

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

## ENTRANCE PROCESSION

All God's people, here together

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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 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48*

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.*

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations.

He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy.

## SECOND READING

*1 John 4:7-10*

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's

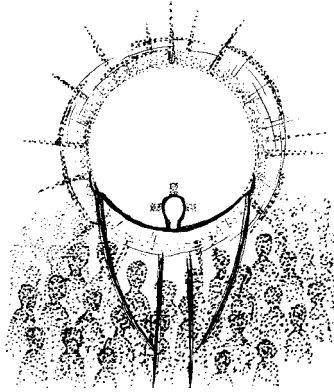
love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.



## GOSPEL

*John 15:9-17*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'



## PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN

Let there be love shared among us, let there be love in our eyes. May now your love sweep this nation; cause us, O Lord, to arise. Give us a fresh understanding, brotherly love that is real. Let there be love shared among us, let there be love.

Let there be peace . . . .

Let there be hope . . . .

Let there be joy . . . .

Let there be love . . . .

## 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

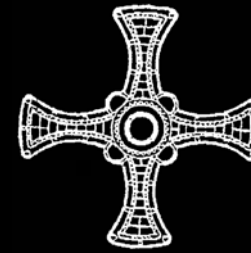
(Cantor sings verse) Hear our prayer, hear our prayer; through this bread and wine we share, may we be your sign of peace ev'rywhere.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

Bring flowers of the rarest

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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 and 7 pm

### Celebration of Word and Communion

Tue, Wed, Fri 9 am

### Mass intentions this week:

Sat: Betty Corbett (RIP)  
Sun: Robert Malone (RIP)  
Mon: Neil Macdonald (RIP)  
Next Sat: Robert Malone (RIP)  
Next Sun: James Scobie (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.

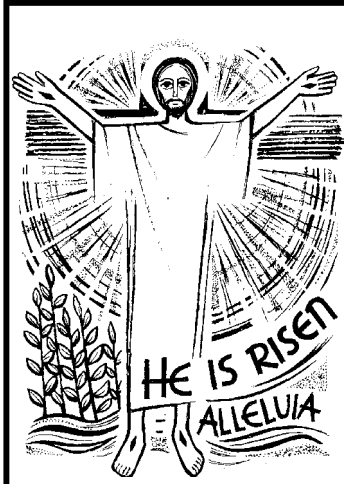
## THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY 17th MAY 2009

Jesus speaks often about love. It is the very essence of his revelation about God. Today he exhorts us, his disciples, to love by keeping his commandments. This is the way to remain in love, as Jesus defines love.

To love "as I have loved you" is a tall command. We think of the love of Jesus had for his Father and for us, which involved death on a cross. Yet Jesus calls us to selfless love and service, and knowing our weakness he gives us the promise of every grace we need through the Holy Spirit. Where the Spirit is active in our lives, we will find the grace to obey Jesus especially in the hard places like forgiving injustices and taking the first step to make amends with others. This is Jesus love, which forgives seventy times seven, and it is the only kind which holds out hope for genuine community spirit and real peace among nations.

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: £503.48.  
Mission Appeal: £316.92. 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](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.

**NEW CANONS FOR GALLOWAY DIOCESE**



Canon Walls, Fr McGee and Fr Brown

Bishop Cunningham has named three priests as members of the Chapter of Canons. They are Canon John Walls (who is presently an honorary Canon) of St Teresa's, Dumfries; Fr John McGee of Sacred Hearts, Girvan; Fr Archie Brown of Our Lady and St Meddan's, Troon. There will be a Mass of installation at St Margaret's Cathedral to take place on Friday 19th June at 7.00 pm. All are welcome.

**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.

From Monday to Friday there will be special events: an early morning Mass before work; a daily 10 am preached Mass; an evening mission service including themes of healing, reconciliation and other preaching.

Please put into action what Fr Kieran Brady asked of us when he visited:

- to pray for the mission;
- to bring one other person along with you who needs to hear about God's love for them.

