

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Be thou my vision 168

GLORIA

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

Ezekiel 2:2-5

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy.

To you have I lifted up my eyes,
you who dwell in the heavens:
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves
on the hand of their lords.

Like the eyes of a servant
on the hand of his mistress,
so our eyes are on the Lord our God
till he show us his mercy.

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
We are filled with contempt.
Indeed all too full is our soul
with the scorn of the rich.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-6

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue

and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN

All that I am 122

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!

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

Forth in the peace of Christ we go,
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.

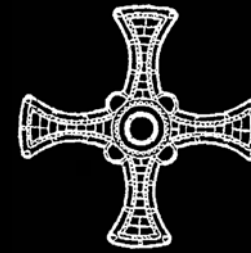
King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;
kingship with him his servants gain;
with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.

Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
the world of time to consecrate,
the world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to recreate.

Prophets of Christ, we hear his word:
He claims our minds, to search his ways,
he claims our lips, to speak his truth,
he claims our hearts, to sing his praise.

We are the Church; he makes us one:
here is one hearth for all to find,
here is one flock, one Shepherd-King,
here is one faith, one heart, one mind.

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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: James O'Neill (RIP)
Mon: John McKay (RIP)
Thu: Betty Corbett (RIP)
Next Sat: Theresa Connolly (Ann)
Next Sun: Alma Brown (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 FOURTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 5th JULY 2009

The people of Nazareth found it hard to accept that Jesus could be anything other than the carpenter's son. Astonished at his knowledge and witnessing healings and miracles beyond the power of any human being, they still allowed his very humanness and familiarity to blind them to the point of rejection.

What is it that defines us to others, and even to ourselves? We may be somebody's father, mother, brother, sister or child; the local shopkeeper, joiner or teacher; or we may be a "pillar of the Church" or the family black sheep. None of these ways, however, are the primary way in which God wants us to see ourselves and others. First and foremost we are children of a loving Father, saved for eternity by a beloved Son and enabled through this life's passage by a powerful Holy Spirit. *This* identity is to be the source of all that we do and say, so that through us, people today have a chance to recognise and accept the message of Christ.

Podcast on today's Gospel reading at www.gallowaypodcasts.org.uk

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

Last week's collection: £582.58.
Peter's Pence £256.15. Thank you.

TRIDENT THE MORAL ARGUMENT
CARDINAL KEITH O'BRIEN
THE TIMES 29 JUNE 2009



A recent 'Times' Editorial on the Trident weapons system noting that "national defence is one of the cardinal duties of the statesman" caused me to reflect on the moral duties of a Cardinal.

In the current debate surrounding the replacement of Trident, we have heard a great deal in this newspaper and elsewhere about the financial, diplomatic, military and political arguments relevant to retention or rejection. By contrast we have heard precious little about the moral arguments involved. Sometimes the debate around a particular topic become so confused and nuanced that the moral considerations of any decision can be lost in the fog.

In the context of Trident renewal, the moral case is really quite simple. It cuts through and across any others. Because it is simple, let me put it simply. In any and all circumstances the use of a nuclear weapon would be immoral. Since, to use these weapons would be immoral, to threaten their use is immoral and to hold them with a view to threatening their use is also immoral.

We not only violate moral principles with our nuclear weapons but undermine our moral authority in the world. We were prepared to engage in a brutal war with Iraq to ensure that nation did not possess any weapons of mass destruction. We did this in the belief that possession of such weapons is morally reprehensible, which it is, unless of course we possess them. Our duality and moral hypocrisy on this matter fatally undermined our motivation in Iraq.

We must simply ask ourselves, 'are nuclear weapons useable?' The inherently indiscriminate and devastatingly powerful destructive force of a nuclear weapon makes it qualitatively different from any other type of ordnance. Their first use, under any circumstances whatsoever, would be immoral and a crime against God and humanity. Likewise, a counter-strike in retaliation would be just as immoral, even more so, because it would be motivated not by defence but by the hollow and hellish vengeance of the vanquished. It is perhaps no coincidence that one of the British Trident fleet is named HMS Vengeance.

In war a primary duty of the military is to protect the innocent and non-combatants. This foundational aspect of military conflict through the ages is brutally and utterly violated when a nuclear weapon is deployed. Even a tactical deployment would constitute such a violation, yet Britain has no tactical nuclear weapons. Instead 200 identical warheads leased from the USA and quartered for the most part in Scottish waters comprise its strategic arsenal. Each one is eight times more powerful than the bomb, which devastated Hiroshima.

We all accept that threatening behaviour is a crime. In the domestic context it instils fear and mistrust and destroys relationships, so too in the international military context. To the Christian and to most people of faith threatening someone with such awesomely destructive power runs utterly counter to the call of God. A call to love, peace and reconciliation, not destruction, domination and force.

I join this debate as a Christian Minister a Catholic Bishop and a human being who believes in the dignity and sanctity of human life. This pro-life message is at the heart of the Catholic Church and is one the Church champions, 'in season and out of season'. No one can uphold the teachings of Christ unless they speak out in defence of life, and the mass killing of innocent victims at any time and in any place.

Life, must mean life in all its fullness and at every stage, from conception to natural death, and any premature taking of life at any stage has deep moral implications. This is why the Catholic Church opposes abortion, is immersed in international development, stands against capital punishment, works to bring an end to the scandal of child soldiers, the trade in small arms, and so much more. It is why the Church has consistently opposed the development of nuclear weapons, and why it demands their abolition, now more than ever.

