

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

18th October 2009

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Vigil	B. Higgins E. Lynn, S. Woods	P. Devine
10.00 a.m.	J. Kane P. O'Donnell	D. Ness A. McCrorie
12 Noon	M. McDowell W. O'Neill	E. Pearson M. Ayton

TODAY'S READINGS

A wise man once wrote for his gravestone: 'As I am now, you soon shall be, so be content to follow me.' When he died a wiser one taped a note to it that read: 'To follow you I'm not content, until I know which way you went!' Ah! That's wisdom. Wisdom is applying truth to the art of living. The truth comes free in the word of God but applying it comes at a price. Today's Second Reading marks the price: having our soul and spirit, our joints and marrow separated by something sharper than any two-edged sword. Not everyone wants to endure that. The rich man in today's Gospel reading doesn't want to, and he loses out. He abandons Jesus and departs poorer than when he came even though his wealth remains intact. Not only does he leave the poorer, he leaves grieving.

Instinctively he knows that there's more to his life than wealth. Jesus' word pierces him like a two-edged sword, but he's unwilling to allow it to separate him from his wealth. He loses out. He knows it, yet still won't change. He wants wisdom; is offered it, but thinks the price is too high. He wants a bargain-basement type that just doesn't exist.

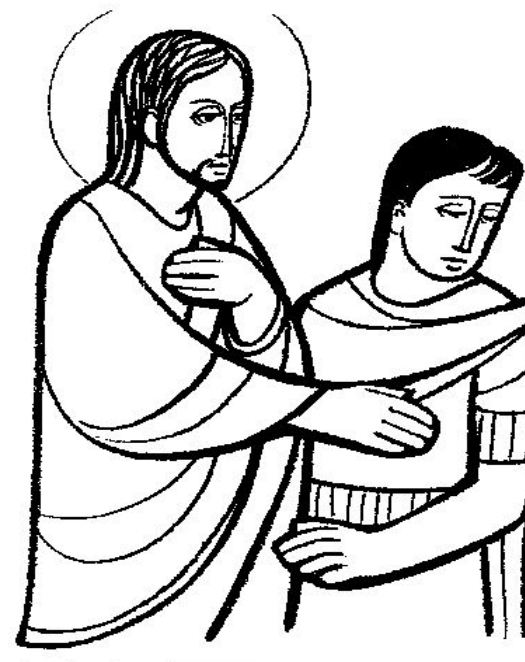
Change wealth to anything else we long for in the secret of our heart – anything that blocks our way to God. That's the spot God's word needs to hit, to separate us from it so that we come to possess wisdom because we've allowed God to possess us.

Fr Tom Cahill SVD, Divine Word Missionaries

St Aidan's Parish Bulletin

28th Sunday (Year B)

11th October 2009



“What must I do to inherit eternal life?.”

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Week 28 of the Year (Year 1)

Thursday 15th St Teresa of Jesus (St Teresa of Avila) 1515 to 1582) Doctor of the Church. Founder of the reformed 'discalced' (barefoot) Carmelites, returning to the original and stricter form of the Carmelite rule.

Friday 16th October St Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647 - 1690) Apostle of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

N.B. There will be no 8.15am morning Mass for the next two weeks.

**Pastoral Retreat Centre
November Events**

5th November An Evening for Readers

Evenings for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

10th November The role during Mass.

17th November Taking Holy Communion to the Sick; Leading celebrations of the Word with distribution of Holy Communion.

19th November A Practical Session on the Presentation of the Word of God.

21.11.09 Exploring and Living Adult Faith in the context of the Local Parish Community

For more details, please see posters in church porch.

Diocese of Motherwell

Mass of Welcome for Probationer Teachers 2009 / 2010

Monday 26th October at 7.30 pm

Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell

All welcome, especially members of the teaching profession, past and present.

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Lourdes Pilgrimage 2010

Friday 23rd July to Friday 30th July

Booking forms available from Mid-October

Please see poster in the Church porch

Coming Soon: Parish meeting to discuss 50th Anniversary Celebrations. Date will be announced next week.

Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust (HCPT)

Cabaret Night in St Bride's Hall, Motherwell

Friday 6th November

To raise funds for their annual Easter Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

For Tickets (£8) phone: Bernadette Kerr on 01698 734403 or Peter Smith on 07776163938

VOCATION NOTICE

"Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" If you ask the Lord this question in prayer, are you ready to respond with a joyful "yes" or will you turn from him with a heavy, unyielding heart?" Call your diocesan vocations director:

Rev. Charles Dornan
St Bernard's 51 Hermitage Crescent,
Shawhead Coatbridge ML5 4NB
Tel. 01236 422451
Email: charles.dornan@btconnect.com
Or visit www.priestsforScotland.org.uk

Your prayers are requested for:

The Sick: Rafael Toboso.

The recently deceased: Fr. Martin Grady; Jane Lynch; Ownie Martin; Lina Marichilli.

The anniversaries and month's minds of: William Kane; Thomas Sneddon (Snr); Agnes Carrol; Pat Dunn; Annie Moulds.

EVENING RETREAT

Wednesday 28th October
in St Aidan's from 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Preacher Fr. Stephen Motroni

All Welcome

More details next week

PARISH HUMOUR

A motorist was charged with speeding at 90 miles per hour on the M8 motorway. "But, your honour," he pleaded, "I wasn't doing 90".

"Were you doing 75?", asked the magistrate

"No I was not."

"Were you doing 50?" "No, sir"

"Were you doing 20?" "No, sir"

"Oh, for Heaven's sake!" said the magistrate. "Fined £200 for parking on a motorway!"



October is the month of the Rosary. The Rosary is prayed in St Aidan's every weekday morning after 10.00 am Mass.

This Sunday is Rosary Sunday at Carfin Grotto—see poster for details.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Tom: Hi there Betty. Why are you so sad?

Betty: I was slugged today for not having Nike trainers and it made me feel really bad.

Tom: Betty, your trainers are cool, you don't need Nike trainers to make you run faster you know, it's the effort and the practice you put into it.

Betty: I know but I wish I had cooler trainers, the others have them.

Tom: C'mon pal, you need to read this Sunday's Gospel! It's about money and how it will never buy you a ticket to happiness; in fact it just makes you want more. God loves us no matter what kind of trainers we have! Knowing that makes us the richest kids around! God's love is priceless Betty, brands come and go but his love is 24/7!

Think about the important things in your life and how you value them.

**Our Lady's HSFPA Light Opera
Presents
Oklahoma!**

Motherwell Theatre

9th to 11th November
with Saturday Matinee.

Tickets from John Pearson 01698 386562

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.

200 CLUB Monthly Winners No. 151 L. Chalmers £70; No. 104 G. McVerry £20; No. 83 B. Malloy.

R.C.I.A. The R.C.I.A. Group meets on Monday 12 October at 7.30 p.m. in the church hall. The topics are 'The Scriptures' and 'the Rosary'.

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.