

St Aidan's Parish Church

Mass Times

Sunday Masses Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm, Sunday 10.00 am and 12 Noon.

Holyday of Obligation Vigil 7.30pm, 10.00am and 7.30pm

Weekdays 8.1am (Mondays to Fridays) and 10.00am (daily)

Confessions After all Saturday Masses

Parish Ministers' Rota

8th November 2009

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Vigil	B. Higgins, E. Lynn, S. Woods	P. Devine
10.00am	A. McCrossan, J. Devanny	A. McCrossan, K. McKinley
12 Noon	M. McDowell, W. O'Neill	R. Fox, P. Allison

Today's Readings

Have you ever noticed that in radio and TV interviews where an issue of national importance is being discussed the language of 'seeing' and 'hearing' is often used to describe understanding, compassion and insight? E.g. "I see it this way.." "what I hear you saying is..."; in this sense, sight has as much to do with seeing beneath the surface of things as it has to do with being able to recognise persons or objects in a physical sense. In other words, truly 'seeing' goes deeper than surface realities. In the same way truly 'hearing' often demands going beyond the surface meaning of words used to the deeper reality they point towards. Language like this appeals to the listeners to 'hear' in order to 'see' and understand.

Today's three readings are all linked by an appeal to these two senses of hearing and sight. John 'saw' another angel and 'heard' how many were sealed. He 'saw' a huge number of people and 'heard' their shouts of praise. Again in his first letter, John uses language to appeal to the imaginations of those who would read his letter. He asks them to think about the love God lavishes on them in order for them to better 'see' who they really are: children of God. By seeing more clearly, they will then model their lives more closely on Christ's in order to come one day into the fullness of reality in heaven.

The Gospel ties all this together beautifully by opening with three simple yet powerful words: 'seeing the crowds'. By 'seeing' Matthew meant that Jesus looks at them with powerful compassion and insight. He sees into their hearts and he recognises then need they have for encouragement and hope. He also wants them - and by extension - us to recognise that blessedness belongs to those who are faithful in the ordinary circumstances of their daily lives. Blessedness is part and parcel of the lives of those who are humble, gentle, compassionate, just, generous, peaceful and willing to sacrifice for the good of others. This is the path to sanctity.

St Aidan's Parish Bulletin

31st Sunday (Year B)

1st November 2009



*"How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven"*

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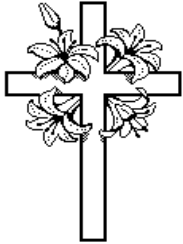
Week 31 of Year 1

1st November Feast of All Saints

2nd November Commemoration of all of the Faithful Departed

Wednesday 4th November St Charles Borromeo Bishop and Cardinal.

In 1560, aged 22, and not yet a priest, he was appointed Cardinal and administrator of the vacant see of Milan by his uncle Pope Pius IV. He took an important part in the Council of Trent. He was ordained priest in 1563, and made bishop and archbishop of Milan the following year. He went on to reform his diocese, to found 'Sunday schools' to remedy people's religious ignorance and open seminaries. During the plague of 1576 he worked tirelessly for his people.



Month of the Holy Souls

Today is the Feast of all Saints and tomorrow is 'All Souls day'. The purpose of these feasts is to remember those who

have died, whether they are officially recognised by the church as saints or not. Together they are a celebration of the 'Communion of Saints'.

During November, the Month of the Holy Souls, Mass is offered daily for the repose of the souls entered on the November Lists. Lists and envelopes are available at the church door. **Please return the completed lists in the envelopes provided as soon as possible.** Lists should be placed in the box in the church porch.

Disclosure Scotland Certificates

All parishioners who supervise or visit children, young people or vulnerable adults on behalf of the parish must be covered by a Disclosure Scotland certificate. If you think that you might need such a certificate please contact John Fox on 01698 385868.

Pastoral Centre Programme

Please see posters in porch for details of the activities in the Pastoral Centre.

Society of the Innocents

Tickets for the Annual Draw are now available in the church porch. **Please return counterfoils and money to the parish house by next Sunday Draw takes place on 14th November 2009.**

November Cemetery Remembrance Service

Sunday 1 November from 3pm to 4pm in Cambusnethan Cemetery All are welcome to attend.

ALMA Lourdes Pilgrimage

20th July to 2nd August 2010

ALMA assists sick pilgrims of the Diocesan Pilgrimage. Applications are invited from people aged between 17 and 26. Cost £693 (includes visit to Euro Disney on return journey).

Your Prayers are requested for:

The Sick: Therese Sutherland

The Recently Deceased: Maureen

Regan; Rafael Toboso; Rosemary Quinn.

The Anniversaries and Month's

Mind of: Marjory Scott; James

McCready, Sr. & Jr.; Esther, John &

Isobel McCready; Willie, Esther &

Martin Galletty; Elizabeth McCrae;

Cathy Doyle; Kenny Young; May & Anne

Boyle; John McKeown; Annie Melly;

Frank Moulds; Isabella McAllister;

Eleanor & Joe Cassidy; May Brown;

Susan Pow.

Vocations

"He is able for all time to save those who approach God through Him, since he always lives to make intercession for them." Are you being called to help others approach the mercy of God as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?

Call your Diocesan Vocations Director: Rev. Charles Dornan St Bernard Shawhead, COATBRIDGE ML5 4NB
T e l . 0 1 2 3 6 4 2 0 5 8 5 . E m a i l : charles.dornan@btconnect.com or visit www.priestsforScotland.org.uk

Parish Humour

A funeral service is being held in a church for a woman who has just passed away. At the end of the service, the pallbearers carrying the coffin accidentally bump into a wall jarring the casket. They hear a faint moan. They open the casket and find that the woman is actually alive. She lives for 10 more years and then dies. A ceremony is again held at the same church and at the end the pallbearers are again carrying the coffin out. As they are walking, the husband calls out, "Watch out for the wall!"

A Sunday School teacher said to her children, "We have been learning about how powerful the kings and queens were in Biblical times. But there is a higher power. Who can tell me what it is?" Tommy blurted out, "I know, Aces."

Children's Corner

Tom: Hey there Betty! What's up?
Betty: Hi Tom, just thinking about having a good attitude and stuff.
Tom: Mum says that sometimes I don't have the right attitude, but I'm not sure what she means, do you know about this 'attitude' business Betty?

Betty: I think I do actually! I was listening to the Gospel today and it was all about having the right attitude. The great commandment of Jesus is to 'love one another'. This is what he asked us to do in order to build the Kingdom of God. Jesus taught us a set of attitudes that we should have in order to 'be' in the Kingdom of God. This set of attitudes is known as the Beatitudes (Be-attitudes). Jesus said that these attitudes are specially blessed by God. They act as a guide for us, they show us how to 'be' kind and loving in our relationships with each other and with God.

Tom: Wow Betty! I'm impressed!

Our Lady's HSFPA Light Opera Presents: Oklahoma!

**Motherwell Theatre
9th to 14th November
with Saturday matinee.**

Tickets from
John Pearson 01698 386562

PARISH NOTICES

BINGO Live bingo in the hall every Sunday at 7.30pm

STALL In the hall after both Sunday Masses. Christmas Cards are now available.

MEN'S CLUB meets in the hall every Thursday at 7.30pm. Men's Club monthly Mass is held on the 1st Thursday of the month.

Intimations for the sick, the recently deceased and anniversaries and all other items for the bulletin must reach the Parish priest by Thursday for inclusion in the bulletin for the following week. We acknowledge the assistance of *Intercom* in the preparation of the text for parts of this bulletin