

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

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

How great is our God 345

FIRST READING

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

One day Moses was taking care of the sheep of Jethro his father-in-law, who was the priest of Midian. Moses led the sheep along the edge of the desert to Sinai, the mountain of God. Suddenly the Lord's angel appeared to him from a burning bush. Moses saw that the bush was on fire, but it was not burning up. He said to himself, "This is strange! I'll go over and see why the bush is not burning up." When the Lord saw Moses coming near the bush, he called out to him. Moses answered, "Lord, here I am." God replied, "Don't come any closer. Take off your sandals, because the ground where you are standing is holy. I am the God who was worshipped by your ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." Moses was too afraid to look at God, and he hid his face. The Lord said, "I have seen how my people are suffering in Egypt, and I have heard them cry out to me because of those slave bosses. I am sorry for them, and so I have come down to rescue them from the power of the Egyptians. I will bring my people out of Egypt into a country where there is good land and plenty of milk and honey." Moses answered, "I will tell the people of Israel that the God of their ancestors has sent me to them. But what should I say, if they ask me who you are?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am. So tell them that the one whose name is 'I Am' has sent you. Say that the God of their ancestors, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, has sent you to them. This is my name forever, and it is the name that people must use from now on."



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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Turn to me, O turn and be saved, says the Lord, for I am God: there is no other, none beside me. I call your name.

I am he that comforts you; who are you to be afraid of flesh that fades, is made like the grass of the field, soon to wither.

Listen to me, my people, give ear to me, my nation: a law will go forth from me, and my justice for a light to the people.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth down below. The heavens will vanish like smoke, and the earth will wear out like a garment.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL

Luke 13:6-9

Jesus told the people this story: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard. One day he went out to pick some figs, but he didn't find any. So he said to the gardener, 'For three years I have come looking for figs on this tree, and I haven't found any yet. Chop it down!

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PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN

I, the Lord of sea and sky 376

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

Because the Lord is my shepherd, I have everything I need. He lets me rest in the meadow and leads me to the quiet streams He restores my soul and he leads me in the paths that are right.

Lord, You are my shepherd, you are my friend. I want to follow you always just to follow my friend.

And when the road leads to darkness, I shall walk there unafraid. Even when death is close, I have courage for your help is there. You are close beside me with comfort, you are guiding my way.

In love you make me a banquet for my enemies to see. You make me welcome, pouring down honour from your mighty hand; and this joy fills me with gladness, it is too much to bear.

Your goodness always is with me and your mercy I know. Your loving kindness strengthens me always as I go through life. I shall dwell in your presence for ever, giving praise to your name.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

God forgave my sin 286

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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

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

Weekday Masses

Thu 9 am; Fri 7 am

Celebration of Word and Communion

Mon, Tue, Wed 9.00 am

Mass intentions this week:

Sat: Mairi Dickson (RIP)
Sun: for the people of the parish
Thu: Margaret Scobie (Ann)
Fri: Julia Petrie (RIP)
Next Sat: Bridget Connolly (Ann)
Next Sun: Betty Hay (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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY 7th MARCH 2010

In this Sunday's gospel Jesus urges us to repent pointing out the rather dire consequences of continuing on paths opposed to God's will. From the very beginning of creation God has always placed before mankind two choices – good or evil, the former leading to life, the latter to death. History is the results of these choices. Each of us too in our time is faced with the same choice. The season of Lent affords us an opportunity to chose prayer, fasting and almsgiving to a greater degree than normal, keeping us more securely on the path of life and goodness.

The passage ends with a parable illustrating the forgiveness and mercy of God who is always ready to accept and forgive us. No matter how long or how many times we may have failed him, our Father still receives us with joy as we turn back to him.

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: **£660.46.**
Thank you.

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 this evening from 5.00 pm-7.00 pm. Dinner provided.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: This evening in the parish house at 7.00 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? These are the questions that we will talk about during our "Knowing God Better" course on Monday evenings at 7 pm in the Hall during Lent. Everyone welcome - bring a friend.

150 CLUB: Thanks for your support of the 150 Club dance which raised £157.50 for the building fund. February draw winners are £25 Ann Scobie (no 92); £15 Frances Campbell (no 81); £10 Christine Malone (no 50). Congratulations!

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE: The parish Finance Committee will meet on Friday 12th March at 6.00 pm in the parish house.

SCIAF AND EPISCOPAL CHARITIES: Next weekend at Masses there will be a special collection for the work of SCIAF and Episcopal Charities. Please use the gift aid envelope in your box if you pay tax.

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.

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.

