

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Sunday 9.30 am)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

I, the Lord of sea and sky

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GLORIA

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo. Gloria, gloria, in excelsis deo.

Lord God, heavenly King, peace you bring to us;
we worship you, we give you thanks, we sing our song of praise.

Jesus, Saviour of all, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away our sins, O Lord, have mercy on us all.

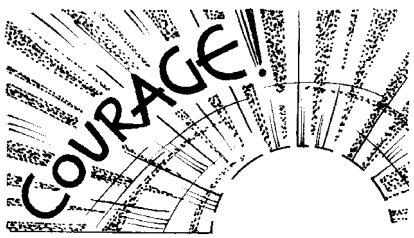
At the Father's right hand, Lord receive our prayer,
for you alone are the Holy One, and you alone are Lord.

Glory, Father and Son, glory Holy Spirit,
to you we raise our hands on high, we glorify your name.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:4-7

The people were worried.
So the Lord told Isaiah to
say to them: 'Cheer up!
Don't be afraid. Your God
is coming to punish your
enemies. God will take
revenge on them and
rescue you. The blind



will see, and the deaf will hear. The disabled will leap about like deer,
and tongues once silent will shout. Water will rush through the desert.
Scorching sands will turn into lakes, and thirsty ground will become fountains.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea,
raise your voices, lift your hearts.*

This is the day the Lord has made, let all the earth rejoice.

I will give thanks to you, my Lord, you have answered my plea;
you have saved my soul from death,
you are my strength and my song.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

This is the day that the Lord has made, let us be glad and rejoice.
He has turned all death to life, sing of the glory of God.

SECOND READING

James 2:1-5

My friends, if you have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, you won't treat some people better than others. Suppose a rich person wearing fancy clothes and a gold ring comes to one of your meetings. And suppose a poor person dressed in worn-out clothes also comes. You must not give the best seat to the one in fancy clothes and tell the one who is poor to stand at the side or sit on the floor. That is the same as saying that some people are better than others, and you would be acting like a crooked judge. My dear friends, pay attention. God has given a lot of faith to the poor people in this world. He has also promised them a share in his kingdom that he will give to every-one who loves him.

GOSPEL

Mark 7:31-37

Jesus left the region around Tyre and went by way of Sidon toward Lake Galilee. He went through the land near the ten cities known as Decapolis. Some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk. They begged Jesus just to touch him. After Jesus had taken him aside from the crowd, he stuck his fingers in the man's ears. Then he spit and put it on the man's tongue. Jesus looked up toward heaven, and with a groan he said, 'Ephphatha!' which means 'Open up!' At once the man could hear, and he had no more trouble talking clearly. Jesus told the people not to say anything about what he had done. But the more he told them, the more they talked about it. They were completely amazed and said, 'Everything he does is good! He even heals people who cannot hear or talk.'



PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN

Be still, for the presence of the Lord

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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

One bread, one body

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Seek ye first

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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

no weekday Masses

Celebration of Word and Communion

No weekday services

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-THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2009

As we read how Jesus healed the deaf and dumb man, we marvel at the power of God working through Jesus. Today as we hear the word "Ephphatha!" - "Be opened", we too can bring ourselves to this same Jesus and asked that our spiritual ears may be opened, to hear and understand what God is saying to us through his word here and now.

Jesus often advised his disciples to read the signs of the times and discern their deeper meaning. What might the Holy Spirit be saying to the Church in these times? There is little doubt that significant changes have taken place in society in the past few decades, resulting in a climate of individualism and widespread disbelief in God. It is in just such circumstances that we, who believe that Christ is the one hope for the future of humanity, must prayerfully ask that our ears may be opened so that our lives can witness to the truth.

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: **£590.99.**
Thank you.

CONTEMPORARY IMAGES OF THE DIOCESAN PRIEST - A PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

In celebration of the Year of the Priest, *Priests for Scotland* invites you to present *Contemporary Images of the Diocesan Priest*. Photographs should depict the essence of the Diocesan Catholic Priest. This competition is organised by Priests for Scotland with sponsorship from Arnold Clark, Phoenix Honda, T&R O'Brien, The Union of Catholic Mothers, and The Catenian Association.

THE COMPETITION

The competition is divided into two sections.

Section One

This section of the competition is open to pupils of secondary school age. In this section the winning school will be awarded a prize of £500 of photographic equipment. A further prize of £150 will be awarded to the winning pupil. The second prize in this section of the competition will award £75 to the second placed pupil. If you live in an area of Scotland that does not have Catholic secondary Schools then please contact your diocesan vocations director.

Section Two

This section of the competition is open to all competitors over 18 years of age. The winner of this section will receive £500. The second placed entry will receive £150. All prizes will be awarded in photographic vouchers.

You are invited to submit contemporary images of the Roman Catholic diocesan priest not simply pictures of priests. Whatever you decide to shoot, your images should make an impact. Try to find an unusual angle to give your images the edge or find that photograph that communicates what is central to the ministry of the diocesan priest. Each competitor may enter only one section, but you can submit up to five photographs.



To enter simply download an entry form at <http://www.pfs.org.uk/articles/103/1/CONTEMPORARY-IMAGES-OF-THE-DIOCESAN-PRIEST/Page1.html> and send it along with your images (saved as high resolution jpeg files along with 10 X 8 prints) to 'Contemporary Images of the Diocesan Priest', *Priests for Scotland*, 89 Abercromby Street, Glasgow, G40 2DQ. All entries must be received at the Priests for Scotland office by 15th May 2010.

