

# TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Seek ye first

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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

*Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18*

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God and serving other gods. Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Blessed be the Lord.*

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the Lord, for he hears the cry of the poor.

Let the lowly hear and be glad: the Lord listens to their pleas; and to hearts broken he is near, for he hears the cry of the poor.

Ev'ry spirit crushed he will save; will be ransom for their lives; will be safe shelter for their fears, for he hears the cry of the poor.

We proclaim the greatness of God, his praise ever in our mouth; ev'ry face brightened in his light, for he hears the cry of the poor.

## SECOND READING

*Ephesians 5:21-32*

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body - and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies

to Christ and the Church.

## GOSPEL

*John 6:60-69*

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'



## PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN

All that I am

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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.

## COMMUNION HYMN

This is my body

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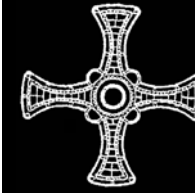
## RECESSIONAL HYMN

Sing, my soul

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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: Jim & Ria Henry (Ann)  
Sun: Betty Corbett (RIP)  
Mon: Jacqueline Murphy (RIP)  
Thu: Robert Malone (RIP)  
Next Sat: James McGrattan (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

**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 TWENTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

### SUNDAY 23rd AUGUST 2009

Today's passage records the verdict of many of Jesus' disciples on his teaching about giving us his flesh to eat and his blood to drink. They gave up because it seemed too hard or too intolerable for them to accept. The Twelve apostles, however, when asked directly, believed that what Jesus had spoken was nothing less than "the message of eternal life".

This is the stance of the Church too because it is Jesus' own stance. It is a life-giving truth, and God convicts us of it within our spirit. This is why the Eucharist is called the "source and summit of the Christian life". Not only is it our central form of worship as community but for each individual disciple it is a place of direct encounter with Christ, a point of individual acceptance of the truth of his teaching and a great signpost on the way to our true homeland with God in heaven. In providing us with access to this great sacramental encounter, the Church carries out the essential mission Jesus gave her - to look after his lambs and his sheep.

**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: **£669.62.**  
Thank you.

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

Enthusiastic pilgrims learned about the Christian roots and the growth of the Christian church in Carrick on 8th August. 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 the second part of the report begun last week.

Having visited the ruins of the "Auld Colledge", the site of the 1193 Maybole church and the 1475 church to St Cuthbert in Straiton, the group moved on to Souter Johnnie's in Kirkoswald for lunch.

Crossraguel Abbey, our final stop, was described by Mr Brown as the most important historic church site in Carrick. Duncan, Earl of Carrick, gave extensive lands to Paisley Abbey prior to 1214-16 on condition that they establish a daughter house of their Order of Cluny.

At first, only a small oratory was set up. Paisley seemed to drag its feet for years and in 1244, a judgement by the Bishop of Glasgow resolved a dispute between the earl and the monks of Paisley. The exact date of the abbey being founded at Crossraguel is uncertain but the first abbot on record is about 1286.



"The mission of the Cluniacs was to encourage pilgrimage so it is no surprise to see that Crossraguel is half-way between Paisley and Whithorn," Mr Brown said. Although it never featured strongly in national politics, Crossraguel is now the most complete medieval abbey in Scotland as substantial traces remain of all the main architectural components of monastic life.

Fr Stephen thanked Mr Brown for his excellent tour and sharing his extensive knowledge in such an enthusiastic way.



**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.



**"Choose this day whom you will serve." Consider as well how you are being called to serve the Lord! If you are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or 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)**

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ST NINIAN'S CAVE, WHITHORN**



St Ninian, a Bishop who had studied in Rome, came back his home in this part of Scotland in AD 397. Together with a group of monks he taught people about Jesus, and built a white house and church in Whithorn. St Ninian and the other monks lived and prayed in this white house which they called *Candida Casa* (Latin for 'white house'). Sometimes St Ninian left his home in Whithorn to pray, and when he did he often went to a quiet place on the shore outside Whithorn town. He would sit in a cave and spend time with God. The view from the cave is beautiful and it would help him to see how wonderful God's creation is.

That same cave is still there today. Every year, on the last Sunday of August, people from all over Galloway Diocese go to St Ninian's Cave where the Bishop (who is the successor to St Ninian) together with the priests of the diocese celebrate Mass with

them. It is an enjoyable day and a wonderful way to remember where the church in this part of Scotland began.

This year the feast of St Ninian will be celebrated at his cave on Sunday 30th August. Would you like to come along and celebrate with hundreds of people from all over Galloway? 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. We hope many of you can come and enjoy this great celebration of our local faith history. Children should be accompanied by a parent or other adult.

**Please add names this weekend: as of last Friday there were only 4 names on the list! The bus can only run with sufficient passenger numbers.**

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING:**

There will be training for all altar servers, including the boys who made their Sacraments this year, on Monday 24th August 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 today, Sunday, at 1 pm and will return around 5 pm.

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME:** The pilgrimage departs on 3rd September. Minibuses are arranged to take parishioners to the airport and to return them home again. The minibus will leave the church at 12.15 pm and stop at the Riverside Inn for lunch, then continue to Prestwick airport to arrive by 3 pm. There is a list with menu choices on the noticeboard. The cost of the lunch and return transport is £17 per person to be paid on the day of departure. If you would like to travel this way please add your name to the list at the back of the church.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** The next parish council meeting will take place in the parish house today, 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 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.

**SEMINARY APPLICANTS' YEAR 2009-10:** Those who may be considering applying for seminary and wish to take part in the Seminary Applicants' Year should contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Stephen Latham, [stephen.p.latham@btinternet.com](mailto:stephen.p.latham@btinternet.com) or at St Joseph's, Kilmarnock on 01563 521832. You can also get more details from your parish priest. The Seminary Applicants' Year is a year-long programme of prayer and discernment which is required of those preparing for seminary and wishing to study for diocesan priesthood. For further

information see [www.priestsforScotland.org.uk](http://www.priestsforScotland.org.uk).

**NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN:** The Annual Pilgrimage for Mass at the National Marian Shrine in Carfin will take place on Sunday 6th September at 3.00 pm. Cardinal O'Brien will be the Principal Celebrant and the homily will be preached by Bishop Toal of Argyll and the Isles. A special guest at this year's Mass will be Bishop Jacques Perrier of Tarbes and Lourdes who will give a reflection on the Lourdes Jubilee Year 2008 during the Rosary Procession after Mass. Parking is in the grounds of Our Lady & St Francis Primary and in the grounds of the Holy Ghost Fathers, both opposite the shrine.

**PARISH GARDENING UPDATE:** Workers from BCTV recently cleared much of the overgrowth in the church grounds. The grass 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.

**BUILDING FUND:** There will be a special collection at Masses next Sunday. Please use the giftaid envelopes if you would like your tax reclaimed for the parish. Thanks for your continued support.

**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 22 August 21st in OT	Matthew Reilly	Gillian Thomson	David Strang Eileen Hamilton	Alex Kelly Kate Sprott	Kyle, Ross, Kieran, Ciera, Patrick	Guitars		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	
Sat 29 August 22nd in OT	Eileen Hamilton	Margaret Boyce	Ellen Hawkes Jim Hawkes	Robin Donald Jim Campbell	Owen, Connor, Phoebe, Ronan, Emily	Nicola Lawrence		Robin Donald	Doreen Donald Robin Donald
Sun 30 August 22nd in OT	Tom Dowman	Roddy Wright	Irene Hewitt Jim McDermott	Cindy McEwan Chic McDermott	Rachel, Rebecca, Justin, David, Suilven, Dominic	Maria Newlands		Jim Campbell	