



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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday after Mass until 9.45 am
Wednesday after Mass until 7.45 pm

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-FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME beginning Sunday 18th September 2005

The gospel today is difficult for us who live in a world of trades unions and equal pay. It seems unjust to get the same pay for one hour's work as for twelve.

However, Jesus is talking about rewards relating to the kingdom of heaven not the world of work. The time when we turn to him is not so important as the fact that we do turn.

None of us "deserves" eternal life. We just cannot earn it, no matter how hard we try or how long we work at it. The right of entry to eternal life is a free and generous gift, which we can accept or reject – a gift earned by Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary. So whether we accept Jesus early or late in life, the reward is the same. The key question which opens the gate to eternal life is not "*When did you start with me?*" but "*Have you been working in my vineyard?*"

God's way of thinking and of doing things is different and far above ours. His judgements are more generous than ours. Thankfully God rewards everyone as *he* judges – not as we judge.

The passage is a very re-assuring one - as workers in the vineyard of Jesus we can rely totally on his generosity to fulfil his promises.

The Church gives us many opportunities to be in this vineyard with Jesus, especially the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist where the generosity of God is most manifest – in giving us his Son through his word and in the Body and Blood of Christ, in forgiving our sin, and in bestowing gifts of peace, protection and healing. The encounter with Jesus in the Mass is a sure way of accessing the treasures of heaven.

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

Last week's collection £425
Thank you

A day well spent!



Last Sunday, 11th September, a number of parishioners went on our annual parish pilgrimage which this year was to the National Lourdes Shrine in Carfin.

They joined in the celebration of Mass led by Cardinal Keith O'Brien, and Bishop John Cunningham of our own Diocese of Galloway was the preacher. The service was attended by Catholics from across Scotland.

Fr Stephen told local newspapers this week, "Our pilgrimage is more than just an excursion because it reminds parishioners of the reasons why they are united as a Christian community."

"The pilgrimage," he added, "involves journeying together, praying together and, of course, eating together."

The group and Fr Stephen took opportunities to strengthen friendships, and returned tired but happy after a day well spent.



From 2nd -23rd Oct Pope Benedict XVI will preside at the 11th general assembly of the Synod of Bishops, a meeting expected to address difficult issues such as the decision-making structure in the church, divorce, abortion, the declining appeal of the priesthood and the drop in the number of Catholics who attend Mass on Sundays.

The bishops and others are said to be keen to see the Synod become a decision-making body rather than an opportunity for offering advice to the Pope.

The official theme is, "The Eucharist: Source and Summit for the Life and Mission of the Church." Representing a change in format, there will be one hour of open discussion at the end of each of the days on which formal speeches are made and each bishop will be asked to limit his six minute speech to one of the four main parts of the synod's working document.

NEW BISHOP

Pope Benedict XVI has appointed Fr Philip Tartaglia as the new Bishop of Paisley. The announcement was made on 13th September in Rome. The new Bishop-elect succeeds Bishop John Mone who retired in October 2004 after 16 years as Bishop.

Reacting to the announcement, Fr. Tartaglia said; "I am deeply honoured to have been nominated Bishop of Paisley by Pope Benedict XVI. I ask the priests and people of the diocese to pray for me as I prepare to begin my ministry as a bishop. I look forward to working with them to continue to build up the life of the Church in our diocese. For the past 16 months, I have been Rector of the Pontifical Scots College in Rome, a post I have really enjoyed. The death and funeral of Pope John Paul II, the subsequent conclave and election of Pope Benedict XVI were momentous and unforgettable events, and made my time in Rome especially memorable."

BUY A BRICK FOR THE BOUNDARY WALL!

This weekend is the last chance to buy a brick to help clear the boundary wall costs. If you've bought one already, why not buy one more. The winner of the Peugeot 206 will be announced after 10 o'clock Mass next Sunday, 25th September. Thank you very much for your generosity.

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 next Sunday, 25th September.

Justice & Peace latest

The next Justice & Peace group meeting will be held on 10th October at 7 pm in the parish house. Chair of the group, Caroline Fox, writes:

On the agenda of the United Nations Summit in New York this week there was a pledge to combat poverty, but many activists who took part in MakePovertyHistory events around the time of the G8 fear that much of the aid promised then was misrepresented. Analysis of the \$25billion (£13.6million) a year announced in July shows that only \$8billion is new money. The rest had already been announced by G8 governments. Charities working in Africa accuse the G8 of double accounting and massaging the figures.

