

LITURGY FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Bind us together, Lord 169

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 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.
My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever!

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
‘These things the Lord has done.’

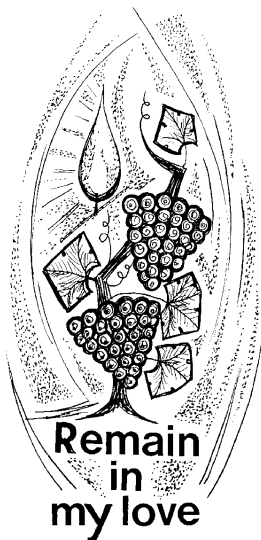
SECOND READING 1 John 3:18-24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the

name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

GOSPEL John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine dresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away - he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'



PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN This is my body 681

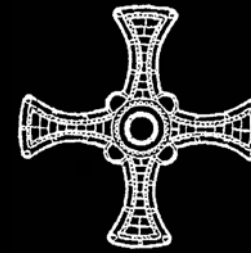
HOLY, HOLY
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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 As I kneel before you 141

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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.

<p>Sunday Masses Sat Vigil 5.30 pm; Sunday 9.30 am Teas in the hall after Sunday Mass</p> <p>Weekday Masses Mon 7 pm; Thu 9 am</p> <p>Celebration of Word and Communion Tue, Wed, Fri 9 am</p>	<p>Mass intentions this week: Sat: Joe McAllister (RIP) Sun: Margaret McLarty (Ann) Mon: Robert Magee (Ann) Thu: Isa Brown (RIP) Next Sat: Betty Corbett (RIP) Next Sun: Robert Malone (RIP)</p>	<p>Sacrament of Baptism Forms available at the back of the church</p> <p>Sacrament of Confession After Vigil Mass and when requested</p> <p>Sacrament of Marriage At least six months notice is required</p>
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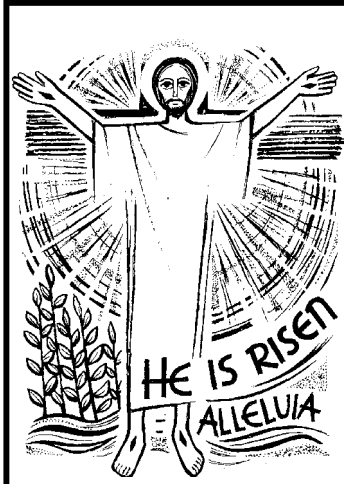
<p>PARISH PRAYER</p> <p>Lord our God, we the people of Our Lady and Saint Cuthbert's Parish offer ourselves to you to be your people in this place, to be your Church in this community, to be agents of peace and forgiveness and love. Help us to face what the future holds, and to make new beginnings in your name. Amen.</p>	<p>PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS</p> <p>Lord, make me a better person: more considerate toward others, more honest with myself, more faithful to you.</p> <p>Help me to find my true vocation in life and grant that through it I may find happiness myself and bring happiness to others.</p> <p>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.</p>
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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY 10th MAY 2009

Jesus calls himself the "true vine" – the only real one to which we can be attached which will bring us life. His words are significant in a world where people can get attached to so many things that take over life and lead nowhere – alcohol, drugs, fashion, status, power, money and many other seemingly attractive things. Jesus says that attachment to him will alone produce the kind of fruit which will lead to true happiness and eternal life.

Jesus knows that left to ourselves, we often get immersed in worldly things because we think they will bring us fulfillment. So he warns us about too much attachment to earthly possessions. Ultimately we have to leave them behind. He is encouraging us to a spiritual relationship with him which is "something real and active", from which will flow loving attitudes and actions bringing his healing presence among us. This is how he says God will be glorified – by the fruit he promises we will bear when we abide in him.

Items for inclusion in this newsletter should be given in writing to David Kiltie (882644 or david.kiltie@virgin.net) | Last week's collection: £597.00. Thank you.



**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".

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.

YOUTH MASS NEXT WEEKEND

Next Saturday the young parishioners will help with the liturgy at Mass.

Before Mass there will be a trip for young parishioners of primary 7 upwards to Pizza Hut in Ayr. The minibus will leave church at 2.30 pm and we will return in time for Mass at 5.30 pm.

