

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	8.15am (Mondays to Fridays) and 10.00am (daily).
Confessions	After All Saturday Masses

Parish Ministers' Rota

13th September 2009

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Vigil	B. Higgins E. Lynn, S. Woods	K. Cassidy
10.00 a.m.	G. O'Dowd A. McKee	D. Ness A. McCrorie
12 Noon	L. Moon J. Fox	E. Pearson M. Ayton

TODAY'S MASS

For the next few Sundays we will listen to the letter from St James. James is spelling out the practical message: it is not enough to talk the talk, we must walk the walk. Theoretical spirituality is no good on its own but must be seen in the everyday pattern of our lives. Our faith must show itself not in words alone but also in deeds.

In today's Gospel we meet Jesus, who has taken his Apostles to Lebanon to give them a break from their missionary work, as he returns, stopping at a Roman city called Scitapolis.

Some people bring him a deaf-mute and ask for a healing. Jesus does a strange thing. He sticks his fingers in the man's ears and rubs saliva on his tongue. We might wonder why he did these unusual acts. Basically, he is using sign language, probably the only words that the man can understand. Instead of a casual "be cured", Jesus gives the man the dignity and personal care that he deserves: away from the crowd.

Because the healing takes place East of Jordan, in the Gentile region, it tells us that the Gentiles previously deaf and dumb to God can now hear and respond to him. Jesus is for all, not just the chosen few.

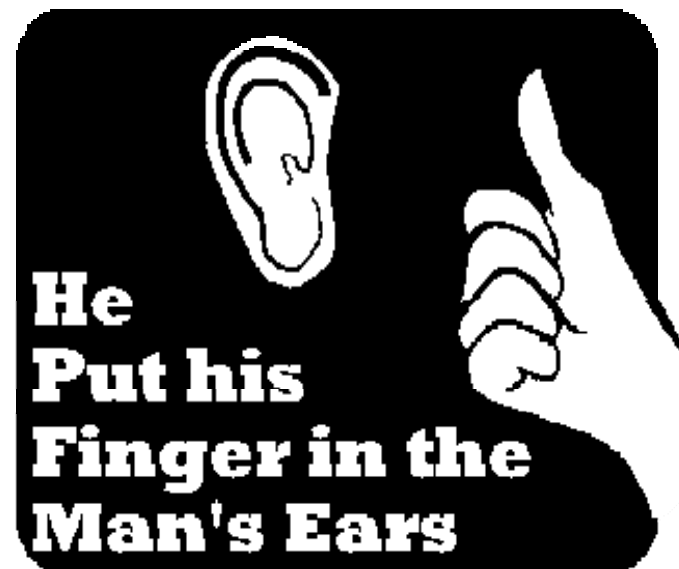
REMINDER

In this week's bulletin the parish has asked for more volunteers for the Youth Club and for the R.C.I.A. Group as well as for more new altar servers. Please help where you can.

St Aidan's Parish Bulletin

23rd Sunday (Year B)

6th September 2009



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Week 23 of the Year (Year 1)

Tuesday 8th September Feast of the Birth of Our Lady.

St Aidan's Tiny Tots

The photographer will be visiting on Thursday 3rd September from 12.30 to 4.30.

The Tint Tots AGM will be held on Monday 21st September at 7.00pm in St Aidan's Church upstairs hall.

St Aidan's Youth Club

The Youth Club Registration Night for all members new and old: will be on

**Tuesday 8th September
from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm**

In the Church Hall. Cost to register £3.00; this is to pay for insurance.

**Opening Night Tuesday 15th September
Doors open at 7.00 p. Only registered members will be admitted.**

N.B. To conform to legal requirements a Parent / Guardian MUST be available to sign out each Youth Club Member at 9.00 pm on Club Night.

The Youth Club are looking for new helpers. The Youth Club, , meets on a Tuesday from 7.00pm to 9.00 pm. If you can help please contact Cathy on 01698 383553.

Help the Youth Club to raise funds by recycling your old mobile phones. Old phones can be left in the box in the church Porch. Please remove your SIM card before recycling your mobile phone.

