

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### ENTRANCE PROCESSION

This is the day

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psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### 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

*Proverbs 9:1-6*

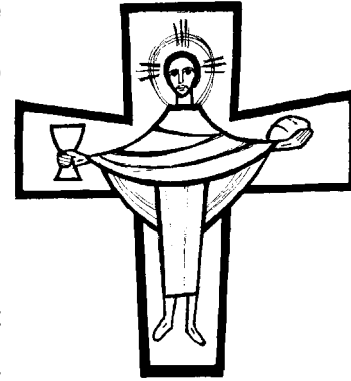
Wisdom has built herself a house, she has erected her seven pillars, she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine, she has laid her table. She has despatched her maidservants and proclaimed from the city's heights: 'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.' To the fool she says, 'Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared! Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception.'



### GOSPEL

*John 6:51-58*

Jesus said to the crowd: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'



### PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN

I am the bread of life

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### 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

My soul proclaims you, mighty God

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### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad.

Revere the Lord, you his saints. They lack nothing, those who revere him. Strong lions suffer want and go hungry but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Come, children, and hear me that I may teach you the fear of the Lord. Who are they who long for life and many days, to enjoy their prosperity?

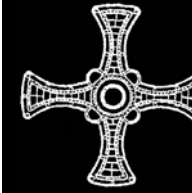
Then keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. Turn aside from evil and do good; seek and strive after peace.

### SECOND READING

*Ephesians 5:15:20*

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the

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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: Elizabeth Byars (RIP)

Mon: Patricia Pettit (RIP)

Thu: Robert Malone (RIP)

Sat: Jim & Ria Henry (Ann)

Sun: Betty Corbett (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

**Useful numbers:** Sacred Hearts, Girvan: 01465 713331  
St Paul's, Ayr: 01292 260197  
St Margaret's, Ayr: 01292 263488

Church and hall bookings (Tom McCahill): 01655 882884  
St Cuthbert's Primary, Maybole: 01655 882349  
Queen Margaret Academy, Ayr: 01292 268379

### 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 TWENTIETH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

**SUNDAY 16th AUGUST 2009**

Jesus says he is the bread that came down from heaven, that eating this bread brings immortality and that the bread is actually his own flesh which would bring life to the world. This must have astonished those who first heard him claim to be the very source of life not only of the Jewish nation, but of the whole world, and not only life on this earth but eternal life. No wonder they started to argue and express their doubts!

Debates still exist within the Christian Churches but as Catholics we hold fast to the literal meaning of today's passage. Christ is really present under the form of bread and wine, and his flesh and blood nourish our spiritual life at a hidden yet nevertheless powerful level. It brings eternity to the threshold of our lives, Christ present among and within us, and bestows gifts of forgiveness, guidance, peace, and healing. All this we are offered through the Eucharist every week. Let us pray that we may never take this divine providence for granted but always receive from it with grateful and wondering hearts.

**Podcast on today's Gospel reading at [www.gallowaypodcasts.org.uk](http://www.gallowaypodcasts.org.uk)**

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: **£502.65.**  
Thank you.

**PILGRIMS IN SEARCH OF CHRISTIAN ROOTS IN CARRICK**

Enthusiastic pilgrims learned about the Christian roots and the growth of the Christian church in Carrick last weekend. James Brown FSA Scot spoke engagingly and with extensive knowledge on the architecture and ruins of the local church building, revealing their purpose and the life of the communities who used them for worship. There follows some of what they learned.

Until the arrival of the railway and the age of the motor car, travel was easier (and safer) by sea. For centuries, the focus of Christian activity in the west of Scotland would have been Whithorn and Iona—both easily accessible from Carrick’s long coastline. The ethnic and linguistic diversity of Carrick and Galloway shows in its place-names with origins in Gaelic, Norse, Scots, Welsh (Cumbric) and Anglo-Saxon (Northumbrian). The parish pilgrimage and tour (in architectural terms) covers the period from the mid-13th century.

