

LITURGY FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY (Saturday Vigil)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Once in royal David's city

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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.

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo; gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.

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

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I have asked the Lord for him.' When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.' When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord.

How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord God of hosts.

My soul is longing and yearning,
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.

They are happy, who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

They are happy, whose strength is in you;
they walk with ever growing strength.

O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer,
give ear, O God of Jacob,
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,
look on the face of your anointed.

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love

one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

GOSPEL

Luke 2:41-52

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere. Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant. He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.



PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN

Sing of Mary, pure and lowly

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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.

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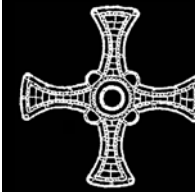
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

O come, all ye faithful

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Parish of Our Lady & St Cuthbert

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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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 9.00 am; Fri (New Year) 10.00 am

Celebration of Word and Communion

Tue, Wed, Thu 9.00 am

Mass intentions this week:

Sat: James Scobie (Ann)

Sun: Robert Malone (Ann)

Mon: Special Intention

Next Sat: Robert Malone (Ann)

Next Sun: Chas & Sarah Donnelly (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.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY 27th DECEMBER 2009

The readings for the feast of the Holy Family exemplify some particular of life with which God endows us as family. We hear of Hannah whose son Samuel was a result of prolonged prayer and whom she gave back in trust to God. The second reading calls us God's children. He wants us to relate to him as any child to its parent. This is our primary and everlasting identity, a point which the gospel story illustrates, as Jesus explains that he must be busy about his Father's affairs.

Family, natural or spiritual, is all about relationships. Seeing ourselves as children of God and living harmoniously in his presence, depending on him for our needs, enables us to engage with our human family in a more loving, selfless manner. Like Hannah, our prayer is heard and allows God to do whatever work in us that is needed. In the community of the Church God also blesses us as family, as we gather with his Son at Mass, to offer our lives to him.

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: **£437.57.**
Thank you.

CHRISTMAS DAY COLLECTION:

This year's Christmas day collection will go towards the Queen Margaret Academy project of building a health clinic in Badagry, Nigeria. Badagry is a port town in the South-West of Nigeria very close to the Benin border. It has a population of around 250,000 people. Sadly it has no hospital.

A Franciscan Sister has for many years operated a maternity unit from a disused school given to her by the Diocese of Lagos for this purpose. In 1996 the Sisters bought a piece of land on the outskirts of town in the hope that they might one day be able to build a clinic to provide maternity care and also attend the many "street children" and those orphaned by AIDS.

By 2007 they had still not been able to start the building so it was in October of that year that the staff and pupils of Queen Margaret Academy, Ayr, decided to raise the money to do so.

Queen Margaret Academy enrolled the help of primary schools and local parishes. By July 2008 £35,000 had been raised. Pupils and staff from Scotland travelled to Nigeria to lay the foundations. Fundraising continued throughout the next school year. By May 2009 they had reached roof height.

£20,000 will complete the building and also a small outside kitchen and shelter where food will be given daily.

CATHOLIC DIARIES customised for our parish are still available free of charge at the back of the church.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: The National Commission for Justice and Peace advises the Scottish Bishops' Conference of the Catholic Church in matters relating to social justice, international peace and human rights, and promotes action in these areas. There will be a special collection to support this work at Mass on the Solemnity of the Epiphany next weekend. Please use the gift aid envelope in your box if you pay tax.

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, Alistair McDowall.

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.

PLEASE LEAVE A BABY GIFT UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE



At this time of year in the parish we collect baby gifts to give to mothers in need after bringing the best gift—the gift of human life—into this world. A representative from the 'Society of the Innocents' will be invited to receive and pass these gifts on in the New year. Gifts can be left under the Christmas tree, left in the sacristy or handed to Fr Stephen.



Old mobile phones can be recycled to raise money for the charity Guide Dogs for the Blind. If you would like to recycle an old handset please give it to Bennett or Denis Ward, or leave it at the back of the church.

THANK YOU!

We have shared meaningful celebrations together at Christmas: thank you to all who prepared the church and celebrations in any way:



in the decoration, tree and flowers, joyful parties, dramas and plays, singing and music, all the preparation that goes unseen and that helps participation and prayerful understanding of what we were celebrating. All of this has been great testimony to our faith as a community.

Thank you for the personal gifts, prayers and support you have given me this Christmas and throughout the year.

I wish you well for 2010 and assure you of my prayers. Fr Stephen.

WHAT IS A SISTER?

A Sister lives in a religious community that follows a constantly renewed tradition, patterned on the life and teaching of the founder of the community.

The work she generally does will depend upon the ministries of that community as influenced by the needs of the Church and its people — for example: teaching, social work, administration, nursing, peace and justice ministry, etc.

Does the lifestyle of a Sister sound attractive to you? Contact the diocesan vocation office at stephen.p.latham@btinternet.com for more information.

TURKEY, STEAK PIE AND MANY TRIMMINGS FOR AS PARISHIONERS YOUNG AND OLD CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS



Top left: Young parishioners put on their formal gear to celebrate Christmas, enjoying a warm buffet which they shared at the table, followed by a disco and Christmas party games. Santa even managed to spare a few minutes to drop in and give them a present!

Other: Senior citizens from the parish gathered for their annual Christmas dinner and were later entertained by a large group of young parishioners, who sang Christmas songs and carols and performed musical recitals. Thanks to everyone who worked hard to make each of these events possible and memorable.

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 26 December <i>Holy Family</i>	Margaret Boyce	Matthew Reilly	Jim Hawkes Angela Kirkpatrick	Jim Campbell David Malone Snr.	Owen, Connor, Phoebe, Ronan	Nicola Lawrence		David Malone (Jnr)	Jim McDermott Irene Hewitt Wilma Valdrighi
Sun 27 December <i>Holy Family</i>	Jim McDermott	Elizabeth Meek	Dennis McCaffery Betty McCaffery	Chic McDermott Jim Campbell	Liam, Brittany, Deáglan, Dara, Jack	Guitars	David Strang	Laura Kiltie	
Fri 1 January <i>Mary, Mother of God, 10.00 am</i>	Eileen Hamilton	Doreen Donald	Maureen Hay Dennis McCaffery	Robin Donald John Sabbatini	Liam, Jack, Rachel, Rebecca	Nicola Lawrence		Robin Donald	
Sat 2 January <i>Epiphany</i>	Matthew Reilly	Alex Meek	John Malone Doreen Donald	Alex Kelly Jim Campbell	Owen, Connor, Phoebe, Ronan	Nicola Lawrence		David Malone Jnr.	Doreen Donald Robin Donald
Sun 3 January <i>Epiphany</i>	Tom Dowman	Jim McDermott	Elizabeth Meek Cindy McEwan	Chic McDermott Dennis McCaffery	Rachel, David, Rebecca, Aidan, Dominic	Nicola Lawrence	Roddy Wright	Laura Kiltie	

New rotas for January and February are now available from the back of the church. Please take one.