JOLASC JOURNAL: The next meeting of the JOLASC Journal group will take place on Wednesday 10th March at 4.30 pm in the church hall. This group is open to all in Primary 6 and up. The Journal is published in a monthly basis, so if you have any good news you would like to see printed in the April edition please contact Ruth Collins (882821) or Frances Campbell (889681).

CANON JOHN WALLS, RIP: Canon John Walls, parish priest of St Teresa's, Dumfries and St Conal's, Kirkconnel died on Sunday 28th February. May he rest in peace. His remains will be received into St Teresa's church at 7.15 pm on Sunday 7th March, and his Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11.00 am on Monday 8th March, followed by the interment in Ayr Cemetery around 3.00 pm.

FAIRTRADE: Ben McLaughlin and Georgia McNab have designed a poster on display this week at church to promote Fairtrade. Do you support Fairtrade?

JOHN CAIRNEY SPEAKS ON "HAVING A FAITH IN ART"



Last Tuesday, Dr John Cairney, actor, writer, lecturer and painter, visited the parish and spoke eloquently on "Having a Faith in Art". His overview of art in the life of the Church, was peppered with witty anecdotes from his young life growing up, his career, and moments where his Catholic faith has been stirred. After the talk, he spent some time with the audience and talked about the Last Supper triptych, answering questions.

Through donations collected on the evening of the talk and a generous benefaction of a parishioner, the parish is now proud to own the paintings. (No parish funds were spent on the acquisition.) Thank you to Dr Cairney for his visit and for sharing his faith and knowledge.

YOUNG PARISHIONERS DO THEIR BIT FOR THE BUILDING FUND

A car wash will be available on the morning of Saturday 20th March. Come along to the church and have a roll and bacon or sausage and a cup of tea or coffee in the hall while your car is washed. Cost per car (including refreshments £5). Please support our young parishioners in their fundraising efforts.

PUPILS REFLECT ON AUSCHWITZ



Ten Queen Margaret S3 pupils who study both art and history were accompanied by Dr Smith, Mr Campbell and Mrs Stuart on an afternoon visit to the Cockburn Gallery in Maybole. Renowned local artist Gordon Cockburn gave them a fascinating tour of his celebrated collection of paintings, created over 5 years, depicting scenes and events from the Auschwitz concentration camp. The paintings were inspired by his visits to the camp and personal friendship with camp survivors.

The visit, organised under the remit of the equality committee at Queen Margaret, served to highlight the terrible consequences of one group of people considering themselves superior to another, and underlined the need for tolerance and understanding by all, no matter their religious or cultural backgrounds.

PARISH FUNDRAISING APPEAL

Necessary repair and maintenance of church property means the parish has had to launch a building fund appeal. Work to be completed includes the restoration of the tracery window, 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 rewiring of the lighting in the church.

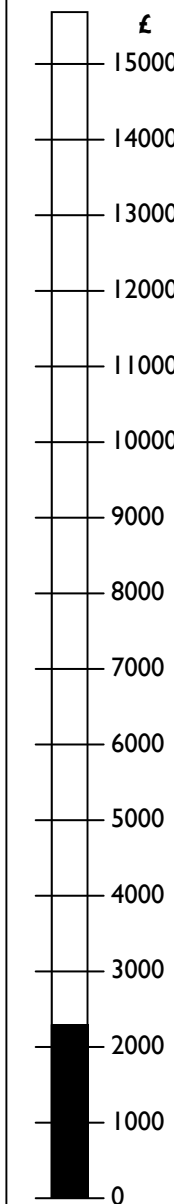
In order to begin this work, which may cost in the region of £40,000, I appeal for your help to raise £10,000 between now and the summer months. I realise this is a lot to ask. Here are ways we could achieve it:

- Families make a collective donation of either £50 or £100 to the building fund (if given before 4th April, the gift aid return will be paid to the parish in May)
- 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

BUILDING FUND TOTAL SO FAR



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.

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.

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

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

Priests for Scotland to life worth living

"I AM has sent me to you." Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name 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 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	
Sat 13 March 4th Sunday in Lent	Matthew Reilly	Jim McDermott	Angela Kirkpatrick John Malone	Alex Kelly Jim Campbell	Owen, Connor, Phoebe, Ronan	Nicola Lawrence		Robin Donald	Chris Connolly Betty McCaffery Nancy Flanagan
Sun 14 March 4th Sunday in Lent	Tom Dowman	Elizabeth Meek	Irene Hewitt Cindy McEwan	Dennis McCaffery Tony Kerrigan	Niall, Zak, Brody, Blair, Darra	Maria Newlands	David Strang	Jim Campbell	