

LITURGY FOR THE 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.

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

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me,
saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you
came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to
the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them
all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their
presence I will make you dismayed. I, for my part, today will make
you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront
all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country
people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I
am with you to deliver you - it is the Lord who speaks.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Yahweh, I know you are near, standing always at my side.
You guard me from the foe and you lead me in ways everlasting.*

Lord, you have searched my heart,
and you know when I sit and when I stand,
Your hand is upon me, protecting me from death,
keeping me from harm.

Where can I run from your love?
If I climb to the heavens you are there.
If I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea, still I'd find you there.

You know my heart and its ways,
you who formed me before I was born,
in the secret of darkness, before I saw the sun in my mother's womb.

Marvelous to me are your works;
how profound are your thoughts, my Lord!
Even if I could count them, they number as the stars,
you would still be there.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way
that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of men or
of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a
cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the
mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all
its fulness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at
all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let
them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no
good whatever. Love is always patient and kind: it is never jealous;
love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does
not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other
people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to
trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come
to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when
they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever;

and knowledge - for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For
our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but
once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I
was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue
like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me.
Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be
seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but
then I shall know as fully as I am known. In short, there are three
things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

GOSPEL

Luke 4:21-30

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled
today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they
were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They
said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will
quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have
heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own
countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever
accepted in his own country. There were many widows in Israel, I
can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three
years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land,
but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at
Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there
were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the
Syrian, Naaman.' When they heard this everyone in the synagogue
was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the
town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built
on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the
crowd and walked away.

PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN

The love I have for you

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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 in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us, have mercy on us (x2)
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

When I am lost, when I am all alone,
burdened by my sin and shame there's one place I can go.
I look towards the cross where my Saviour died;
suffered in my place, the perfect sacrifice for me so I can know:

Now I am forgiven, I have been set free
through the blood of Jesus I have been made clean.
Now I know of his mercy because he died for me.
I have been redeemed.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Walk with me, O my Lord

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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 7.00 pm, Thu 9.00 am

Celebration of Word and Communion

Tue, Wed, Fri 9.00 am

Mass intentions this week:

Sat: Mary Malone (Ann)
Sun: James McCarton (Ann)
Mon: Linda Connolly (Spec Int)
Thu: Robert Malone Jnr (Ann)
Next Sat: Peter Meek (Ann)
Next Sun: for the parish

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.

FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 31st JANUARY 2010

Announcing his mission to the people of Nazareth, Jesus was in no doubt how they would ultimately react. Their initial approval quickly changed as he reminded them how God had to turn in the past to people outside the Jewish nation in order to get his will accomplished.

Today, we are the children of God, by our baptism and the Holy Spirit. But where we go from there is ultimately by our own choice. God has offered us his Son and promised that if we believe in him, we will have eternal life – that is his will. As adult members of the Church, we make choices every day, which witness to our faith in Christ or otherwise. We too have a similar choice as in today's gospel. Through sacramental grace and prayer, the Holy Spirit can direct our lives, or we can quench him and let his power slip out of our grasp.

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: £603.87.
Thank you.**



DINNER PARTY FOR 42!

Over forty members and friends of the Christian church communities in Maybole gathered for a supper to mark the end of Christian Unity Week. Each person brought some food and there was plenty fine fare to share and enjoy! Thanks to the Council of Churches who organised the event.

NOMINATIONS NOW DUE FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS



The present PPC on retreat last year

This weekend nominations will be invited for three people to stand for election to the Parish Pastoral Council for the next two years. According to the constitution, 3 people step down every year to make new opportunities for people to represent the parish in this

way. The three to step down are Ellen Hawkes, Jean Harvey and Doreen Donald. They may be nominated to stand again, as may other members of the parish. You may nominate someone you think has the gifts to fulfil this role well, or put yourself forward.

The parish pastoral council is made up of a representative group of people from the parish community.

Parish council members work in close collaboration with the priest to build up the mission of Jesus Christ and his Church in this part of Carrick. Priest and people can work together to better enable the Christian community to be a place of real faith, mission, worship and service.

In particular they should facilitate the coordination of parish services regarding:

- proclaiming the Word of God and forming the faith formation, especially for the young,
- fostering the sacramental, liturgical and prayer life of the parish,
- supporting marriage and family life,
- enabling the lay faithful to carry out their particular vocation of shaping society in accordance with the Gospel.
- strengthening commitment to social justice and caring for the marginalised, thereby ensuring that the parish communities be true witness to the love of Jesus.

Members will be expected to attend meetings six times a year on Sundays evenings. They are also expected to participate in the annual residential retreat which takes place this year in Skelmorlie from the evening of Friday 7th May until the afternoon of Sunday 9th May. Please pray that we will elect a committed parish council and do not be afraid to volunteer! If you are nominated, Fr Stephen will contact you to find out if you are willing and able to stand for membership. You will also be given more details of what is involved. If an election is needed it will take place on Sunday 14th February. Please leave nomination forms at the back of the church.

THANK YOU for your generous donations toward the work SCIAF is carrying out in Haiti. Your donations have already raised over £750 which, when gift aid is reclaimed, will become around £930. Donations can be brought to the parish until next Sunday.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for quiet prayer on Saturday 6th February from 11.00 am - 12.30 am. Please come along and spend some time with the Lord.

