL

*John 10:11-16*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the good shepherd, and the good

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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: Hugh Connolly (Ann)

Sun: Linda Rennie (RIP)

Mon: Mae Donald (Ann)

Thu: May Pimley (RIP)

Next Sat: Joe McAllister (RIP)

Next Sun: Margaret McLarty (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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY 3rd MAY 2009

### 46th WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

The Good Shepherd is one of the titles Jesus applies to himself. It tells us a lot about how he sees himself in relation to us. A shepherd in Israel was a constant companion and carer of his sheep, living with them and protecting them from harm. This is how Jesus wants us to be related to him. And he wants his message to be heard by everyone so that we can all be one flock under the Good Shepherd's charge.

How is it then that so many do not hear or refuse to listen to this message? Or how is it that the one flock Jesus so desired is so divided? Perhaps we get part of the answer from the ending of today's passage where Jesus foretells that he will willingly lay down his life for us. The example of the Good Shepherd applies to all Christian denominations. It is by our unselfish love for one another, at whatever cost to us personally, that the message of Jesus to come and join his flock will be heard and listened to.

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: **£685.66.**  
Thank you.

## THE CHURCH CAR PARK IS NOW RESURFACED AND READY FOR USE

For some time now car parking for Mass at Our Lady and St Cuthbert's has been a bit of a headache. Double and triple level parking, congestion, and blocking the car park and through route for disabled access have all been problems. The car park at the rear of the church is now resurfaced and ready for use, providing over 30 parking places.

To make the newly resurfaced car park work and to ensure those who have mobility trouble and disabilities have close access to the church will you please follow these guidelines:

- Parking at the side of the church is restricted to those with disabilities or serious mobility problems, and parent and toddlers (where a carry cot or buggy may need to be unloaded).
- All other cars should use the rear car park.
- When using the rear car park, park in the bays that are marked out.
- As before, parking in the corner beside the hall toilets is prohibited.

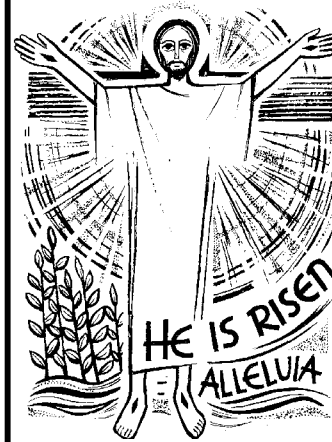
I am confident the newly resurfaced car park will make a big difference and ease the congestion. I am also aware that entering through the narrow gate at the top of the hill can still be tricky, but with the gradients and layout of the roads and properties around the church little was able to be done to widen or improve the entrance without spending large sums of money, and losing car parking space. Before winter the car park will be lit for greater safety and security in the dark. Signs will shortly be put in place to guide visitors to park in the appropriate area. Thank you for your cooperation.



## PARISH MISSION

From Saturday 13th until Friday 19th June the Redemptorist Fathers will lead a mission in Our Lady & St Cuthbert's. A mission is an opportunity for us to live our faith more intensely and rediscover its value in our lives and in our community. It is an opportunity for renewal in the parish — an exciting prospect.

Father Kieron Brady, CSsR, will celebrate the Masses this weekend to prepare us for the mission which will follow in June. He is very welcome among us as we look forward to him working with us to renew our faith in Jesus and his church.



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".

**UPDATE:** Requests have been made to help people who do not have internet access to listen to these 'thought for the day' podcasts. CD sets are available at the back of the church which contain the recordings for each day of the Easter season. You are welcome to give a donation to cover the cost of the CDs.

## CHILDREN THAT GO TO MASS CONTINUE GOING

If parents want their children to carry the Catholic faith from childhood to adulthood, take them to Mass, say a United States bishops' conference spokesman.

Archbishop Donald Wuerl of Washington, past chairman of the bishops' Committee on Catechesis and next chairman of the Committee on Doctrine, said this last Monday in response to a Pew Forum survey that revealed a key factor in whether or not one remains Catholic as an adult is whether or not one attends Mass as a child or teenager.

The study, "Faith in Flux: Changes in the Religious Affiliation in the U.S.," was made public on Monday by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life.

