

## St AIDAN'S PARISH CHURCH

### MASS TIMES

Sunday Masses	Saturday Vigil 6 pm, Sunday 10 a.m. and 12 Noon.
Holyday of Obligation	Vigil 7.30 pm, 10 a.m. and 7.30 pm.
Weekdays	Monday to Friday 8.15am and 10.00am Saturday 10.00am.
Confessions	After All Saturday Masses

### Parish Ministers' Rota

12th July 2009

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Vigil	B. Higgins E. Lynn, S. Woods	D. McKendrick
10.00 a.m.	J. Kane P. O'Donnell	J. Sneddon L. McCulloch
12 Noon	L. Moon J. Fox	J. McKelvie J. Fox

### Today's Mass

#### Second Reading.

There are sections in Paul's letters in which he seems to be boasting of his accomplishments. The true braggarts were a group of conservatives who were hounding him during his missionary tours. Paul mimics their braggadocio to illustrate the shallowness of their claims. In case anyone thinks that he is truly conceited, he adds a self-mocking reference to a "thorn of flesh" that afflicted him. No one knows the nature of this pain, but there have been suggestions that Paul suffered from Malaria. He may have contracted this disease in the swamps of south Turkey.

#### Gospel

Many people wrongly believe that the job of a biblical prophet was to predict the future. Actually, prophets only occasionally make predictions, some never predicted anything. The word that is usually translated "prophet" is the Hebrew word "nabi" which means "one who sees." In the biblical sense "seeing" means understanding, as in "Oh, I see!" Prophets are simply deeply sensitive people with a strong faith. They can "see" a connection between what is going on around them and the ideas of God. We might call them interpreters of God's sign language.

# *St Aidan's Parish Bulletin*

*14th Sunday (Year B)*

*5th July 2009*



*"What is this wisdom that has  
been granted him?."*

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## Week 14 of the Year (Year 1)

### **Saturday 11th July Feast of St Benedict, Patron of Europe.**

Benedict is known as the patriarch of western monks. He founded the monastery at Monte Cassino and drew up monastic rule for there. He called his rule 'one for beginners, a school of the Lord's service, in which we hope to order nothing harsh or rigorous. Pope Paul VI declared him patron of Europe.

### **Vocation Bulletin Inserts**

"My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." if you think you may be called to serve Jesus as a priest, deacon, or in the consecrated life, consider the power of His grace at work in you.

Call your diocesan vocations director:

Rev. Charles Dornan  
St Stephen's, Paddock Street,  
Sikeside, Coatbridge ML5 4PG  
Tel. 01236 4205 . Email:

### **PETER'S PENCE**

The second collection at all Masses today will be for 'Peter's Pence'.

The Peter's Pence Collection unites us in solidarity to the Holy See and its works of charity to those in need. Your generosity allows the Pope to respond to our suffering brothers and sisters with promptness, love, and compassion, so God's people will not feel alone in their time of misfortune.

The Peter's Pence Collection supports the Pope's philanthropy by giving the Holy Father the means to provide emergency assistance to those in need because of natural disaster, war, oppression, and disease.

Congratulations to the Parish's two newly appointed Eucharistic Ministers Ann McCrossan and Jim Devanny.

### **Lourdes**

**Fr King will be going to Lourdes at the end of July. Any petitions for Lourdes should be handed in to the Parish House by 24th July.**

### **Your prayers are requested for:**

#### **The sick:**

May Woods, Joe McGuigan

#### **The recently deceased:**

Alistair Corr, Helen Hunter, Joe Hoolihan, Jack Malloy, Leah Reglinski.

#### **The anniversaries of:**

Marie Carlin, Margaret Ness, John Clifford, Betsy Cain, Cathie Francitti, Alex Donnelly (senior and junior), Kate, Thomas, Mary and Arthur Donnelly

Intimations received after Thursday of each week will appear in the following week's bulletin..

## **PARISH HUMOUR**

An American tourist arrives in the Highlands of Scotland. It is just as he had imagined it. Mountains tipped with snow, lovely glens, burns, distilleries and the continual drone of the bagpipes.

When he gets to his hotel he asks the porter if the bagpipes play all the time.

"och aye", replied the porter "they play day and night. If the pipes stop then it's very bad news."

When he comes down to dinner that night he could still hear the pipes. He asks the waitress "do the pipes ever stop?" Och no, sur", she replied. If the pipes stop then it's very bad news.

That evening in the bar he asks the barman "do the pipes ever stop?" "och no, sur", replies the barman, "If the pipes stop then it's very bad news.

Next morning he goes for a walk along the river bank and meets an old man fishing. They talk for a while and then the American asks "tell me, do the pipes ever stop." The old fisherman replies, "indeed no, sur. If the pipes stop then it's very bad news." The American then says, "that's what everyone says, but what exactly does happen if the bagpipes ever stop?" "Well, sur, if you must know", replied the old man, "if the bagpipes stop, the accordions start!"

"Dad, will you please help me with my homework?"

"Sorry, son," replied his father, "you see, it wouldn't be right."

"I know that, Dad, but at least you could try."

## **Children's Gospel Stories**

### **Greatness**

The Gospel today is about Jesus going home to Nazareth and how his neighbours treated him. They were not very nice to him and they didn't believe he was actually the Son of God.

It can often be difficult to see the people we have grown up with, the people we see every day, for who they really are. Sometimes we only see the greatness in celebrities, great footballers and athletics and other people that we don't know at all.

We should really appreciate the people all around us and know that God's greatness is in everyone.

Poor Jesus was let down by his neighbours, and he felt really amazed that they did not believe his teachings.

We should try to discover the greatness in someone close to us today.

## **PARISH NOTICES**

**BINGO** Bingo in the hall every Sunday at 7.30 pm.

**STALL** Stall available in the hall after both Sunday Masses.

**Men's Club.** The Men's Club meets every Thursday at 7.30 pm in the hall. Men's Club Mass on the first Thursday of the month.

Intimations for the sick, the recently deceased and anniversaries are published in the parish bulletin. Intimations and all other items for the bulletin must reach the Parish Priest by Thursday for inclusion in that week's bulletin. Intimations received after Thursday will be included in the following week's bulletin.

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