

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Saturday Vigil)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Longing for light 439

KYRIE

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison. Christe eleison. Christe eleison.
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FIRST READING

Zephaniah 3:14-18

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.

Give thanks to the Lord,
give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name.

Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-7

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL

Luke 3:10-18

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!' A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN

Rejoice in the Lord always 590

HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us, have mercy on us. (2)
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

The voice of God goes out to all the world;
his glory speaks across the universe.
The Great King's herald cries from star to star;
with pow'r with justice, he will walk his way.

Give glory to the mystery revealed,
the voice of God, his image and his Word:
his word of peace, the image of his grace:
with pow'r with justice, he will walk his way.

The Lord has said: Receive my messenger,
my promise to the world, my pledge made flesh,
a lamp to every nation, light from light:
with pow'r with justice, he will walk his way.

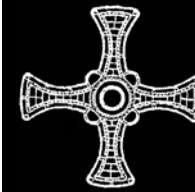
The broken reed he will not trample down,
nor set his heel upon the dying flame.
He binds the wounds, and health is in his hand:
with pow'r with justice, he will walk his way.

Anointed with the Spirit and with power,
he comes to crown with comfort all the weak,
to show the face of justice to the poor;
with pow'r with justice, he will walk his way.

His touch will bless the eyes that darkness held,
the lame shall run, the halting tongue shall sing,
and prisoners laugh in light and liberty:
with pow'r with justice, he will walk his way.



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Parish of Our Lady & St Cuthbert

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

The Catholic faith community serving North Carrick



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Sunday Masses

Sat Vigil 5.30 pm; Sunday 9.30 am
Teas in the hall after Sunday Mass

Weekday Masses
Mon, Thu 9.00 am

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

Mass intentions this week:

Sat: Janette McIlaney (RIP)
Sun: Tammy McFagan (RIP)
Mon: Aisling Dooley (Spec Int)
Next Sat: John Mills (Ann)
Next 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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY 13th DECEMBER 2009

This Sunday as we continue to prepare during advent to welcome Christ anew in our hearts, we are called, in the words of St Paul, to be aware that "the Lord is very near!" This is the same message which John the Baptist gave to the people of his time so that they would be prepared to recognise the Messiah.

This message of Good News continues to fill us with expectant hope. God is still with us, still very near. It's a message of joy, which is never more obvious than when we gather as the people of God at the Eucharistic meal. Jesus feeds us with his word, his body and his blood. His real presence nourishes our souls, and makes us confident of the hope we have in him, a hope which the world badly needs. The task of passing on the Good News is now ours. It is this presence, this nearness of God with us, that distinguishes both us and our message.

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: **£534.46.**
Thank you.

CHILDREN FROM ST CUTHBERT'S PRIMARY TEACH THE TRUE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Boys and girls from primaries 1, 2 and 3 at St Cuthbert's performed their Nativity Play "The Sleepy Shepherd" last Monday. Their professional and heartfelt performance brought home to all present that evening that the real Christmas message is that 'Jesus is for you and for me'.



Fr Stephen thanked Mrs McCrindle who leaves St Cuthbert's on Monday after 4 months as Acting Head Teacher, and Kai and Zoe presented her with a gift. Best wishes, Mrs McCrindle!



ADVENT SERIES: A time for reflection on Monday 14th December from 7-9 pm at Smithstone House, Kilwinning. For more details phone Fr Motroni on 01294 552515.

PRIMARY SCHOOL COFFEE MORNING: Thanks to everyone who support this event and who bought a raffle ticket for the hamper!

TOWN CAROL SERVICE: Maybole Council of Churches annual Carol Service will take place in the Town Hall on Tuesday 15th December at 7.00 pm. Please come along.

DIOCESAN CAROL SERVICE led by Bishop Cunningham, will take place in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr, at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 16th December. All welcome!

CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR YOUNG PARISHIONERS: Young parishioners of primary 7 age and upwards are invited to a Christmas dinner after the youth Mass on Saturday 19th December. Dress is formal. There will be a disco after the dinner and the event will finish around 10 pm.

CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR SENIOR CITIZENS: The Christmas Dinner for parishioners who are senior citizens will take place on Sunday 20th December at 2.00 pm in the parish hall. Please add your name to the list on the notice board.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS READING: Why not buy a CTS booklet from the rack beside the door at the back of the church to help you set aside time for your spirit before Christmas. A selection of Advent/Christmas titles are available.

YOUNG SINGERS NEEDED: To entertain the senior citizens at their Christmas dinner, young parishioners are asked to come and rehearse at 2.30 pm in

church on Sunday 20th December to make a choir who will then sing at 3.00 pm. You don't need to be the best singer in the world but the parish does need you to come along! Thank you.

CATHOLIC DIARIES customised for our parish are now available free of charge at the back of the church. They include useful local contact details, information about the Sacraments, and all the feast and saints' days of the Church's year. They make good stocking fillers too!

IT'S THE EUCHARIST, THANK GOD: Bishop Taylor's new book about the Mass combines teaching and memoir. He himself describes it as "a miscellany, a collection of different items on the Mass." The book is available at the back of the church for £8.50.

EXPOSITION DURING ADVENT: There will be an extra opportunity during Advent to pray before the Blessed Sacrament in church. After Mass on Monday the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for half an hour of prayer. This week Mass on Monday is at 9.00 am.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS: Christianity has lasted 2,000 years through the efforts and prayers of millions, and the work of the Spirit. As Christians, we have a duty to become evangelists for Christ. You can do this in a simple way like placing a 'Keep Christ in Christmas' sticker when sending Christmas cards and other correspondence. The stickers are available at the back of the church at the low price of £1.50 for 100. Proceeds to help street children in Colombia through 'Let the Children Live!'.

Also, religious Christmas stamps are now available from Maybole Post Office. The limited stock will not be replaced when they are sold. Get to the Post Office fast

if you are looking for religious stamps. Alternatively, you can order them online at www.royalmail.com.

RETREATS: Advent Retreat: A time of gentle quiet and reflection and an opportunity to hear again God's Word and, like Mary, to ponder it and treasure it in your heart. **Year End Retreat:** Would you like some time and space for reflection as this year ends and another one begins? Then perhaps this retreat is for you. It is called "Healing in the Spirit: a Spirituality of True Self-esteem", and will take place at St Mary's Monastery, Kinnoull, Perth, from 27th-31st December 2009.

The retreat is led by Fr Jim McManus, CSsR, and Miss Marie Hogg. For more details on both these retreats please contact The Secretary, St Mary's, Kinnoull, Perth, PH2 7BP; or phone 01738 624075. You can also find more information at www.kinnoullmonastery.org or by emailing stmmaryskinnoull@btconnect.com.

TO HELP YOU PRAY THIS ADVENT: Daily prayer podcasts can be downloaded every day from www.gallowaypodcasts.org.uk. They include the reading of the day and a 'thought for the day' style reflection by priests and parishioners.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS CLEAN: Volunteers are asked to come along on Wednesday 16th December at 2.00 pm to give the hall a thorough clean before the Christmas dinners and other Christmas events. Please help if you are able.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: This year's Christmas day collection will go towards the Queen Margaret Academy project of building a health clinic in Badagry, Nigeria.

PENITENTIAL SERVICES

You will have the opportunity to make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (or Confession) on the following dates and places, always at 7.00 pm:

Sun 13th December: St Meddan's, Troon

Mon 14th December: Our Lady & St Cuthbert's, Maybole or St Quivox', Prestwick

Tue 15th December: St Paul's, Ayr

Thu 17th December: St Ann's, Mossblown or Sacred Hearts', Girvan

Examination of conscience leaflets, one for younger people (green) and another for adults (yellow) are available in the porch. Please make use of them to help you celebrate the sacrament well.

Parents, please bring your children who have already made the Sacrament of Reconciliation to this service. It is important to celebrate the Sacrament of Forgiveness frequently and, by bringing your children to the service, they will have a better chance to learn this.