**On Wednesday 20th May at 7 pm there is a preparation meeting with Fr Kieran Brady, the PPC Core Group and the Faith Development group in the parish house. Please try hard to be there.**

**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.

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

**"God sent only His Son into the world so that we might live through Him." Are you open to the call to be sent into the world as a priest or consecrated religious, that others might live in Christ? If you think God may be offering you this grace, 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)**

A convent house on the shore front at Skelmorlie provided the setting for a weekend away for members of Our Lady & St Cuthbert's parish. The idyllic views across the Firth of Clyde provided inspiration for the group. But this wasn't a holiday. An energizing part of the life of the parish over the last 20 or so years is that the parish pastoral council – the group elected to reflect on the Gospel and enliven parish life – participate in a retreat, or days apart, where they listen to Scripture and receive the Sacraments, pray, listen, share and discuss, socialise and discern how to better serve the parish and wider community where they live.

Fr Stephen reflected on the days saying, "The retreat has enriched us all. Once again the group was encouraged by the wealth of experience, commitment, faith and skills in our community which seeks to help people know the person of Jesus. I was inspired by the thoughtful sharing, the faith of those who took part, and the commitment and enthusiasm of the group. It's difficult to find time in our lives to share and reflect together in an environment that is prayerful, social and set apart from busy routines all at the same time: but that's what retreats are all about!"

During the retreat the parish council talked about how far they had come from the goals they set for the parish last year; reflected on the social teaching of the Catholic Church, examining justice issues and the dignity of the person; studied writings of Pope John Paul II on the need for Christian communities to strive for the holiness which must precede action and service in the name of Jesus.

The topic of communication in the community and beyond was developed in a lively discussion which reflected on how we ourselves first learned about Jesus, as well as considering the many means available to us to hand on the faith in an effective way. And at several moments during our discussions there were periods of silence to discern and listen prayerfully to God's Holy Spirit speaking in the midst of all that the group had to say.



**A BIG THANK YOU** to the kind-hearted parishioners and also to the volunteers from outside the parish who have been working hard to tidy up the grounds by removing weeds and moss. It has been hard work but already shows signs of being worthwhile, and helps prepare the grounds for our Confirmation and Communion celebration on 24th May. Thank you and keep up the good work please.

**CHARITY SHOP:** This is our week in the charity shop. Raffle prizes are welcome — please take them to the shop. 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 Connolly (882656). Thanks to all who work to make this parish fundraiser the success it is.

**LAST WEEK'S MISSION APPEAL:** Thank you for your generosity to the Mill Hill Missionaries' appeal in the parish at Masses last weekend. Fr Stephen received a lovely letter of gratitude from Fr Tollan for the warm welcome he received, congratulating the parish on the sense of community and the way readers, musicians and singers, altar server and the people all played their part in celebrating Mass well. He was also grateful for the hospitality shown him. The appeal raised £316.92, which will become over £400 with gift aid added on.

**PRIESTS FOR SCOTLAND ENQUIRER'S EVENT:** Have you ever con-

sidered 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 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> May in the Dunkeld Pastoral Centre, Dundee. Please contact *Priests for Scotland* on 0141 554 6936 to arrange accommodation.

**HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION:** This Thursday is the solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord. Masses are at 9 am and 7 pm.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** At Masses next weekend, the World Day of Prayer for Communications, there will be a special collection for the work of the Scottish Catholic Media Office. Where applicable, use the gift aid envelope.

**SMITHSTONE HOUSE:** Pentecost Course will take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May from 7.00 -9.00 pm. Bible Study and Prayer: a series of four Wednesday afternoons beginning 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 16 May 6th of Easter Youth Mass	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	
Sat 23 May 7th of Easter	Owen McDowall	Caoimhe Hunter Blair	Angela Kirkpatrick Margaret Reilly	Alex Kelly Kate Sprott	Kyle, Ross, Kieran, Ciera, Patrick	Nicola Lawrence		David Malone Jnr.	Nancy Flanagan Chris Connolly Betty McCaffery
Sun 24 May 7th of Easter First Communion	Justin McQuillan	Liam Menzies	Irene Hewitt David Strang	Dennis McCaffery Chic McDermott	Owen, Chloe, Jodie, Brody, Zak, Niall	Children's choir		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.**