**Maybole’s First Parish Church**

However, the first church built at Maybole was founded by Duncan, Earl of Carrick in 1193, and was dedicated to St Cuthbert. The last building to occupy the site was built in 1750 and was described as being “large and mean”. There must have been at least one intermediate building as the original church is unlikely to have been substantial. A chaplainry of St Ninian was founded by Sir Gilbert Kennedy of Dunure in 1451. The neighbouring College Kirk was sketched by Charles Rennie Mackintosh in 1895.

**College Kirk**

The chapel of St. Mary, Abbot Street, was founded by John Kennedy of Dunure in 1371 and confirmed in a charter by King Robert II (the first of the Stewart dynasty) at Dundonald Castle. A college was founded in this chapel by Kennedy shortly before 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1382; by that time the greater part of the building had been completed. The college continued to function for a time after the Reformation, mass being publicly celebrated there at Easter 1563. On 19th May 48 people were accused of "... attempting to restore popery at Kirkoswald, Maybole, Paisley etc." including John, Archbishop of St. Andrews (i.e. John Hamilton, natural son of James, 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Arran), Hew Kennedy of Blairquhynnequhy, David Kennedy, brother to William Kennedy of Brunstone, George Kennedy of Barclannochane, Dene Gilbert Kennedy, Dene Michael Dewer and Sir James Kennedy. For their part, Hew and David Kennedy were imprisoned in Edinburgh Castle.

In the late 17th century, it is described as extant and entire, being used as the burial place of the Earl of Cassillis and other gentlemen who contributed to the putting of a roof on it when it was decayed. The present building dates from the 15th c.

**St Cuthbert’s Church, Straiton**

The grant of Straiton church to Paisley Abbey by Duncan, Earl of Carrick, was confirmed by Florence, Bishop-elect of Glasgow (1202-6). Dedicated to St Cuthbert, it was rebuilt in 1758; only the 13th-14th century south isle being preserved. The large traceried window in the south gable is 16th century.

More next week on the group’s visit to Crossraguel Abbey. An insightful guide of the history of these churches (in full colour) is available from the back of the church.



Only a stone marks the site of the first church in Maybole in the old kirkyard



In the nave of the “Auld College”



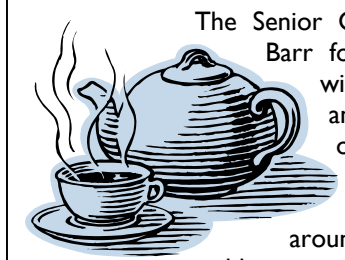
**YOUNG ALTAR SERVERS, READERS AND PASSEKEEPERS**

Thank you for your work in these valuable ministries in the parish. Your effort and commitment are much appreciated and help people to pray and experience God in a fuller way at Mass. Recently forms of commitment were sent out to you. Please complete and return the forms or let Fr Stephen know if you are unable to commit to your ministry this year before Sunday 23rd August at the latest (earlier would be better). The new rotas will be made up with the names of those who have recommitted.

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING**

There will be training for all altar servers, including the boys who made their Sacraments this year, on Monday 24th at 7.30 pm and Friday 28th August at 7.00 pm in the church. **It is very important that all altar servers make every effort to attend.**

**OUTING TO BARR VILLAGE**



The Senior Citizens outing to Barr for Afternoon Tea will leave Our Lady and St Cuthbert’s on Sunday 23rd August, at 1 pm and will return around 5 pm. Please add your name to the list at the back of the church if you would like to go on this excursion which has become a very enjoyable day out for many of our parishioners. Transport is available.

**GALLOWAY MUSIC FESTIVAL MASS:** The annual Galloway Music Festival Mass, celebrating the gift of music and bringing musicians together to share and celebrate their ministry, is being held in the grounds of Smithstone House, Kilwinning, at 2.30 pm on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August. All musicians and singers are invited to take part and everyone will be welcome to attend. For those wanting to join in leading the music, there will be a rehearsal from 1 pm. Bring your family and friends and a picnic for after! See your parish musician for details of the music and hymns that will be included.

