

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

14th June 2009

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Vigil	B. Higgins E. Lynn, S. Woods	P. Devine
10.00 a.m.	C. Allen J. Kane	B. Moulds A. O'Neill
12 Noon	M. McDowell W. O'Neill	M. Ayton J. Fox

Today's Mass

The Trinity is at once at the core of Christian belief and its greatest mystery. A mystery is defined as a religious belief based on divine revelation and regarded as beyond human understanding. Or as one old priest put it, "If we were meant to understand it, it wouldn't be a mystery."

There have been many attempts to explain the mystery of three persons in one God. God is described as "one" in numerous passages in many passages of the Old Testament. For example in the Book of Deuteronomy we have: "Hear, O Israel; the Lord our God, the Lord is one!" The word used here for one is the Hebrew word 'echad'. This is the same Hebrew word that is used for "one" in the passage of Genesis: "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife and they will become one flesh." When a man and woman are married they do not melt into one human being, becoming a sort of hybrid. Yet they do become "one".

About 20 years ago Dr. Harold Willmington of Liberty University passed on this analogy to his students, comparing the Trinity to a book. For example, a book has length, width and thickness. These three dimensions can be described separately, yet they are connected and if you remove one dimension you are no longer describing a book. In the same way the Godhead has three separate members that are connected together and if you remove one you no longer have the Godhead.

Alternatively you could remember the explanation attributed to St Patrick when he likened the Trinity to the shamrock: three leaves, but one stalk.



St Aidan's Parish Bulletin

Trinity Sunday (Year B)

7th June 2009



"Go therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

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Week 10 of the Year (Year 1)

Tuesday 9th June St Columba Founder of the monastery at Iona.

Thursday 11th June St Barnabas Born in Cyprus, one of the first converts in Jerusalem, companion of St Paul on his first missionary journey, then returned to Cyprus to preach the Gospel.

Saturday 13th June St Anthony of Padua Born at Lisbon in 1195; he was an exceptional preacher and was sent throughout Italy and France to preach against the Catharist heresy. He was the first theologian of the Franciscan Order.

There will be no 8.15am Mass for the next few weeks while Fr Clements is on holiday.

Vocation Bulletin Inserts

“We suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.” How are you being called to glorify the Lord in response to His love?” Could God be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call your diocesan vocations director:

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Why Forgive?

Most people probably think of forgiveness in terms of spirituality. However, more and more researchers are finding that the ability to forgive colours a person's attitude and overall health.

Everett Worthington, the executive director of A Campaign for Forgiveness Research, a non-profit group which promotes research in this field says, “Chronic ‘unforgiveness’ causes stress. Every time people think of their transgressor, their body responds.”

Both the immune and cardiovascular systems can be hurt, but the good news is that people can learn to forgive, with positive results, including less stress, anger and depression.

Psychologist Suzanne Freedman believes

that it's important to remember that forgiveness does not imply acceptance of the hurt; nor does it mean forgetting what happened or reconciling with someone who is still inflicting pain.

If you have not been able to forgive someone, think about it again; not just for that person's sake, but for your own welfare.

Gracious God. Thank You for forgiving me. Help me to forgive others.

From Three Minutes a Day by 'The Christophers'

Old Sayings

Sent to Coventry.

In the fourteenth century unruly members of the Cistercian Order were sent to occupy cells in Coventry to cool off, where in isolation they regained their composure.

To go “a-roaming”

Or, more accurately, to go “a-Roming”, a term that entered the English language as a consequence of the English love of going to Rome on pilgrimage. Bede records that eight Anglo-Saxon kings abdicated to live as pilgrims in the eternal city.

Red-letter day

A day of good fortune. Great fasts and Saints' days were always marked in red in the Church's calendar.

From Catholic Trivia by Mark Elvins OFM Cap

PARISH HUMOUR

The irate customer called the newspaper shop loudly demanded to know where her Sunday paper was.

‘Ma'am, said the employee, today is Saturday. The Sunday paper is not delivered 'til Sunday.'

There was quite a pause on the other end of the phone, followed by a sigh of recognition.

‘So that's why no one was in church today.'

A young clergyman, fresh out of seminary, thought it would help him better understand the fears and temptations his future congregations faced if he first took a job as a policeman for several months.

He passed the physical examination; then came the oral exam to test his ability to act quickly and wisely in an emergency. Among other questions he was asked, “What would you do to disperse a frenzied crowd?”

He thought for a moment and then replied, “I would take up a collection.”

Sitting by the window in her convent, Sister Josephine opened a letter from home and found a ten dollar bill inside.

As she read the letter she caught sight of a shabbily dressed stranger leaning against a lamppost below. Quickly she wrote, “Don't despair, Sister Josephine” on a piece of paper, wrapped the ten dollar bill in it and dropped it out the window.

The stranger picked it up and, with a puzzled expression and a tip of his hat, went off down the street.

The next day Sister Josephine was told that a man was at the door, insisting on seeing her. She went down and found the stranger from the night before waiting. Without a word he handed her a roll of bills.

“What's this?” she asked.

“That's the 60 bucks you have coming. Don't Despair won by a nose in the fifth and paid five to one.”



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.

Fr Clements is off on holiday leaving us in the safe hands of Fr King.

Intimations for the sick, the recently deceased and anniversaries must reach the Parish Priest by Saturday morning at the latest. All Items for the bulletin should reach Fr. Clements by Thursday of each week. We acknowledge the assistance of *Intercom* in the preparation of the text for parts of this bulletin.