

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

20th September 2009

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Vigil	B. Higgins E. Lynn, S. Woods	G. Traynor
10.00 a.m.	A. McCrossan J. Devanny	D. Ness A. McCrorie
12 Noon	J. McCann J. Slavin	E. Pearson M. Ayton

TODAY'S MASS

The first reading shows the suffering of the servant of God and his absolute confidence in the Lord's help.

Saint James, whose letter forms the second reading, was a strong believer in social justice. He illustrates this with a sort of reverse view of Jesus' sermon on the Last Judgment. Christ had taught that our salvation would depend on whether we fed the poor, gave drink to the thirsty, clothed the naked, etc. James builds on this by teaching that, if we ignore those in need, our faith is dead. For example, if someone came to us looking for food and we offered to simply pray for them, we would fail the test. Do you just wish "good luck" to those in need, or do you make a real difference in the war against poverty, injustice and hardship?

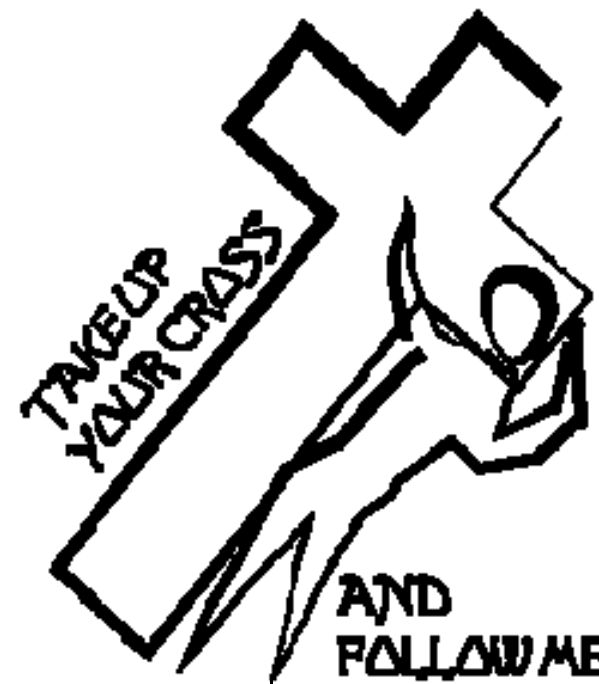
There is an important, telling question from Jesus in the Gospel: "but you, who do you say that I am? Peter answers for all the Apostles, but then finds it hard to believe that Jesus was to suffer grievously, to be rejected and executed. He must have been devastated to be told: "get behind me Satan", and that he had totally missed the point.

Jesus then gave the 'cost of discipleship' - the suffering involved in following Christ. Jesus did not say that you must accept the cross when it comes to you but that you must take up the cross - it is a free choice. When we see others suffering, we must be willing to help them. It seems bad enough to carry your own cross, but to be willing to shoulder the cross of other people makes following Jesus very difficult and generous. No wonder Peter finds it so hard to accept Christ's words.

St Aidan's Parish Bulletin

24th Sunday (Year B)

13th September 2009



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Week 24 of the Year (Year 1)

Monday 14th September The Triumph of the Cross. According to tradition, when the body of Jesus was taken down from it the Cross was thrown in a ditch or well to prevent His followers from finding it and then covered with stones and earth. Then, on September 14, 326, St. Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine, found the True Cross. In 614, the King of Persia, invaded Syria and Palestine, and carried away the treasures of Jerusalem, including the relic of the True Cross. In 629, Emperor Heraclius marched into Persia and recaptured the True Cross. On September 14th, the Sacred Cross was restored to its place in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem.

Tuesday 15th September Our Lady of Sorrows. The Seven Sorrows of Mary are: The prophecy of Simeon, the flight into Egypt, the loss of Jesus for 3 days in Jerusalem, Mary meets Jesus on His way to Calvary, Mary stands at the foot of the Cross, Jesus is taken down from the Cross, Jesus is laid in the tomb.

Wednesday 15th September St Ninian. The tradition about Ninian is that he was a British bishop who had been instructed in Rome and then preached the Gospel among the southern Picts from his base at 'Candida Casa', Whithorn, in Galloway.

St Aidan's Youth Club

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

First Step

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

VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

Vocations awareness week 2009 takes place from Sunday 13th September to Saturday 19th September. During this week we are asked to pray for vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate and the religious life. For more information see poster in church porch.

In celebration of the Year of the Priest, *Priests for Scotland* is launching a photographic competition - *Contemporary Images of the Diocesan priest*. For details see www.priestsforScotland.org.uk

ANNUAL VOCATIONS MASS



The Annual Diocesan Vocations Mass will be held in Motherwell Cathedral, tomorrow, Monday 14th September, at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend and the organisers are hoping for a large turn out from the people of the diocese.

Your prayers are requested for:

The Sick:

Annie Lawson; Rafael Toboso.

The recently deceased:

Jamie Layton; Ily Docherty; Peter Ward; Julia Foley.

The anniversaries and month's minds of:

Linda Mitchell.; Mick Lynn; John and Catherine Murphy; Eric Higgins; The Creaney Family; Annie Higgins; The Higgins Family; Frank Connor.

R.C.I.A.

The first meeting of the parish's R.C.I.A. Group will take place this 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 on Mondays at 7.30 pm.

CARFIN GROTTO

The programme of events at Carfin Grotto is on the church notice board.

PARISH HUMOUR

A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken.

A Sunday School teacher asked her class why

Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied, "They couldn't get a baby-sitter."

After hearing a Bible lesson in Sunday school about miracles, a little girl went up to her Sunday school teacher. "In my house," said the little girl, "when handwriting appears on the wall it's not a miracle, it's the work of my little brother."

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honour thy father and thy mother," she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat one little boy answered, "Thou shall not kill."

VOCATION NOTICE

"Who do you say that I am?" The one who calls is the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Will you follow Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? Call your diocesan vocations director:

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

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.

200 Club September Winners: No. 1 R. Fox £70; No. 44 Maureen Lynn £20; No. 105 G. McVerry £10.

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.