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME:** The final details are being put together for the itinerary of the parish pilgrimage to Rome from 3rd-10th September. Pilgrims will receive a letter during the week. There will be a Pilgrims’ Mass followed by a meeting for all the pilgrims on Monday 17th August at Our Lady and St Cuthbert’s at 7.00 pm. At the meeting the final itinerary will be distributed with any other documents necessary for travel. Anne Marie Cairns from Alba Tours, our travel agent, will be present and will speak about the pilgrimage and will be able to answer any questions.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WHITHORN:** This year the feast of St Ninian will be celebrated at his cave on Sunday 30th August. A coach will leave the parish at 11.30 am on Sunday 30th August, to take you, parishioners of all ages, to Whithorn. The cost for the bus is £5.00 for adults and £3.00 for children, and you will need a packed lunch, stout shoes, a rainjacket in case of wet weather, and some money for fish and chips on the way home! The places are first come first served. Please put your name on the list at the back of the church. Children should be accompanied by a parent or

other adult. **Please add names soon to arrange the bus.**

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** The next parish council meeting will take place in the parish house on Sunday 23rd August at 7.00 pm. Please note the later starting time. Area of Service co-ordinators are reminded to have studied the proposed 3 year pastoral plan and come to the meeting with any necessary suggestions/changes.

**ADVANCE NOTICE:** Because parishioners are on pilgrimage to Rome at the beginning of September, there will be no adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday, 5th September. Adoration will resume again on Saturday 3rd October.

**PARISH GARDENING UPDATE:** Workers from BCTV recently cleared much of the overgrowth in the church grounds. The grass — including the slope down to the boundary wall on Allans Hill and the mound beside the car park at the rear — is cut regularly by ALMAC tree care. ALMAC also tend the hedges and trees. Now that the grounds have been brought back to a manageable condition can I please appeal for volunteers to regularly tend the garden in front of the house, the flowerbed beside the sacristy door and general weed-killing where possible? Please speak to Frances Campbell (889681) or Fr Stephen if you can help. Thank you.

**BOUNDARY WALL BESIDE FOOTPATH UP TO CHURCH:** There are many bricks lying on the grass beside the wall which bounds the church with the neighbours of Hicks Avenue. If anyone has brick-laying skills and can volunteer to replace the fallen brick to complete part of the crumbling wall please speak to Frances Campbell (889681) or Fr Stephen.

**PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS**

**Mission Statement**

The Catholic Church in Scotland is concerned with the lives, safety, wholeness and well being of each individual person within God’s purpose for everyone. It seeks to safeguard the welfare of people of all ages who are involved in whatever capacity with the Church and its organisations. As a Church community, we accept that it is the responsibility of all of us, ordained, professed, paid and voluntary members to work together to prevent the physical, sexual, emotional abuse or neglect of children, young people and vulnerable adults.

“Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood you have no life in you” Are you being chosen to give life to His people as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? 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 15 August 20th in OT	Caoimhe Hunter Blair	Alex Meek	Angela Kirkpatrick John Malone	Jim Hawkes David Malone Snr.	Owen, Connor, Phoebe, Ronan, Emily	Nicola Lawrence		Robin Donald	Nancy Flanagan Chris Connolly Betty McCaffery
Sun 16 August 20th in OT	Roselene Borland	Ellen Hawkes	Cindy McEwan Irene Hewitt	Chic McDermott Jim Campbell	Chloe, Jodie, Brody, Zak, Niall	Maria Newlands		Jim Campbell	
Sat 22 August 21st in OT	Matthew Reilly	Gillian Thomson	David Strang Eileen Hamilton	Alex Kelly Kate Sprott	Kyle, Ross, Kieran, Ciera, Patrick			David Malone Jnr.	Jim McDermott Irene Hewitt Wilma Valdrighi
Sun 23 August 21st in OT	Elizabeth Meek	Roselene Borland	Betty McCaffery Dennis McCaffery	Jim McDermott Tony Kerrigan	Liam, Amy, Deáglan Dara, Roisin, Brittany	Guitars		Laura Kiltie	