None of what I say comes from me alone, but rather from the highest moral authority in the Catholic Church; the Pope and the bishops working together and in Council. The last Council was Vatican II over 40 years ago, its teaching on this subject rings down through the decades: "Any act of war aimed indiscriminately at the destruction of entire cities or of extensive areas along with their population is a crime against God and man himself. It merits unequivocal and unhesitating condemnation."

This is moral teaching of the clearest kind, and my duty as bishop and Cardinal is to pass that teaching on. To act morally, to do the right thing, often takes courage, and sometimes means taking a stand that others do not agree with or accept. That is the test of leadership. Britain now has a golden opportunity to truly lead and to turn its back on the path of mass destruction.

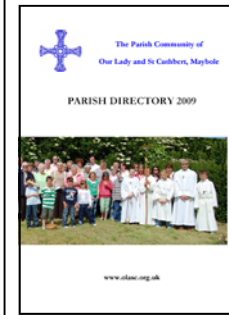
In doing so we can assist others, particularly Russia and the USA who have shown much more willingness to be courageous than Britain has in recent months, but who have so much further to go to disarm than we do.

Rejecting Trident, not in 2024 but right now, will bring economic dividends at home and give moral leadership abroad. It would allow us, at last, to stand on the moral high ground and to invite the nuclear armed nations of the world to join us there.

ALTAR SERVERS' MANUAL: A manual on altar serving had been prepared by Fr Stephen in conjunction with some altar servers. The manual will be given out to all servers in August. It would be good to have a photograph of as many altar servers as possible on the cover of the manual. These photographs will be taken after Masses next weekend. If you are an altar server then please wait behind for the photos.

150 CLUB WINNERS: Congratulations to June winners: £25 Jim Hewitt, no 94; £15 Alice McDermott, no 81; £10 Bennett Ward, no 59.

PARISH DIRECTORY 2009



At Masses this weekend a 2009 Parish Directory will be distributed. Please take one. This directory is a summary of the tasks and responsibilities that help build the life of the parish.

One of the main ideas behind the directory is that should a parishioner need information about an aspect of parish life or should they wish to point out a problem or breakage, then they can contact the person who has responsibility for that area, leaving the priest more available to minister as a priest. Please keep the directory handy (for example, beside your telephone directory) and make good use of it.

"Caritas in Veritate" to Cover Social Themes

Benedict XVI's new encyclical, titled "Caritas in Veritate," will be released Tuesday, the Vatican announced.

The Holy Father signed the encyclical Monday, the solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul



The Vatican press office confirmed today that the Pope's first social encyclical, which is expected to offer an analysis of the current economic crisis, will be presented at a press conference in the late morning July 7. The text will then be released to the public at midday, local time.

That same day, before praying the Angelus with those gathered in St. Peter's Square, Benedict XVI explained that the encyclical is a reflection on the conditions necessary for "integral development." He added that it returns to social themes found in "Populorum Progressio," written by Pope Paul VI in 1967.

He explained that it "aims to go deeper in certain aspects of the integral development of our age, in the light of charity in truth."

Cardinal Renato Raffaele Martino and Bishop Giampaolo Crepaldi, respectively president and secretary of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, will present the encyclical at the press conference.

"I entrust to your prayer this new contribution that the Church offers to humanity in its commitment to sustainable progress, in full respect of human dignity and the real needs everyone has," Benedict XVI said.

The Vatican also noted that Cardinal Paul Josef Cordes, president of the Pontifical Council Cor Unum, will speak, as will Stefano Zamagni, professor of political economy at the University of Bologna, Italy and consultant of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace.

"Caritas in Veritate" is the first social encyclical to be written in almost two decades. Pope John Paul II penned "Centesimus Annus" in 1991, a century after Pope Leo XIII's "Rerum Novarum."

The encyclical's release is one day before the Group of Eight will begin an international summit in L'Aquila, Italy

The encyclical will be released in English, Italian, Spanish, French, German and Portuguese.

The priests of tomorrow are in our midst. They are members of this parish. They are members of our own families. Encourage Vocations, pray for the gift.

Forgiveness lets the life of the relationship flow again

In a marital relationship forgiveness removes barriers and rebuilds bridges. It opens doors that were closed. It turns spouses back toward each other. It reconnects them and lets the life of the relationship flow again. When this happens peace returns, and happiness springs once more because husband and wife feel in their relationship the presence of God. Remember how good you feel after you reconcile!



"My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." If you think you may be called to serve Jesus as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, consider the power of His grace at work in you. 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 4 July 14th in OT	Alex Meek	Margaret Boyce	David Malone Jnr. Maureen Hay	John Sabbatini Robin Donald	Owen, Connor, Phoebe, Ronan, Emily	Nicola Lawrence		Jim Campbell	Nancy Flanagan Chris Connolly Betty McCaffery
Sun 5 July 14th in OT	Roselene Borland	Jim McDermott	Irene Hewitt David Strang	Chic McDermott Dennis McCaffery	Chloe, Jodie, Brody, Zak, Niall	Maria Newlands		Laura Kiltie	
Sat 11 July 15th in OT	Matthew Reilly	Owen McDowell	Doreen Donald Jim Hawkes	David Malone Snr. Alex Kelly	Kyle, Ross, Kieran, Ciera, Patrick	Nicola Lawrence		Robin Donald	Jim McDermott Irene Hewitt Wilma Valdrighi
Sun 12 July 15th in OT	Tom Dowman	Elizabeth Meek	Betty McCaffery Dennis McCaffery	Cindy McEwan Tony Kerrigan	Liam, Amy, Deáglan Dara, Roisin, Brittany	Maria Newlands		Jim Campbell	