

LITURGY FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE (Saturday Vigil)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

We have a gospel to proclaim, good news for all throughout the earth; the gospel of a Saviour's name: we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem, not in a royal house or hall but in a stable dark and dim: the Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary, hated by those he came to save; in lonely suffering on the cross for all he loved, his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn: empty the tomb, for he was free; he broke the power of death and hell that we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand, by all creation glorified; he sends his Spirit on his church to live for him, the lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him king; Jesus is Lord of all the earth; the gospel-message we proclaim: we sing his glory, tell his worth.

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 1:15-17, 20-26*

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers - there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: 'Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus - after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours. In the Book of Psalms it says: Let someone else take his office. We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling around with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us - and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.' Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, 'Lord, you can read everyone's heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.' They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord has set his sway in heaven

My soul, give thanks to the Lord; all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings.

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins.

The Lord has set his sway in heaven and his kingdom is ruling over all. Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels,

mighty in power, fulfilling his word.

SECOND READING

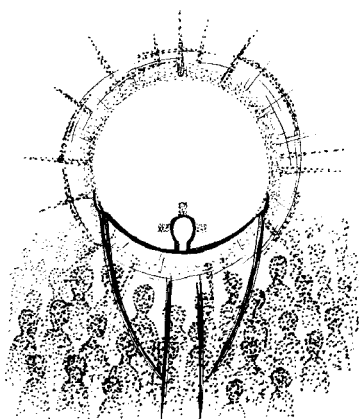
1 John 4:11-16

My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God's love towards ourselves. God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

GOSEL

John 17:11-19

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you had given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world. I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.'



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

Immaculate Mary 360

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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: James Scobie (Ann)
Mon: Helen Campbell (Ann)
Thu: James Connolly (Ann)
Next Sat: Archie Scobie (Ann)
Next Sun: Special Intention

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 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY 24th MAY 2009

We listen today to Jesus in earnest prayer to his Father. As he is about to leave this world, he is pleading for protection for his followers, his Church, that we will be one just as he and his Father are one, that his truth will remain firmly anchored in our hearts. Jesus spoke of himself as the Way, the Truth and the Life. In remaining at one with him we will be protected in a world which is hostile to the message of self-giving love which he proclaimed. He reminds us that we don't belong here anymore than he did. We are pilgrims on our passage to another eternal home. We each have to live here for whatever time God has ordained and our lives are to reflect the values of faith in Christ and not those so highly commended by the world.

As mediator with his Father, Jesus still prays this prayer for us and for future generations. Secure in our Father's love, what can really threaten us?

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

Last week's collection: £610.51.
Thank you.

PARISH MISSION

From Saturday 13th until Friday 19th June the Redemptorist Fathers Kieran Brady and Michael Kelleher 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.

The mission programme will begin with weekend Masses at the usual times. Then from Monday to Friday:

7.00 am: Early morning Mass for workers and school pupils

10.00 am: Mass with preaching for the parish for all who can attend

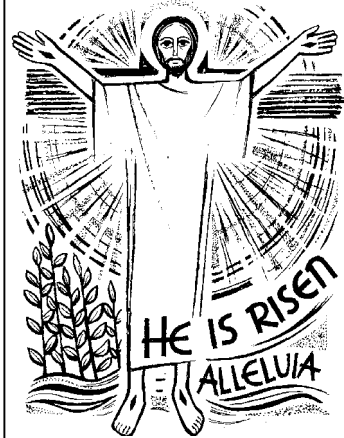
7.00 pm: Mission service on the themes of healing, prayer, family, Eucharist and discipleship.

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.

The mission will bear greatest fruit if you make every effort to attend the various events. Be bold: clear your diary of other events that week for the Mission. It's only one week of your life!

CHARITY SHOP: It's been a busy week for the workers from the parish and their kind-hearted friends in the Charity Shop. Thank you to them for the hard work. Some of them are pictured here but many more gave a helping-hand. The total raised was a over £1,500. Bingo fundraising adds approximately £900 more. This is a real boost for parish funds. 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".

ARE YOU IN THIS PHOTO OF ST CUTHBERT'S PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY? WHAT YEAR WAS IT TAKEN?



CONFIRMATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST: We welcome Bishop Taylor to Sunday's Mass to give the Sacrament of Confirmation to Blair Hannah, Aidan McQuillan, Jack Menzies and Darra Murdoch. The boys will also receive Holy Communion for the first time at this Mass. This is the beginning of a new time of responsibility in their lives to live as Christians committed to the life and worship of this community. We congratulate them and pray for them.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: At Masses this 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, please use the gift aid envelope. A letter from Bishop Tartaglia of Paisley, the President of the Communications Commission of the Scottish Bishops' Conference is inserted in this newsletter. Please reflect on it's message at home.

WILLIAM BOYCE, RIP: The prayers and sympathy of the parish go to Margaret, Rebecca, Rachel and Fraser Boyce on the sad death of Willie last weekend. May he enjoy the eternal reward he worked so hard for during his lifetime.

EVENING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH AND BENEDICTION: To mark the Solemnity of Pentecost, which is the last day of the 50 day-long celebration of Easter, there will be a liturgy in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr at 5.40 pm for 6.00 pm on Sunday 31st May. The celebration will include the sung Evening Prayer of the Church, moments of quiet adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and Benediction. (The 5.40 pm start time is to teach the congregation the sung psalms, canticles and responses before the celebration begins). Please make an effort to come along and celebrate the feast that marks the birthday of

the Church in a special way.

CHRISTIAN AID FUNDRAISING: Thank you to all who supported the bag packing last weekend at Somerfield. The total raised was a magnificent £502.50.

A BIG THANK YOU AGAIN for the continued efforts to tidy the grounds at the front of the church. Please keep up the good work

NEW CANONS FOR GALLOWAY DIOCESE: 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 Dumfries; Fr John McGee of Girvan; Fr Archie Brown of Troon. There will be a Mass of installation at St Margaret's Cathedral on Friday 19th June at 7.00 pm. All are welcome.

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.

SCOTUS COLLEGE CLOSING MASS: A thanksgiving Mass for the 16 years of Scotus College will be celebrated on Sunday 24th May, 2009 at 3.00 pm.

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.



"God sent only 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 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 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	Justin McQuillan	Liam Menzies	Irene Hewitt David Strang	Dennis McCaffery Chic McDermott	Owen, Chloe, Jodie, Brody, Zak, Niall	Children's choir		Jim Campbell	
Sat 30 May Pentecost	Margaret Boyce	Alex Meek	Doreen Donald Maureen Hay	Alex Kelly David Malone Snr.	Owen, Connor, Phoebe, Ronan, Emily	Nicola Lawrence		Robin Donald	Jim McDermott Irene Hewitt Wilma Valdrighi
Sun 31 May Pentecost	Roddy Wright	Elizabeth Meek	Eileen Hamilton Ellen Hawkes	Tony Kerrigan Chic McDermott	Liam, Amy, Deáglan Dara, Roisin, Brittany	Maria Newlands	David Strang	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.