

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

15th November 2009

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Vigil	B. Higgins, E. Lynn, S. Woods	K. Cassidy
10.00am	E. Grattan E. Campbell	D. Ness A. McCrorie
12 Noon	L. Moon J. Fox	E. Pearson J. Scott

Today's Readings

The widow's mite symbolises generosity. A small gesture bursting with meaning grabs the imagination and immortalises itself. Today's Gospel reading notes that the widow has two coins. She could give one, keep the other, and still be considered generous. But no! Her generosity is not half measure. Her reverence for God and her respect for the Law and its requirements are total. The spotlight is on the quality of her giving. We don't know what happens to her afterwards. But somehow we just know she's not going to die of starvation. We can't prove it, of course. But God doesn't respond to generosity with punishment. What kind of a god would that be!

It's the same for us. When we respond generously to life's demands we're not punished for doing so. Here are some more things we can't prove, but which are true nonetheless: the more we give the more we discover we have to give; and, not only are those who receive enriched, so too are those who give. When I worked in Indonesia as a missionary occasionally I gave money to people in need, or spent it for medical treatment on their behalf. To my surprise, on several occasions I received money out of the blue from home in the form of Mass offerings within weeks of having given help to others. Like the jar of meal and the jug of oil in today's first reading my small jar was never empty either. It really does work that way. Try it and see.

Fr Tom Cahill SVD, Divine Word Missionaries

CORRECTION: Last week Rafael Toboso's name was wrongly listed among those recently deceased. Rafael is alive and well, thank God. Our sincere apologies for this mistake.

St Aidan's Parish Bulletin

32nd Sunday (Year B)

8th November 2009



*"They have all put in money they have over, but...
she has put in everything she possessed."*

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Week 32 of Year 1

Monday 9th November Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. The Cathedral Church of Rome and the official seat of the Pope as Bishop of Rome.

Tuesday 10th November St Leo the Great. Elected Pope in 440, Leo persuaded the Huns led by Attila to withdraw from Rome to beyond the Danube.

Wednesday 11th November St Martin of Tours. Born about 335, Martin was a soldier in the roman army until his conversion. He found the first monastery in Gaul and was made Bishop of Tours in 372.

Thursday 12th November St Josaphat. Born in the Ukraine about 1580, he became Bishop of Polotz in 1617. A noted theologian and preacher, he was loyal to Rome and was murdered in 1623 by those opposed to Rome.

Society of the Innocents Annual Prize Draw

Today is the last day for returning counterfoils and money to the parish house Draw takes place on 14th November 2009.

Pastoral Centre Programme

Summary of events on church Notice Board. For full details of events or to book contact the Pastoral Centre on 01698 385397.

17th Nov. Evening for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

19th Nov. Evening for Readers.

21st Nov. Exploring and living Adult faith in the Parish Community.

25th Nov & 2nd Dec. Advent Meditations.

10h Feb. 2010 Bishop John Geddes

24th Feb. & 3rd Mar. Lenten Meditations .

8th May 2010 Exploring and living adult faith in the parish community.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICES

The Annual Service of Remembrance will be held at the Cenotaph, Duchess of Hamilton Park, Motherwell TODAY at 3.15pm The parade of ex-servicemen, local service units and uniformed organisations will leave the vicinity of Motherwell United Services Club, Mabel Street, at 2.40pm. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held in Motherwell Concert Hall,

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.

Prisoners' Week 15 to 22 November 2009

Prisoners Week is an opportunity to remember all in our communities who are affected by crime and imprisonment - prisoners and their families, victims of crime and those who work within the criminal justice system' More details are available on the website at www.prisonersweekscotland.co.uk

The Prisoner's Week Prayer:

Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those who are held in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love: prisoners, their families and friends; prison staff, chaplains and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the activities of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, to love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in his strength and spirit, now and every day.

Your Prayers are requested for:

The Recently Deceased:

Pat McAdam; Jean Tonner; Nora Connelly; Thomas Goldsmith; George Sonjohn; Catherine McPhee; Thomas Devanny; Dick Doyle; William Hattie.

The Anniversaries and Month's Mind of:

Jim Skiffington (Sr. & Jr.); Thomas McWhinnie (Sr. & Jr.); Jim Armstrong; Josephine Quinn; Maurice Hughes; Michael Larkin; John Meechan; Annie Duffy; Alexander & Catherine Gibb.. Mary McGuinness; Martha Scott

Vocations

"Out of her poverty she has put in everything she had." Will you respond with generosity should the Lord choose you for priesthood or the consecrated life?

Call your Diocesan Vocations Director: Rev. Charles Dornan St Bernard Shawhead, COATBRIDGE ML5 4NB Tel. 01236 420585. Email: charles.dornan@btconnect.com or visit www.priestsforScotland.org.uk

Parish Humour

A teacher was testing the children in her Sunday school class to see if they understood the concept of getting to heaven. She asked them, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big Jumble sale and gave all my money to the church, would that get me into Heaven?" "NO!" the children answered. "If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would that get me into Heaven?" Again, the answer was, "NO!" Now she was smiling. Hey, they're getting it, she thought! "Well, then, if I was kind to animals and gave candy to all the children, and loved my husband, would that get me into Heaven?" she asked. Again, they all answered, "NO!" She was just bursting with pride for them. "Well," she continued, "then how can I get into Heaven?" A five-year-old boy shouted out, "YOU'VE GOT TO BE DEAD!"

"How long have you worked here, Hamish?, asked his boss. "Ever since they threatened to sack me!"

Children's Corner

Tom: Hi there Betty, Why are you so sad?
Betty: Ah just this recession is getting me down, I have no savings for anything as no one has any spare cash now.
Tom: I'm in the same boat, the piggy bank is empty. But I am going to join a local charity walk today and help some of the older people do it,

The Gospel this Sunday tells us that even with little money we can do good things and give of ourselves for others Bella. C'mon, you can come too and we can do it together! *Think about the important things in your life and how you value them.*

Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals will visit St Aidans on Sunday 22nd November with their 'Rags to Riches' collection and Annual Draw.

Their van will collect unwanted / used clothes and bedding (all textiles) Two black polybags filled with good quality clothing could generate enough funds to feed a child in Malawi for a year (approx. £6.15.)

More details next week.

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.

RCIA The RCIA Team meets on Monday 7th November at 7.30 pm in the Hall;

200 CLUB WINNERS No. 29 A. Hattie £70; N0. 42 T. Lynn £20; No. 115 M. Connolly £10.

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