A select number of entries will be assembled to form a touring exhibition which will be used to promote the vocation of the diocesan priest throughout Scotland. A further selection of entries may be used to illustrate a book of reflections on diocesan priesthood.

JUST FOR FUN



There was a Scottish painter named Smokey Macgregor who was very interested in making a penny where he could, so he often thinned down his paint to make it go a wee bit further.

As it happened, he got away with this for some time, but eventually the Baptist Church decided to do a big restoration job on the outside of one of their biggest buildings. Smokey put in a bid, and, be-

cause his price was so low, he got the job. So he set about erecting the scaffolding and setting up the planks, and buying the paint and, yes, I am sorry to say, thinning it down with turpentine.

Well, Smokey was up on the scaffolding, painting away, the job nearly completed, when suddenly there was a horrendous clap of thunder, the sky opened, and the rain poured down washing the thinned paint from all over the church and knocking Smokey clear off the scaffold to land

on the lawn among the gravestones, surrounded by telltale puddles of the thinned and useless paint.

Smokey was no fool. He knew this was a judgment from the Almighty, so he got down on his knees and cried: "Oh, God, Oh God, forgive me; what should I do?"

And from the thunder, a mighty voice spoke... **"Repaint! Repaint! And thin no more!"**

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.

"Be strong, do not fear!" With every true vocation comes the strength and courage of the One who calls. If the Holy Spirit is prompting you to follow Christ 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 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	EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	PASSKEEPERS	ALTAR SERVERS	MUSIC	SUPERVISOR FOR YOUNG LIT	BELL RINGER	COUNTERS
Sat 5 September 23rd in OT	Alex Meek	Margaret Boyce	David Malone Jnr Maureen Hay	John Sabbatini Robin Donald	Owen, Connor, Phoebe, Ronan	Nicola Lawrence		Jim Campbell	Nancy Flanagan Chris Connolly Betty McCaffery
Sun 6 September 23rd in OT	Rebecca Campbell	Emily Kiltie	Irene Hewitt David Strang	Chic McDermott Dennis McCaffery	Niall, Zak, Brody, Blair Darra	Children		Laura Kiltie	
Sat 12 September 24th in OT	Matthew Reilly	Gillian Thomson	Doreen Donald Jim Hawkes	David Malone Snr. Alex Kelly	Amy, Emily, Ciera, Patrick	Nicola Lawrence		Robin Donald	Jim McDermott Irene Hewitt Wilma Valdrighi
Sun 13 September 24th in OT	Tom Dowman	Elizabeth Meek	Betty McCaffery Dennis McCaffery	Cindy McEwan Tony Kerrigan	Liam, Brittany, Deáglan, Dara, Jack	Maria Newlands	Gerry Murphy	Jim Campbell	

Fr Stephen will be away from the parish from Thursday 3rd - Saturday 19th September, firstly on the parish pilgrimage to Rome and then on an excursion with pupils from Queen Margaret Academy. Should you need the service of a priest urgently during this time please contact Canon McGee in Girvan on 01465 713331.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME: Fr Stephen and the parishioners on pilgrimage will remember you in our prayers.

WELCOME to Fr Kinsler who will celebrate Masses this weekend.

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 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.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN: The Annual Pilgrimage for Mass at the National Marian Shrine in Carfin will take place today, 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.

'SINGING THE MASS' MUSIC DAY: Galloway Music Network are organizing an event called 'Singing the Mass' to bring musicians and singers from parishes in the diocese together to share their musical gifts, and spend an afternoon preparing music for the Vigil Mass of the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B). It is hoped the experience might encourage musicians and singers in their own parish ministry, and also build up relationships and share good practice among musicians and singers of different parishes. Even if you just enjoy singing you would be very welcome. The event will take place on Saturday 26th September, 2009 in St John Ogilvie's Church, Bourtreehill, Irvine, and for singers will begin with a light lunch at 1 pm and finish with the parish Mass which starts at

6 pm. Instrumentalists are also asked to attend the morning rehearsal starting at 12 noon. Booking forms are available from your parish musician or parish priest. And if you don't feel able to join in leading the music, you'd be very welcome in the congregation for Mass.

TREMENDOUS BOOST FOR PARISH FUNDS: The Inland Revenue recently transferred the giftaid we reclaimed into the parish bank account. From your donations we have received a huge £6596.61 for parish funds. This goes to show what a significant benefit to the parish the gift aid scheme is. If you are a taxpayer, and would like the church to receive £1.28 for every £1.00 you give, at no additional cost to yourself, please speak to Fr Stephen. Remember that to claim gift aid you must put your donation in the collection envelopes. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

NO MORNING SERVICES: Please note that there will be no morning services in church from Monday 5th - Friday 9th September because parishioners are on pilgrimage in Rome.

MOTHERS PRAYERS: Will begin again on Tuesday 15th September at 2.00 pm and will be held at 13 Hutchison Street that week. Thereafter Mothers Prayers will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 2.00 pm at 7 Kildoon Drive.

150 CLUB: August winners are £25 to Laura Kiltie (no. 6), £15 to Dani Struthers (no. 143), and £10 to Jim Drennan (no. 33). Congratulations!

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to Kevin Murdoch and Claire McDonald who were married here last weekend.

APPEAL FOR PRIZES FOR PARISH BINGO: The Women's Guild raise over £1500 a year for parish funds through the monthly bingo evening which is also well supported by many non-parishioners. Would you consider donating a prize for the bingo? Household goods, inexpensive electrical items and small food hampers are particularly welcome prizes. Please help if you can.

NEW ROTAS SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. PLEASE TAKE ONE. PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER TO ARRANGE A SWAP IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO MINISTER.