

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

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Where the love of Christ unites us

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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

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after - we have his word for it.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth.

For the proud have risen against me,
ruthless foes seek my life.
They have no regard for God,
they have no regard for God.

But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good.

SECOND READING

James 3:16-4:3

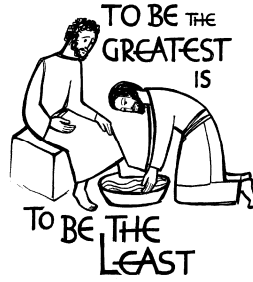
Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and

don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'



PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN

Brother, sister, let me serve you

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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

Make me a channel of your peace

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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, Fri 9.00 am

Celebration of Word and Communion
Tue, Wed, Thu 9.00 am

Mass intentions this week:

Sat: Robert Malone (RIP)
Sun: Betty Corbett (RIP)
Mon: Roberta McConnell (RIP)
Fri: Eneas Dolan (RIP)
Next Sat: Robert Malone (RIP)
Next Sun: Elizabeth Connolly (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-FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2009

Jesus cautioned his disciples to remember that he would be delivered into the power of sinful men, but assured them he would rise above all attempts to defeat him. While he was speaking about his own time, it is also relevant to our times. How often Christ is betrayed by the people of our day, and sometimes sadly by us! The danger and its remedy remain constant throughout the ages. We are not to be pre-occupied by selfish ambition, but to be at the service of one another. Jesus is turning the world's standards upside down. The first in rank is to act as if he were the least, genuinely having a servant's heart towards all.

Put into practice this advice would revolutionise our world. The little child was the least significant in the pecking order at the time of Jesus. He embraces him as an example of how we are to respond lovingly to those who are weak and powerless. Status, celebrity and rank do not count with Jesus nor are they to influence how we, his disciples, treat others.

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: see next week.
Thank you.



The full colour St Ninian edition of the Galloway Diocese News is now available at the back of the church. Please take one copy per family. Articles include a report on the Mass of Thanksgiving of the now closed parish of St Brendan, Saltcoats; a four page special report on the 2009 Lourdes pilgrimage; a review of vocations, buildings and finance in Galloway diocese; a reflection on the Year for Priests; and other news items and regular features.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

Pope Benedict's general prayer intention for September 2009 is "That the word of God may be better known, welcomed and lived as the source of freedom and joy," and his mission intention is "That Christians in Laos, Cambodia and Myanmar, who often meet with great difficulties, may not be discouraged from announcing the Gospel to their brothers, trusting in the strength of the Holy Spirit."

The answer to the persecution of Christians in non-Christian countries, the Holy Father seems to be saying, is the brave proclamation of the Gospel, which transforms lives and bring about true freedom. By living our lives in the fullness of the Gospel, we can bring others to Christ and change the world for the better.

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.

'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, Bourtreeshill, 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.

MOTHERS PRAYERS: Mothers Prayers, a prayer group for mothers and grandmothers, takes place on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 2.00 pm at 7 Kildoon Drive.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Will next take place on Saturday 4th October from 10.00 am-12.30 pm. Please add your name to the list at the back of the porch if you can commit to 'watching' in church for a while. Otherwise please drop in for some quiet prayer.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: A special collection for retired priests of the diocese will take place next weekend. Please use the gift aid envelopes if you wish tax to be reclaimed. In 2008 the total amount raised by the "Galloway Retired Priests Fund" collection came to £18,000 across the diocese. The expenditure on allowances, housing and specialised care for retired priests, who have served this diocese and its people faithfully over many years, amounted to £125,000. This is an extreme example of a shortfall that the diocese spends your hard-earned money on. Thank you for giving as generously as you can.

