



Parish of Our Lady and St Cuthbert

The Catholic faith community serving North Carrick



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Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil at 6.30 pm
Sunday at 10.00 am

Weekday services

Monday, Tuesday at 9.00 am
Wednesday at 7.00 pm
Thursday, Friday at 9.00 am

Mass intentions this week

Sat: Helen Ferns
Sun: John McEwan

Sacrament of Confession

After Vigil Mass and when requested

Sacrament of Baptism

Forms are available in the sacristy

Sacrament of Marriage

At least six months notice is required

TWENTY-SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME beginning Sunday 2nd October 2005

If someone you love is in danger you would do your best to help them. This is what Jesus is doing in today's parable. The Jewish religion had been manipulated to suit men's opinions, and he points out the danger, and the lengths people can go to get their own way. His listeners understood him but failed to apply the lesson to themselves. Jesus wanted them to recognise their error in case they would lose the kingdom. Like the stone rejected by the builder, which became the keystone, their unbelief in him, would lead them further from the truth they were seeking.

God's love includes everyone. We want Jesus Christ to be the keystone of our lives. We believe that in him, and in his Church, we have a truth that sets us free, which keeps us on the best path for our lives. Each Sunday, we encounter him in the Eucharist where he strengthens us for the week ahead. He calls each of us to follow him in a way that attracts others to the truth about himself.

Today much unbelief and error obscures the truth about God – the western world is slowly writing God off and much of our culture, as in the gospel, not only dilutes what God has said but runs counter to it. Yet God still loves the world in spite of this rejection.

If we believe Jesus, to choose a path contrary to God's leads to man's downfall. At the start of the third millennium, the late Pope John Paul II called us to become "*schools of prayer*" for our world, to follow Christ in our love of God and our neighbour, as "*communities of holiness*". Two thousand years after Christ, we are his Church in the heart of the world. If we do not use our gifts, God may take them from us. If we use them, he works with us. In the words of the popular hymn, we are the "Here I am, Lord" when he asks "Whom shall I send?"

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

Last week's collection £
Thank you

Public meeting in Maybole Town Hall



There was a good turnout at the public meeting held in the Town Hall on Thursday evening.

TV celebrity Viv Lumsden, standing in the centre aisle, chaired the meeting which had been called by NHS Ayrshire & Arran to consult on their review of services.

The most controversial proposal for the people of Maybole is the closure of the A&E unit at Ayr Hospital and moving it to Crosshouse.

It would be fair to say that this did not meet with the approval of most people in the Town Hall.

(Photo by our own Tony Kerrigan)

AUTUMN FAYRE & CAR BOOT SALE

St Cuthbert's Primary School is holding an Autumn Fayre and Car Boot Sale in the school next Saturday, 8th October from 10am to 2pm. Car boot pitches will be in the school grounds and stalls will include teas/coffees, home baking, face painting, bouncy castle, tombola, fruit machine, beat the goalie, stocks, raffle, and lucky tickets.

St Vincent de Paul



Last Tuesday, 27 September, was a day of memorial for St Vincent de Paul but how much do we know of this saint?

He was born in 1581 into a peasant family in France, began divinity studies in 1596 at the University of Toulouse and was ordained at the age of 20.

He was captured by Turkish pirates and sold into slavery but was freed in 1607 when he converted one of his owners to Christianity.

Returning to France, he served as parish priest near Paris where he started organizations to help the poor, nursed the sick, found jobs for the unemployed, etc.

He became chaplain at the court of Henry IV of France and with Louise de Marillac, founded the Congregation of the Daughters of Charity. He also instituted the Congregation of Priests of the Mission and worked always for the poor, the enslaved, the abandoned, the ignored, and those that society had no time for.

He died in 1660 at Paris and was canonized in 1737 by Pope

Pope's prayer intentions for October

In his prayer intentions for the month of October, Pope Benedict focuses his attention on asking God to strengthen Christians in the face of an increasingly hostile secular society.

The Pope's general prayer intention for the month is, "That Christians may not be discouraged by the attacks of secularized society, but with complete trust, may bear witness to their faith and hope."

Likewise, his mission intention is, "That the faithful may join to their fundamental duty of prayer the support also of economic contributions to the missionary works."

Pope John Paul I

Wednesday 28th September was the anniversary of the death of Pope John Paul I who died only 33 days into his pontificate (August 26, 1978 - September 28, 1978). It was one of the shortest reigns in the history of the papacy.

The "Smiling Pope", as he was affectionately called, was a staunch believer in ecumenism and the reduction of Church wealth. He was warm, humble and had no aspirations for the papacy. After Pope Paul VI died, he was elected on the second day of the conclave in 1978 which became known as the Year of the Three Popes with Paul VI, John Paul I and, of course, John Paul II.

