

# The Feast of the Holy Family

## ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Sing of Mary, pure and lowly

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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

*Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14*

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*O blessed are those who fear the Lord.*

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper.

You wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
all the days of your life!

## SECOND READING

*Colossians 3:12-21*

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23*

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: I called my son out of Egypt.

After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead'. So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, went back to the land of Israel. But when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he left for the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way the words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled. He will be called a Nazarene.

## PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a Mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that Mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable and his cradle was a stall;  
with the poor, and mean, and lowly, lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And through all his wondrous childhood he would honour and obey,  
love, and watch the lowly maiden in whose gentle arms he lay;  
Christian children, all must be mild, obedient, good as he.

For he is our childhood's pattern, day by day like us he grew;  
he was little, weak and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew;  
and he feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him through his own redeeming love,  
for that child, so dear and gentle, is our Lord in heaven above;  
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

## 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

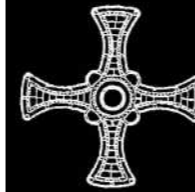
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

The Virgin Mary had a baby boy

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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 Mass

Monday 10am, Thurs 7pm, Sat 10am

### Celebration of Word

### and Communion

Tues, Wed, Fri 9am

### Mass intentions for this week

Sun: People of the parish

Mon: Elizabeth McCann (Ann)

Thurs: The McCann Family (Ann)

Sat am: Ellen Mackie (RIP)

Sat pm: Robert Malone Jnr (Ann)

Sun: Michael McConville (Spec int)

### Sacrament of Baptism

Forms available at the back of the church

### Sacrament of Confession

After Saturday morning 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.

## The Holy Family—26th December, 2010

The message of Christmas is "Today a Saviour has been born to us!" Quietly, in a silence broken only by the choirs of angels, heard by a handful of shepherds, God entered human history through the birth of his Son, Jesus. This lowly birth in a stable in a small little-known country would offer a change to the destiny of every man, woman and child ever born.

It was the "Yes" of Mary and the acceptance of Joseph that allowed this great event to pass. When we reflect on the cosmic effect of Christ's birth, we can only stand in reverent awe before this manifestation of God's love and humility as he sought to work in collaboration with the creatures he meant to save. With the birth of Jesus, Mary and Joseph became a family, the Holy family, the cradle of human love and protection into which the Father trusted His Son. In the same way it is to the family of the Church that the Son has entrusted the ongoing work for which he came to earth. God is still working with his people today.

**A podcast reflection on today's Gospel is available at [www.gallowaypodcasts.org.uk](http://www.gallowaypodcasts.org.uk)**

Items for inclusion in this newsletter should be given in writing  
to David Kiltie (882644 or [david.kiltie@virgin.net](mailto:david.kiltie@virgin.net))

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Thank you

**A SIMPLE THANK YOU SEEMS SCARCELY ENOUGH**



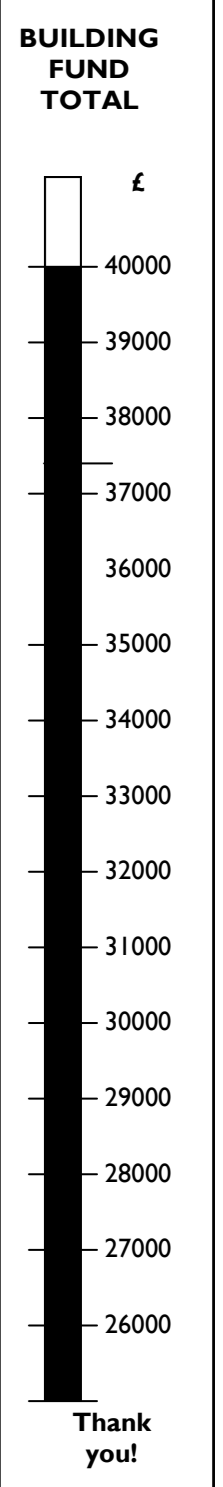
I am frequently asked the question “have you settled in then Father?” I would like to make it official: “yes, I have settled in”.

The big issue for me has always been just what this settling in process entails. The actual business of moving into the house here was quite straightforward although Fr. Latham who is still hosting some of my vestments at St. Joseph’s might disagree. Settling into a parish is quite a different affair; it is an affair of two sides, an affair of relationship.

The parish is bound to wonder about the new man and the new man is bound to wonder what he is letting himself in for. May I just add that this is doubly the case when the new man is brand new to the business of priesthood – even if he looks like a kind of superannuated priest.

The bottom line is this: is the relationship one of encouragement and growth or one of recrimination and stultification? The former is born out of trust, respect and love and the latter out of selfishness and mistrust. I have encountered none of the latter and plenty of the former since coming to Our Lady and St. Cuthbert’s and I can only hope that I have reflected some of this back.

May I thank you all very much and wish you a happy and holy Christmas.



**Catholic Social Teaching**

The activity of families in social life is rarely and insufficiently recognised by state institutions. Nor should we forget the growing number of persons who are often abandoned by their families and by the community: the old, orphans, the sick and all kinds of people who are rejected.

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**Three Appeals**

**St Margaret’s Children and Family Care Society:** The crib collection will go to this organisation.

**The Innocents:** As previously, parcels may be left under the Christmas tree (at the back of the church this year - it’s behind you!).

**SCIAF** is inviting parishioners across Scotland to pray for peace in Sudan ahead of a potentially turbulent referendum on independence for Southern Sudan on 9th January.

**Well done St Cuthbert’s Primary**

Pupils at St Cuthbert’s Primary had a busy time in December with concerts, trips to LA Bowl etc.

Our photo on the left shows the younger pupils taking some time off at their Christmas party when they all received a present from Santa.

The photo on the front page shows some pupils entertaining residents at Crosne Street residential unit.

The photos on the right show P1/2/3 performing their nativity play “Humph”.



**WHEN I WAS ILL YOU CAME TO MY HELP**

Please remember those members and friends of our parish family who are sick: Helen Henderson, Catherine Ward, Lee-Anne McLean, Bill Close, Reginald and Helen Beans, Hugh Rodger, Jessie Doherty, Marie Murray, Billy Torbett, Edward Purvis, Daniel Gallacher, Liam Kilty, John Mccamphill, Julia Childs, Rosemary Menzies, Andy Currie, Donna McKay, Mary Doyle, Mary McMillan, Patrick Kelly, Bishop Cunningham and baby Murdo.

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 let Fr Philip know.

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

*“As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.” Do you have a growing interest in sharing the Lord’s saving mission as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Please speak to your parish priest or to the Diocesan Vocations Director, Father William Boyd, wh.boyd@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
Sun 26th Dec Feast of the Holy Family	Laura Kiltie	Nancy Flanagan	Betty McCaffery Dennis McCaffery	Jim Campbell Cindy McEwan	Niall, Brittany, Rachel, Rebecca, Josh	Organ	Roddy Wright	None	Robin Donald Doreen Donald
Sat 1st Jan 5.30pm Epiphany	Nancy Flanagan	Alex Meek	Doreen Donald Jim Hawkes	Robin Donald John Sabbatini	Zak, Ciera, Patrick	Organ		None	Robin Donald Doreen Donald
Sun 2nd Jan Epiphany	Darra Murdoch	Josh Malone	Elizabeth Meek Margaret Kiltie	Cindy McEwan Chic McDermott	Liam, Jack, Dara, Deáglan, Dominic, Brittany	Children’s Mass		None	