The UN Summit was due to discuss the implementation of its millennium development goals to end poverty, but the USA has tabled 750 amendments which will effectively seek to bury mention of the targets.

This prayer of commitment was said at Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Edinburgh on July 2:

We believe in a future where poverty is history.
 We believe in change, change in ourselves and in the world.
 We believe in God, who loves and guides us.
 We believe in life, full of opportunity and hope.
 Today, we commit ourselves to change, to life and to God.
 We commit ourselves to working towards a world where poverty is history.

Let us remain committed.

Latest winners in the "150 Club" draw are:

£25 Betty McGarry (no. 3)
 £15 Mary Waugh (no. 113)
 £10 Margaret Malone (no. 47)

**Fr Stephen and parishioners of Our Lady and St Cuthbert's extend a warm welcome to all our visitors
 We hope you feel at home.**

Thanks

A thank-you card has been received from Stuart and Sarah Green for all the hard work in getting the church ready for their wedding.

Free courses

Community Education courses for autumn will once again be friendly and informal and provide the opportunity to learn locally. The classes are all led by experienced tutors and the teaching style is friendly and informal with an emphasis on learning at your own pace.

Classes will start from Tuesday 20th Sept and will run for 12 weeks free of charge. They will be held in the Carnegie Building and include:

Computing for beginners - Mondays 9.30am – 11.30am and 1.00pm – 3.00pm, Tuesdays 6.30pm – 8.30pm, Thursdays 9.30am – 11.30am.

Drop in session – Wednesdays 1pm – 3pm: This is not a class but a chance to drop in and brush up your skills, get expert help to sort out problems, or to learn something new! (no need to book for this session)

Family learning courses - Coffee, childcare and a chance to relax whilst learning more about parenting skills, stress management, assertiveness building and cooking for health. To find out more please contact Carol George, Community Education office, Carnegie Building, 1 High Street Maybole or call 01655 882105.

It's the 1945 day at Culzean today, Sunday 18th September, from 10.30am to 5pm and there will be 1940s vehicles including jeeps and ambulances, Pathe newsreels, a Fairground, a British Army Field Kitchen, Jives performed by dance schools, George Formby and Max Miller impersonators, "It Ain't Half Hot Mum" style concert parties, Maybole Pipe Band, and lots, lots more.

PARISH DIARY

Thursday 29th Sep. 7 - 9pm
 NHS Ayrshire and Arran
 Review of Service meeting in
 Town Hall

Friday 23rd Sept 6-7pm

Tae Kwan Do class

Saturday 24th Sept
 10-11 am

Muay Thai boxing class

HALL DIARY

Wednesday 21st Sep 8.15pm
 Ayrshire Muay Thai class

Thursday 22nd Sept 6-8pm
 Residents' Assoc Youth Club

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

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.

25th Sunday Year A	READER	BIDDING PRAYERS	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	PASSKEEPERS	PROCESSION OF GIFTS	SERVERS
17th Sep	Nancy Flanagan	Alex Meek	Doreen Donald Pat Sloan	Kate Spratt David Malone	Murdoch family	Jamie Cron Alice Mackie Paul & Amy Strang
18th Sep	Robert Malone	Nancy Flanagan	Marian Davidson Margaret Kiltie	Cindy McEwan Jim Campbell	Kerrigan family	Kyle & Paige Campbell Kieran Porte, Meave Murphy, Ross Malone
26th Sunday Year A	READER	BIDDING PRAYERS	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	PASSKEEPERS	PROCESSION OF GIFTS	SERVERS
24th Sep	Robert Malone	Eileen Hamilton	Ellen Hawkes Irene Hewitt	Robin Donald Jim Hawkes	Spratt family	Jonathan & Michael Lewis Owen & Phoebe McDowall Stephen Zagorski
25th Sep	Ellen Hawkes	Wilma Valdrighi	Betty McCaffery David Strang	Jim McDermott Dennis McCaffery	Jean Harvey Chris Malone	Patrick & Roisin McCallum Justin McQuillan Ali Roy, Liam Menzies