National Pilgrimage

TODAY, 6th September, in honour of St John Ogilvie. Mass at 3.00pm, Principal celebrant Cardinal O'Brien.. Homily by Bishop Toal, Bishop of Argyll and the Isles. After Mass there will be a rosary procession followed by an address by the Bishop of Lourdes.

GIFT AID

The Parish has received a cheque for £5,928.78 for the refund of income tax on the contributions paid by those on the Gift Aid Scheme. Thanks to all involved for their assistance and

generosity.

If you would like to join the Gift Aid scheme, please let us know.

MISSION DONATION

The Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception have written to thank us for our recent donation of £1,610 for their mission appeal. The letter says; "Both sisters spoke about the wonderful reception they received at St Aidan's. Please thank the parishioners. They are extremely generous and it is amazing just how much help we can give to the people in Africa with this money. May God bless you for all that you do for the universal church."

Mozart for Marie Curie

Mass in C minor, plus a selection of favourite Mozart vocal and instrumental classics in RSAMD Concert Hall, Glasgow on Sunday 13th September at 7.30pm Tickets from RSAMD Box Office £12.00
To raise fund for Marie Curie Hospice.

First Step

First Step is a charity run organisation that provides counselling within the Brannock Area. Today it is experiencing a crisis funding situation. Collection baskets will be available at the back of the Church after each Mass. Any donations, however small will be greatly appreciated.

Your prayers are requested for:

The Sick:

Rafael Toboso.

The recently deceased:

Dick Haddow; Alex King.

The anniversaries and month's minds of:

Agnes Harris, Thomas McCormack; Michael Lynn; Rose Anne Larkin; James, Arthur, Mary, Sarah and Mary Grant; Frances and John Murphy; Elizabeth McCloy; Joseph Carroll; David McManus; Patricia McKee;

R.C.I.A.

The first meeting of the parish's R.C.I.A. Group will take place on Monday 14th September when we will begin the weekly programme of instruction in the Catholic Faith which will last till Easter.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic will be made most welcome and given the support of the Group throughout the programme.

Any parishioner interested in sitting in on the sessions will be just as welcome.: our team has been severely depleted over the years.

We would ask for the prayers of the congregation not just for the candidates, but for the team members and the work of the R.C.I.A. Group.

The R.C.I.A. Group meets in the Parish Hall at 7.30 pm.

Satan's Beatitudes - Somethings to think about:

Blessed are those who are too tired, too busy, too distracted to spend an hour once a week with their fellow Christians in Church ~ they are my best workers.

Blessed are those who wait to be asked and expect to be thanked ~ I can use them in my business.

Blessed are those who are touchy. Soon they

will stop going to church ~ verily, they shall be my missionaries.

Blessed are those who sow gossip and trouble ~ they are my beloved children.

Blessed are those who have no time to pray ~ for they are MY prey.

Blessed are those who gossip ~ for they are my secret agents.

Blessed are you when you read this and think it has everything to do with other people, and nothing to do with you. ~ I've got room for YOU at my inn.

ALTAR SERVERS

We need more new altar servers. Boys and girls who have made their first Holy Communion can serve on the altar. Can you help? If you want to be an altar server please come to a practice on Wednesday 9th September in the side chapel at 4.30 pm . The practice will last for no more than an hour.

VOCATION NOTICE

"Be strong and do not fear!" With every true vocation comes the strength and courage of the One who calls. If the Holy Spirit is prompting you to follow Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, call your diocesan vocations director:

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Email: charles.dornan@btconnect.com

PARISH NOTICES

BINGO Live bingo in the hall every Sunday at 7.30 pm.

STALL The stall is available in the hall after both Sunday Masses.

Men's Club. The Men's Club meets every Thursday at 7.30pm in the hall. Men's Club Mass on the first 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 that week's bulletin. Intimations received after Thursday will be included in the next week's bulletin.

We acknowledge the assistance of *Intercom* in the preparation of the text for parts of this bulletin.