

LITURGY FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (Sunday 9.30 am)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Longing for light

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FIRST READING

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. 'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror sized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*If God is for us, who can be against,
if the Spirit of God has set us free?
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I know that nothing in this world
can ever take us from his love.

Nothing can take us from his love,
poured out in Jesus, the Lord.

And nothing present or to come
can ever take us from his love.

I know that neither death nor life
can ever take us from his love.

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:17-4:1

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him'. And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN

*All that we have and all that we offer
comes from a heart both frightened and free.
Take what we bring now and give what we need,
all done in His name.*

Some would rely on their power, others put trust in their gold.
Some have only their Saviour, whose faithfulness never grows old.

Sometimes the road may be lonesome, often we may lose our way;
take courage and always remember love isn't just for a day.

Sometimes when troubles are many, life can seem empty, it's true,
but look at the life of the Master, who lovingly suffered for you.

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

Be still, for the presence of the Lord 165

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lord, the light of your love 453

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THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Sunday Masses

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

Weekday Masses

Mon, Thu 9 am; Fri 7 am

Celebration of Word and Communion

Tue, Wed 9.00 am

Mass intentions this week:

Sat: Alistair McDowall (RIP)

Sun: Edward McCaffery (Ann)

Mon: Mr and Mrs Main (Spec Int)

Thu: Annie Kerr (RIP)

Fri: Betty McGarry (RIP)

Next Sat: Mairi Dickson (RIP)

Next Sun: for the people of 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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2010

Being present on the Mount of Transfiguration must have changed how the three apostles viewed Jesus. Here before their eyes they were seeing him in a very different yet very definite light. The vision before them was real but it would take faith to continue to believe it through the trying times ahead.

It can be like that for us too. There are times when it seems easy to believe and to practise our faith. There are times when we feel the presence of God very close to us. Then comes the time of trial and we are faced with choices that suddenly seem harder to make. Tackling difficult human relationships, ill health, unemployment or pressure to accept the world's standards can test our faith. It's at such times that we need to focus again on the divinity of Christ, on his nearness and on his power to carry us with him to share his glory.

Daily podcast reflections for Lent available 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: £532.78.
Thank you.**



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 your 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.



Please come along and support this event in the parish which helps us discover more about art and faith in an enjoyable way with the expertise of an able artist, actor and communicator.

PARISH FUNDRAISING APPEAL



We have known for some years that the tracery window on the gable of the church was crumbling and would need attention. The urgency of this work was highlighted last June when parts of the stonework holding the window in place crumbled and fell to the ground. Serious repair work will have to be undertaken at an early stage.

We are in the process of seeking quotations and taking engineering advice. While quotations have still to be finalised the cost of repairing the window may be in excess of £20,000.

Further necessary repair and maintenance includes the secondary glazing of the windows down the right side of the church; reinstatement of the burnt down outhouses to create a garage and necessary storage space; CCTV to provide security around the church; and re-wiring of the lighting in the church.

The parish finance committee and the parish council have discussed the repairs and agree on tackling them all as one single project. To do so we would have to seek a loan from the diocese or the bank and repay it over a period of time at a rate we could afford. However we also need to raise a significant contribution ourselves. The total cost for all these works is still being calculated and I will give you all the information as soon as it can be gathered and finalised.

I appeal for your help to raise £10,000 between now and the summer months. I realise this is a lot to ask. Here are ways we could achieve it:

- Families make a collective donation of either £50 or £100 to the building fund
- Charity shop, bingo and 150 Club fundraising
- Car wash run by young parishioners
- Filling Smarties tubes with 20p pieces (each tube holds £15)
- Race night to be held in May
- Regular contribution to the parish building fund special collections
- **Remember you can gift aid your donation if you pay tax (£1 becomes £1.28)**

Canon Keegans and St Margaret's Cathedral in Ayr have generously offered to help us with our fundraising. Please support events that they organise to help us. Thank you for your long-standing generosity in supporting the parish financially and with your gifts.

Fr Stephen McGrattan

MOIRA MURRAY (néé Magee) RIP: The prayers and sympathy of the parish go out to Moira family on her passing. Moira died on Saturday morning after a long battle with illness. She was fortified with the Rites of the Holy Catholic Church. May she rest in peace.