"The report highlights the importance of Mass attendance among children and teenagers," the archbishop said. "Adolescence is a critical time in religious development and, as the poll shows, what happens in the teen years has a long-lasting affect. We have to help young people and their parents

appreciate the importance of going to weekly Mass so teenagers know Jesus is there for them now and always."

The study also revealed a 68% retention rate of Catholics in the Church, which is higher than most other Christian churches. The key reason people leave their church, the study reported, is that "they just gradually drifted away from the faith."

When people were asked to choose why they left from a list of possible reasons, the number jumped from 21% for Catholics who became Protestant, and 27% for former Catholics who are now unaffiliated with any church. Other reasons for leaving the Church, such as disagreement on doctrinal matters, figured much higher.



**QUEEN MARGARET ACADEMY SUMMER FAYRE:** The school is hosting a Summer Fayre and Car Boot Sale in the school grounds on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May from 10 am – 12 noon. There will be tea, coffee, juice, hotdogs and snacks served. Cars washed for £2. Or book a space at the car boot sale and clear out your cupboards, drawers, garages and sell your unwanted goods. Car boot sale spaces are available for £5. Please book your space by sending a cheque for £5 made payable to "Queen Margaret Academy School Fund" to Queen Margaret Academy, Dalmellington Road, Ayr, KA7 3TL. **All welcome – come along and find a bargain!**

**ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL:** Next Sunday, Father Bill Tollan, a Mill Hill Missionary priest, will celebrate Masses and make an appeal for prayerful and financial support for the missionary work of his order. Please make him welcome and give as generously as you can, using the gift aid envelopes provided in your box where appropriate. You will have to fill in your name and address on these envelopes for the tax to be reclaimed.

**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.

**JUNIOR PPC MEETING:** There will be a short meeting of the Junior PPC this evening (Sunday) at 5.00 pm in the parish house.

**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.

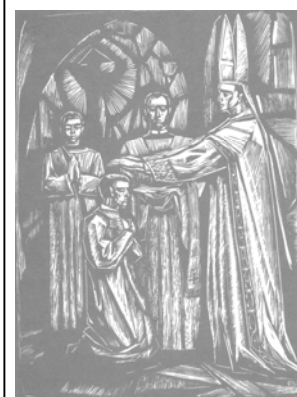
**HELP PLEASE:** Again the parish grounds are unsightly because of the growth of moss and weeds around the building and, in particular, at the front of the house. Thank you to those who have already helped tidy things up. I continue to appeal for volunteers who can form a group to help kill the weeds 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.

**150 CLUB WINNERS:** Winners for March were £25 to Alex Kelly (no 121); £15 to Bennet Ward (no 59); £10 to Jim Hewitt (no 94). Winners for April were £25 to Kathy Skinner (no 52); £15 to Eileen Hamilton (no 76); £10 to Nancy Flanagan (no 70). Congratulations and thanks to all who support the parish through the 150 Club.

**CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS OF CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Bishop Taylor will confer these Sacraments on Aiden, Darra, Blair and Jack on Sunday 24th May at the 9.30 am Mass.

**YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE** takes place on Thursday evenings at 7.00 pm. Come along if you want to sing.

## HOLY HOUR TODAY TO PRAY FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD



Today, 3rd May, is the 46th World 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. This 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.



*On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for holy vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If you are considering such a vocation, 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 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	Emily Kiltie Jodie Brownlee	Ronan McDowall	Irene Hewitt Jim McDermott	Chic McDermott Dennis McCaffery	Chloe, Jodie, Brody Zak, Niall	Children's Mass		Laura Kiltie	
Sat 9 May 5th of Easter	Matthew Reilly	Ellen Hawkes	Doreen Donald Jim Hawkes	David Malone Snr. Alex Kelly	Owen, Connor, Phoebe, Ronan, Emily			Robin Donald	Jim McDermott Irene Hewitt Wilma Valdrighi
Sun 10 May 5th of Easter	Tom Dowman	Gillian Thomson	Betty McCaffery Dennis McCaffery	Cindy McEwan Tony Kerrigan	Liam, Amy, Deáglan Dara, Roisin, Brittany	Maria Newlands	Gerry Murphy	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.