The primary 4 boys and girls will receive this Sacrament on Monday 14th for the first time. Please pray for them.

DECEMBER/JANUARY AT A GLANCE

- Sun 13th at 7.00 pm Reconciliation in Troon
- Mon 14th at 7.00 pm Reconciliation at Maybole
Reconciliation at Prestwick
Reflection, Smithstone House
- Tue 15th at 7.00 pm Carol Service in the Town Hall
- Tue 15th at 7.00 pm Reconciliation at St Paul's, Ayr
- Wed 16th at 2.00 pm Hall Christmas clean
- Wed 16th at 7.00 pm Diocesan Carol Service, Cathedral
- Thu 17th at 7.00 pm Reconciliation in Mossblown
Reconciliation in Girvan
- Sat 19th after Mass Young parishioner Christmas dinner
- Sun 20th at 2.00 pm Senior Citizens' Christmas dinner
- Thu 24th at 11.30 pm Carols & Christmas Midnight Mass
- Fri 25th at 10.00 am Christmas Day Mass
- Sat 26th at 5.30 pm Vigil Mass of the Holy Family
- Sun 27th at 9.30 am Mass of the Holy Family
- Fri 1st Jan, 10 am Mass of Mary, Mother of God
- Sat 2nd Jan, 5.30 pm Vigil Mass of the Epiphany
- Sun 3rd Jan, 9.30 am Mass of the Epiphany

Please remember those members and friends of our parish family who are sick: Margaret Manning, Helen Henderson, Nancy Baird, Margaret Murray, Catherine Ward, Moira Sillars, Lee-Anne McLean, John Hagan, Bill Close, Vera O'Neil, Valerie Connolly, Reginald and Helen Beans, Hugh Rodger, Jessie Doherty, Anne-Marie Keane, Jean Milligan, Marie Murray, Joseph Hernández, Billy Torbett, Edward Purvis, Rena McCrindle, Nancy Flanagan.

In our bidding prayers at Mass we pray for all the sick listed here. If you know someone who should be added to (or taken from) this list please email or speak to Fr Stephen.

WHAT KINDS OF PEOPLE become priests, sisters or brothers? Are they uncommonly holy, unusually saint-like? No. They are people who make mistakes, people who aren't afraid to be human while in God's service. Are they people who can't face the competition and cruelty of the "real" world? No. They are people who believe that through ministry they can immerse themselves in the world and make positive changes. Are they people who don't relate well with other people? No. They are people who love others — people who find real satisfaction chatting with a 93-year-old parishioner, holding the hand of a cancer patient, listening to the troubles of a streetwise teen. Are you that kind of person?

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 12 December <i>3rd of Advent</i>	Owen McDowall	Ellen Hawkes	Angela Kirkpatrick John Malone	Jim Hawkes Robin Donald	Emily, Connor, Phoebe, Ronan	Nicola Lawrence		David Malone (Jnr)	Doreen Donald Robin Donald
Sun 13 December <i>3rd of Advent</i>	Elizabeth Meek	Eileen Hamilton	Jim McDermott Irene Hewitt	Chic McDermott Jim Campbell	Rachel, David, Rebecca, Aidan, Dominic	Maria Newlands	Gerry Murphy	Laura Kiltie	
Sat 19 December <i>4th of Advent</i>	Phoebe McDowall	Patrick McCallum	Gillian Thomson Owen McDowall	Paige Campbell Rhian Collins	Emily, Connor, Zak, Ronan	Youth Choir		David Malone(Jnr)	Jim McDermott Irene Hewitt Wilma Valdrighi
Sun 20 December <i>4th of Advent</i>	Roddy Wright	Caoimhe Hunter Blair	Irene Hewitt Dennis McCaffery	Tony Kerrigan Jim McDermott	Liam, Brittany, Deáglan, Dara, Jack	Maria Newlands	Gerry Murphy	Laura Kiltie	