Winners in the September "150 Club" draw were:

£150 David Kiltie No. 31

£15 Margaret Boyce No. 115

£10 Archie Scobie No. 95

Congratulations also to Joan Andrew who won the Porche in the "Buy a Brick" draw. The winning brick was number 636.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The children's choir which was formed before the summer has been an excellent help for us all to worship God in song at our monthly children's Masses. Thanks to all involved! The time for the rehearsal will change from a Monday night to Sunday after 10 am Mass from this Sunday, 25th September.

The Gift of Scripture

On Friday the Catholic Church in Scotland launched a new document on Biblical Scripture aimed at fostering greater understanding of the bible and encouraging scriptural study. "The Gift of Scripture" is a collaborative effort by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland, together with the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

Archbishop Mario Conti said, "I had the privilege of presenting the first copy of the document to the Holy Father in Rome recently. During our audience with the Pope, he said: 'I would like to recommend the ancient tradition of Lectio divina: the diligent reading of Sacred Scripture accompanied by prayer, which brings about that intimate dialogue in which the person reading hears God who is speaking, and in praying, responds to him with trusting openness of heart.'"

The Pope added, "If it is effectively promoted, this practice will bring to the Church - I am convinced of it - a new spiritual springtime."

The Archbishop added: "The inspiration offered in this new document of the Bishops' Conferences of England and Wales and Scotland will both inform and encourage all those who wish to make scripture more central to the faith and devotional life of the Church."

CHANCELLOR MARKS SCIAF'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Gordon Brown MP, Chancellor of the Exchequer, is giving a lecture in honour of the 40th anniversary of SCIAF in Edinburgh on Friday, 7th October. It is one of a series of events to mark this important milestone.

Over the past 40 years, SCIAF's long term support for poor communities in the developing world, its response to the many humanitarian emergencies which all too often occur and its work towards building a just world have grown considerably, thanks to the generosity and commitment of Scots across the country.

SCIAF has become Scotland's leading aid agency with a global outreach and in its 40th anniversary year is taking a leading role in the Make Poverty History campaign.

After the Youth Mass next Saturday 8th October our young people will be going ten pin bowling. Seats will need to be booked for the bus, so if any young person would like to go please contact Denise McCaffery on 882760.

Christian Aid Committee

The amount raised at the recent coffee morning was £377.92. A special 'Thank You' to all who helped in any way.

PARISH DIARY

Saturday 8th Oct 10am-2pm
St Cuthbert's Primary School
Autumn Fayre

HALL DIARY

Wednesday 5th Oct 7.30pm
Prize bingo

Thursday 6th Oct 6-8pm
Residents' Assoc Youth Club

Friday 7th Oct 6-7pm
Tae Kwan Do class

Saturday 8th October
10-11 am

Muay Thai boxing class

The hall is available for hire. For bookings contact Jim McDermott on 882592 or e-mail jim.mcdermott@virgin.net



A prize bingo will be held in the hall this Wednesday 5th October at 7.30pm.

PPC meetings

The junior PPC meets today Sunday 2nd October at 5.30pm in the parish house. The senior PPC meets at 7pm also in the parish house.

MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

Please contact Alex Kelly (882970) if you are unable to minister at a Saturday Mass and Nancy Flanagan (882458) if you are unable to minister at a Sunday Mass. All ministers are asked to gather in the sacristy five minutes before Mass for a moment of prayer together.

27th Sunday Year A	READER	BIDDING PRAYERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	PASSKEEPERS	PROCESSION OF GIFTS	SERVERS
1st October	Eileen hamilton	Nancy Flanagan	Pat Sloan Maureen Hay	Alex Kelly Jim Hawkes	By invitation	Rhiain Collins, Chloe & Louis Simpson, Alice Mackie
2nd October	Children's Mass	Children's Mass	Marian Davidson Claire Millett	Children's Mass	Children's Mass	Paul & Amy Strang, Jonathan & Michael Lewis, Maeve Murphy
28th Sunday Year A	READER	BIDDING PRAYERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	PASSKEEPERS	PROCESSION OF GIFTS	SERVERS
8th October	Youth Mass	Youth Mass	Nancy Flanagan John Malone	Youth Mass	Youth Mass	Jamie Cron, Alice Mackie, Paul & Amy Strang
9th October	Marian Davidson	Tom Dowman	Nancy Flanagan Jim McDermott	Jim Campbell Chic McDermott	Kiltie family	Aidan Keegan, Patrick McCallum, Simone McCahill, Chloe Brownlee, Kieran Porte