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

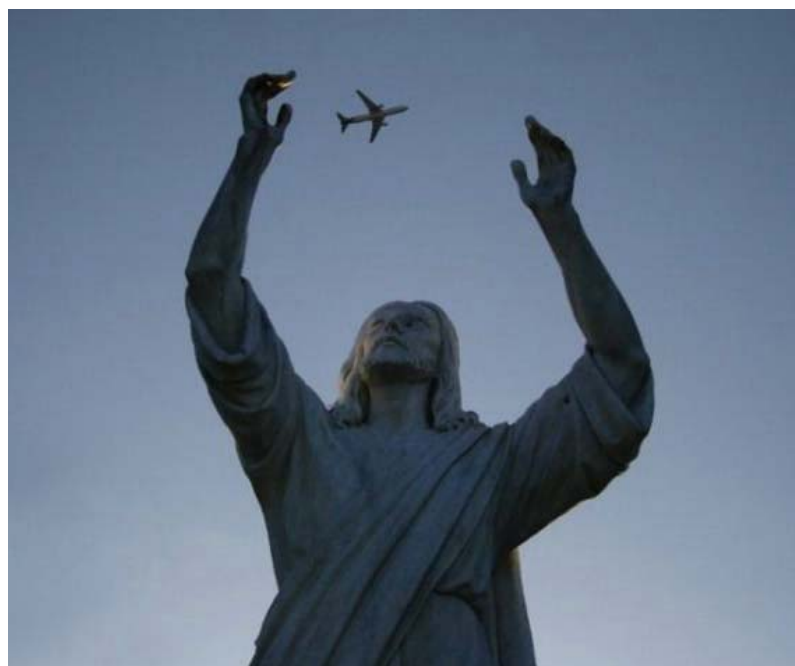
This section of the competition is open to all competitors over 18 years of age. The winner of this section will receive £500. The second placed entry will receive £150. All prizes will be awarded in photographic vouchers. You are invited to submit contemporary images of the Roman Catholic diocesan priest 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.

WHEN A PHOTO IS NOT JUST A PHOTO!



DEANERY "THOUGHT FOR THE DAY" PODCASTS

During the Easter season 50 people and priests composed and recorded a reflection based a short passage from the Bible. These reflections were made available for download from the internet as "thought for the day" style recordings. They can still be heard on www.gallowaypodcasts.org.uk. Since Easter a "thought for the day" recording has been made available for each Sunday of the year.

Advent is approaching, and the podcasts team hope to prepare daily reflections for each day of the Advent and Christmas season. Would you be willing to read a passage of scripture, pray about it and prepare a reflection, and then record it for others to listen to in order to help them pray? Please contact Chris Lawrence on 01465 714797 or email info@gallowaypodcasts.org.uk.

Also, there will be a review meeting to which all those who have recorded podcasts are invited in the parish hall of Our Lady & St Cuthbert's, Maybole on Monday 21st September at 7.00 pm. Anyone else interesting in becoming involved in the podcasts project is very welcome.

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.



"Wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield." Praying for wisdom will help you yield to Christ's choice of you, should He extend to you the gift of a vocation to the priesthood. If you are discerning your vocation, please speak to your parish priest or to the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr 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 19 September 25th in OT Youth Mass	Rhiain Collins	Owen McDowall	Alice Mackie Danielle Connolly	Patrick McCallum Phoebe McDowall	Emily, Connor, Phoebe, Ronan	Youth		David Malone Jnr.	Doreen Donald Robin Donald
Sun 20 September 25th in OT	Elizabeth Meek	Roddy Wright	Margaret Kiltie Eileen Hamilton	Jim McDermott Dennis McCaffery	Rachel, Justin, David, Rebecca, Aidan, Dominic	Maria Newlands	David Strang	Laura Kiltie	
Sat 26 September 26th in OT	Jim McDermott	Caoimhe Hunter Blair	Margaret Reilly Angela Kirkpatrick	Kate Sprout Jim Hawkes	Amy, Emily, Ciera, Patrick	Nicola Lawrence		Robin Donald	Nancy Flanagan Chris Connolly Betty McCaffery
Sun 27 September 26th in OT	Roselene Borland	Tom Dowman	Elizabeth Meek Cindy McEwan	Chic McDermott Tony Kerrigan	Niall, Zak, Brody, Blair, Darra	Guitars	Roddy Wright	Jim Campbell	