

## St AIDAN'S PARISH CHURCH

### MASS TIMES

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| 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              | 10.00 am. and 8.20 am, Monday to Friday during Lent. |
| Confessions           | After All Saturday Masses                            |
| Stations of the Cross | Weekdays during Lent at 9.45 am before 10.00 am Mass |

### Parish Ministers' Rota

15th March 2009

| Mass       | Eucharistic Ministers        | Readers                |
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| Vigil      | B. Higgins E. Lynn, S. Woods | G. Traynor             |
| 10.00 a.m. | E. Grattan<br>E. Campbell    | D. Ness<br>A. Reid     |
| 12 Noon    | J. McCann<br>J. Slavin       | E. Pearson<br>M. Ayton |

### Today's Mass

If there's one thing you shouldn't do after listening to today's first reading from Genesis it's to ask, "how could God possibly want Abraham to murder his son." He didn't.

It's a story. It carries the word of God that tells us some important truths. First, God doesn't make mistakes in those he picks for special missions. Second, God's plan for his creation cannot be thwarted even when the odds seem to be stacked against it. Third, freedom is not to be feared but welcomed when seasoned by loving faithfulness to God's will. Fourth, Abraham, and other people too, can be genuinely high-minded, honestly self-sacrificing and totally obedient to God. This is in sharp contrast to what the media and the entertainment industry often throw at us as they portray humans as violent, brutish, out of control.

What more effective way to convey those good things than by story telling! Journalists didn't write scripture. Those who did were both creative and inspired. We'll miss that if we allow the sizzle to steal the steak. The sizzle is Abraham's knife poised to plunge into his young son's heart at God's command. The steak is the message that God knows what he is doing. He's not whimsical. He's totally in command and his commands are always for the good.

We, moderns, need such ancient stories to capture our imagination and inspire our spirit. God's word is creative in its approach to us. Let our response to it be creative too. Let us turn the prose of our daily plodding into the poetry of faith-filled flight.

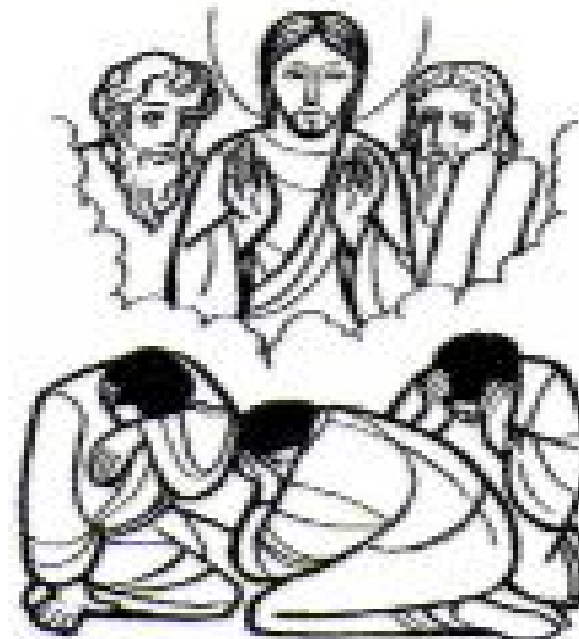
Fr Tom Cahjill SVD

# St Aidan's Parish Bulletin

*Second Sunday of Lent*

*Year B*

*8th March 2009*



*"This is my Son, the beloved. Listen to him."*

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## Second Week of Lent

### Feast of the Week

**Tuesday 10th March St John Ogilvie**

### LENTEN SERVICES

During Lent there will be an additional Mass at 8.20 am, Mondays to Fridays to allow school pupils to attend Mass before school. Mass will finish in time for pupils to reach both High School and Primary School. Every weekday morning from there will be Stations of the Cross before the 10.00am Mass, beginning at 9.45 am.

### Hospital Admissions

It is important that any parishioners who have to enter hospital notify the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholics and that they wish the Catholic Chaplain to be informed of their admission. This applies equally to planned and emergency admissions.

It would also be useful to notify the parish priest of any planned admissions and, where appropriate, the Sacrament of the sick could be administered prior to entering hospital.

### PARISH WEBSITE

St Aidan's now has a parish website. The site, which is still under construction can be viewed at:

[www.staidanswishaw.org.uk](http://www.staidanswishaw.org.uk)

If you have any suggestions, information or photographs for the site, please contact Jim McKelvie ([james@carsoftware.co.uk](mailto:james@carsoftware.co.uk) 01698 382777) or John Fox ([john\\_fox@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:john_fox@blueyonder.co.uk) 01698 385868)

Parish organisations are asked to supply details of meeting times, programme, contacts etc.

### Music Books

**Two Books of Music have disappeared from their place beside the organ in the Church. These books are required by the organists and are difficult to replace.**

**If you have borrowed these books, please return them immediately.**

### The 'Place of the Skull'

The place where Jesus was crucified was called the 'Place of the Skull' in Hebrew 'Golgotha' in Latin 'Calvarium' (Calvary). The traditional site appears to have been an abandoned quarry just outside the city walls, with a rocky knoll in it (about 16 feet high) that resembled a human skull.

### The Praetorium

The Latin word praetor means someone who goes before others. It was often a title given to a general leading an army. The title was also used for the governors of Roman-controlled territories. The praetorium was wherever the praetor lived. Pilate lived on the coast about 50 miles from Jerusalem, but at times, particularly on Jewish feasts, he came to Jerusalem. The 'praetorium' in Jerusalem would be wherever he took up residence.

### Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust

**Last week's Special Collection for the H.C.P.T raise the wonderful sum of £1,900. Thank you.**

### Holy Ghost Fathers' Charity Shop

**Open Monday to Wednesday  
10.00 am till 2.00 pm**

## PARISH HUMOUR

The policeman arrived at the scene of an accident to find that a car had struck a telephone pole. Searching for witnesses, he discovered a pale, nervous young man in work clothes who claimed he was an eyewitness. "Exactly where were you at the time of the accident?" inquired the policeman.

"Constable," exclaimed the telephone engineer, "I was at the top of the pole!"

A man was being interviewed for a job. The interviewer said, "In this job we need someone who is responsible."

"I'm the one you want," the man replied. "At my last job every time anything went wrong, they said I was responsible."

A foreman had ten very lazy men working for him. One day he decided to trick them into doing some work for a change.

"I've got a really easy job today for the laziest one among you," he

announced. "Will the laziest man please put his hand up."

Nine hands went up. "Why didn't you put your hand up?" he asked the tenth man.

"Too much trouble," came the reply.



## 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 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.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

On the mountain, Peter, James and John saw Jesus in dazzling white, they heard God say:

20 8 9 19 9 19 13 25  
19 15 14 20 8 5 2 5 12 15 22  
5 4 12 9 19 20 5 14 20 15  
8 9 13.

Work out the code.

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| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |    |

### 200 Club Winners

#### **February**

153 R. Boyle £79; 89 N Burns £20; 186; W. McQuade £10.

#### **March**

95 m McGuinness £70; 101 J. Brunton £20; 61 M. McDowell.