If you wish to go on this trip please add your name to the list on the noticeboard or email Fr Stephen at info@olasc.org.uk. It is important you let us know you would like to go so we can arrange transport.

Please bring £5 for pizza hut on the day.



ST JOSEPH'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (THE MILL HILL MISSIONARIES)



St Joseph's Missionary Society is Britain's own missionary Society founded by Cardinal Herbert Vaughan in the late 19th Century. Over the last 160 years, missionaries coming from Europe, and more recently from Africa and Asia, have joined ranks to proclaim the Gospel throughout the world.

Acting on the Lord's command, Mill Hill Missionaries are ready to leave country and culture in order that the Gospel of Christ may bring together people of different races and may become incarnate in every culture and nation.

Mill Hill Missionaries are found in almost every continent of the world but more specifically in Africa, Asia, North and South America and in the home regions of Europe. Traditionally, members originated from the West and were from countries which formed part of the home regions: Great Britain, Ireland, the Netherlands and from the German speaking areas of Northern Italy and Austria. Members also came from the North American Region. After training in centres in Britain and the Netherlands, these Mill Hill missionaries are sent to countries in Africa: Cameroon, East Africa, Sudan, DR Congo, and in more recent years South Africa, and to countries in Asia: Pakistan, India, Malaysia, the Philippines, Indonesia. Mill Hill missionaries are also found in New Zealand and China.

Welcome to Fr William Tollan who will make a mission appeal at Masses this weekend. Please use the giftaid envelopes in the special collection if you can reclaim tax. Thank you for your generosity.

QUEEN MARGARET ACADEMY SUMMER FAYRE: The school is hosting a Summer Fayre and Car Boot Sale in the school grounds on Saturday 16th 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!**

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.

PRIESTS FOR SCOTLAND ENQUIRER'S EVENT: Have you ever considered life as a priest in Scotland? Is this an idea that has been at the back of your mind for some time? Is it time to spend just a few hours exploring the Lord's call? A retreat has been arranged for anyone considering a call to diocesan priesthood. The purpose of this overnight experience is simply to bring like-minded individuals together for prayer, reflection and relaxation. The offer to come and join us is made at no cost and without obligation, simply come and see. This event will take place 29th-30th May in the Dunkeld Pastoral Centre, Dundee. Please contact *Priests for Scotland* on 0141 554 6936 to arrange accommodation.

SMITHSTONE HOUSE: Pentecost Course will take place on Thursday evenings, 7th, 14th and 21st May from 7.00 -9.00 pm. Bible Study and Prayer: a series of four Wednesday afternoons beginning 6th May which will provide an opportunity to deepen your knowledge and love for the Old Testament Psalms. There will be a time and space for learning, sharing and prayer.

SONGS OF PRAISE: The Scottish Bible Society's work will feature on Songs of Praise on BBC1 at 5.55 pm on Sunday 10th May. Why not tune in?

PPC RETREAT: The parish council retreat takes place this weekend in the Notre Dame Apostolic Centre, Skelmorlie. Please pray for us as we will for you.

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.

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.

CHARITY SHOP: We take the Charity Shop from Friday afternoon this week. Please volunteer to help transport items from the garage and hall to the shop by coming to the church (with transport if possible) at 2.30 pm on Friday. Raffle prizes would be welcomed too. Volunteers are also needed to help in the shop during the days of the week since some of our regular workers are ill. Speak to Nessie (882656).

GRATEFUL THANKS to St Claire for favours received. D & K.

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.

Please put into action what Fr Kieron Brady (pictured above) asked of us last weekend: to pray for the mission, and to bring one person along with you who needs to hear about God's love for them.

PLEASE USE THE NEWLY RESURFACED CAR PARK



- 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.



"Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action." Are you being called to love the Lord and His people as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Love demands truth and action. 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 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 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	
Sat 16 May 6th of Easter	Rhiain Collins	Liam Menzies	Alice Mackie Gillian Thomson	Maeve Murphy Ali Roy	Kyle, Ross, Kieran, Ciera, Patrick	Youth Mass		David Malone Jnr.	Doreen Donald Robin Donald
Sun 17 May 6th of Easter	Elizabeth Meek	Nancy Flanagan	Cindy McEwan Margaret Kiltie	Jim Campbell Jim McDermott	Rachel, Rebecca, Justin, David, Suilven	Maria Newlands	Roddy Wright	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.**