150 CLUB DANCE: will take place in the Speakers Club on Friday 26th February at 7.30 pm for supper at 8.00 pm. Tickets are now on sale after Masses at the back of the church at £2.50 for members and £7.50 for non-members. You can also phone Jim McDermott (882592) or Dennis McCaffery (883451) for tickets. Price includes buffet supper.

RACE NIGHT: St Ann's, Mossblown is organising a Race Night. The Mossblown parishioners wish to extend a warm invitation to Maybole parishioners to join them. The event will be hosted at the Ayr United Hospitality Suite on February 5th, 2010. The evening begins at 7.00 pm with the first race beginning promptly at 7.30 pm. For tickets please speak to Fr Stephen.

MASS OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK: A Mass of Anointing of the Sick will take place on Sunday 14th February at St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr at 3.00 pm. Tea and coffee will be served after Mass. All welcome, especially those who are sick.

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND EVENING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH IN ST MARGARET'S CATHEDRAL: To mark the beginning of the liturgical season of Lent there will be an hour of prayer in St Margaret's Cathedral, John Street, Ayr on Sunday 21st February at 6.00 pm. During this time of prayer the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and the Evening Prayer of the Church will be sung. You will be very welcome.

ICE SKATING AT THE TIME CAPSULE: On Saturday 20th February there will be an excursion to the skating rink at the Time Capsule, Coatbridge. The minibus will leave the church at 10.30 am and will return for the Vigil Mass in which the young people will be involved. You will need a packed lunch and the cost of the trip is £5. Please bring the money on the day and be sure you have an up to date Parental Consent Form completed. Forms available from the parish website. There are 15 places available, on a first come first served basis. Please add your name to the list at the back of the church. Primary 7 upwards.

KNOWING GOD BETTER PREPARATION TEAM (FAITH DEVELOPMENT TEAM): This group will meet in the hall this afternoon, Sunday 31st, at 4.00 pm.

KNOWING GOD BETTER

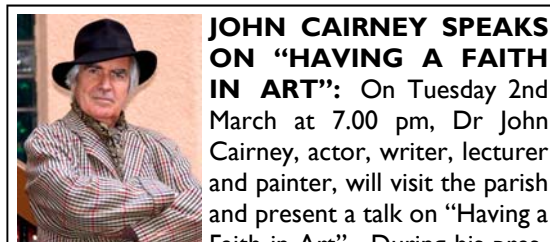
Can my faith make a real difference?
Does God really care about me?
What happens when I die? Is forgiveness possible? Is the Mass really relevant? Can faith help my family?
Am I ready to find the answers?

These are the questions that we will talk about during our "Knowing God Better" course on Monday evenings during Lent. The course is a fun and stimulating 7 talk video series by David Payne. Everyone welcome - bring a friend. **Begins Monday 15th February in the Parish Hall at 7.00 pm.** Maybe you know someone who has not been to church for a while or would like to know about the Catholic faith - why not invite them to join in?

Next Sunday is Catholic Education Sunday and speakers from St Cuthbert's and Queen Margaret Academy will talk at Masses.

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, Billy Torbett, Edward Purvis, Rena McCrindle, Nancy Flanagan, Joseph Hernandez, Rory Mason.

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.



JOHN CAIRNEY SPEAKS ON "HAVING A FAITH IN ART": On Tuesday 2nd March at 7.00 pm, Dr John Cairney, actor, writer, lecturer and painter, will visit the parish and present a talk on "Having a Faith in Art". During his presentation he will speak about the Last Supper triptych which has been hanging under the tracery window for several weeks now. After the talk there will be a chance to ask questions. Please come along and tell you friends. Entry cost: £5. This occasion gives us the opportunity to respond to Pope Benedict's recent call for the Church to ally itself more fully to the working artist.

All the Lord of the Harvest to send labourers to His Harvest

Prayers for Scotland to the world's King

"Before you were born, I consecrated you." If you think that you may be set apart by the Lord to serve Him 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	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	PASSKEEPERS	ALTAR SERVERS	MUSIC	SUPERVISOR FOR YOUNG LIT	BELL RINGER	COUNTERS
Sat 30 January 4th Sunday in OT	Ellen Hawkes	Margaret Boyce	Margaret Reilly David Malone Jnr.	David Malone Snr Kate Sprout	Owen, Connor, Phoebe, Ronan	Nicola Lawrence		David Malone Jnr.	Chris Connolly Betty McCaffery Nancy Flanagan
Sun 31 January 4th Sunday in OT	Elizabeth Meek	Roddy Wright	Jim McDermott Cindy McEwan	Tony Kerrigan Dennis McCaffery	Niall, Zak, Brody, Blair, Darra	Guitars	Gerry Murphy	Laura Kiltie	
Sat 30 January 5th Sunday in OT Education Sunday	Caoimhe Hunter Blair	Margaret Boyce	Angela Kirkpatrick Maureen Hay	Alex Kelly Jim Hawkes	Emily, Ciera, Patrick	Nicola Lawrence		Robin Donald	Jim McDermott Irene Hewitt Wilma Valdrighi
Sun 31 January 5th Sunday in OT Education Sunday	Patrick McCahill	Ronan McDowall	Jim McDermott Irene Hewitt	Jim Campbell Chic McDermott	Liam, Brittany, Deáglan, Dara, Jack	Children's Mass		Laura Kiltie	