150 CLUB DANCE: Thanks to everyone who supported the 150 Club dance on Friday. An enjoyable evening was had by all.

SHORT TERM PLEDGE FOR LENT: The Pioneer Total Abstinence Society of the Sacred Heart invites you to think about taking the short term pledge during Lent by abstaining from alcohol from Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday. There are leaflets available at the back of the church, with a prayer to invigorate one's efforts.

YOUNG PARISHIONERS: If you are in primary 7 or upwards You have the chance to be part of a group who will mime the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, 2nd April, at the 7.00 pm evening service. If you would like to be involved then please come along to the hall on Sunday evenings from 6 pm-8pm.

DAFFODIL TEA FOR MOTHERS' DAY: St Margaret's Cathedral parish, Ayr, are organising a daffodil tea at 11 am on Sunday 14th March in their hall in John Street, Ayr. Potted bulbs are on sale—an ideal Mothers' Day gift. Some of the proceeds will go towards our building fund. Please support this event. Tickets available after Masses at £1.50.

SCIAF SEND THEIR THANKS: SCIAF would like to thank the parish for their recent donation of £772.30 in response to the Haiti appeal. Father Antonio Sandoval, who is coordinating the SCIAF response in Haiti, said, "In the middle of this poverty, pain and suffering we are surprised by the many gestures of solidarity and support we are receiving from ordinary people around the world."

FASHION SHOW: Queen Margaret Academy are hosting a fashion show on Wednesday 31st March, 2010. All proceeds will go to building the health clinic in Badagry, Nigeria. Tickets cost £5 and include refreshments and are available from the school on 01292 268379. The doors open at 6.30 pm for a craft fayre and the show begins at 7.00 pm. All welcome. See www.qmafashion.co.uk for more details.

LENT 2010

Sundays 7.00 pm 'Live life to the Full' course at St Oswald's church, Gardenrose Path

Mondays 7.00 pm 'Knowing God Better' course

Wednesdays 7.00 pm Stations of the Cross

Fridays 7.00 am Early morning Mass

Daily prayers and reflections available at www.gallowaypodcasts.org.uk



St Cuthbert's primary pupils raised £77 for Haiti at a "dress-down day" appeal last week.

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. **Mondays 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 - invite them to join in.

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

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



At Mass bread and wine are changed to the Body and Blood of Christ, which we receive in the Eucharist. Adoration is devotional prayer where people spend time quietly before the consecrated host in the monstrance. It is a time to gaze on Jesus present under the form of bread, and to experience his closeness. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for Adoration next on Saturday, 6th March in Our Lady and St Cuthbert's, from 11.00 am until 12.30 pm (please note the new times). The list for watching is at the back of the church. Please make sure someone is present at all times. All are welcome to drop in to church and spend a few moments in prayer.

Ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest

"This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" If in your listening to the Lord you are sensing the invitation to follow Christ as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, 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 27 February 2nd Sunday in Lent	Margaret Boyce	Matthew Reilly	Margaret Reilly David Malone Jnr.	Alex Kelly David Malone Snr.	Owen, Connor, Phoebe, Ronan	Nicola Lawrence		David Malone Jnr.	Jim McDermott Irene Hewitt Wilma Valdrighi
Sun 28 February 2nd Sunday in Lent	Tom Dowman	Elizabeth Meek	Betty McCaffery Dennis McCaffery	Jim McDermott Tony Kerrigan	Liam, Brittany, Deáglan, Dara, Jack	Guitars	Jim Campbell	Laura Kiltie	
Sat 6 March 3rd Sunday in Lent Children's Mass	Eileen Hamilton	Alex Meek	Doreen Donald Maureen Hay	Robin Donald John Sabbatini	Emily, Ciera, Patrick	Nicola Lawrence		David Malone Jnr.	Doreen Donald Robin Donald
Sun 7 March 3rd Sunday in Lent	Zak Roy	Rebecca Campbell	Elizabeth Meek Margaret Kiltie	Cindy McEwan Chic McDermott	Rachel, David, Rebecca, Aidan, Dominic	Children's Mass		Laura Kiltie	