

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

22nd November 2009

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Vigil	B. Higgins, E. Lynn, S. Woods	G. Traynor
10.00am	B. McCabe, M. Lynch	B. Moulds, A. McCrossan
12 Noon	M. McDowell, W. O'Neill	J. Scott, T. Grant

Today's Readings

First Reading: This reading presents us with an affirmation of faith in the resurrection of the dead, something which is not common in the Hebrew Scriptures. Daniel takes us beyond time and into eternity where the terrible sufferings experienced in the end times of crisis and destruction will be replaced by a God's reign where the believer is resurrected and brought to everlasting life.

Second Reading: Paul emphasises that Christ, through his passion, has made the perfect sacrifice for sin and that God no longer needs to remember any sin. Christ leads us into a state of being at one with God. Rather than being the self mutilation of a demented deity, his sacrifice is the consequence of his life and, through its completion, gives us a way to the Father, the power to be children of the most high.

Gospel: The Jesus that Mark tells us about identifies as a prophet from the beginning of his ministry and the triumph described here reflects this fact. This Gospel reading is an exhortation towards faith; it seeks to assure the reader that the dark shadow of the cross which looms over the entirety of the narrative is not the end for Jesus. His glorious arrival at the end of times as the Son of Man is the key event and final proof of God's victory. In an overall sense, this passage strikes a note of hope in a time of despair. The future coming of Jesus will be a vindication of his life and passion, a final victory for the Kingdom of Heaven.

A petition against the closure of St Matthew's Primary School is available for signature in the church porch.

St Aidan's Parish Bulletin

33rd Sunday (Year B)

15th November 2009



"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

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Week 33 of Year 1

Monday 16th November St Margaret , Patron of Scotland. Wife of Malcolm III, King of Scotland. She lived in great piety, spending her time in prayer and fasting, caring for the poor.

Tuesday 17th November St Elizabeth of Hungary. The daughter of the King of Hungary; after her husband's death on Crusade, she lived with complete austerity, visiting the poor and caring for the sick.

Saturday 21st November Presentation of Our Lady. Today we celebrate the presentation of the child Mary, in the Temple at Jerusalem, when she was three, symbolising the consecration of her life to the Lord.

Pastoral Centre Programme

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.

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

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.

Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals work with some of the poorest and most vulnerable people in 12 countries across Eastern Europe, Latin America, the Caribbean and Africa. They offer help by collecting unwanted / unused clothing and bedding (all textiles) and turning them into funds to carry out their work overseas. For better clothing they receive better prices, but they can raise money even from rags to help feed starving children.

Their van will visit St Aidan's **next Sunday** 22nd November to uplift any donated goods. Their raffle team will also be there at all masses over that weekend Tickets are £1 each or £5 per book.

The Van will be there on Sundays after both Masses but donations can also be left in the hall in the week before their visit.

Your Prayers are requested for:

The Recently Deceased:

Jack Garraton, Canon Gerard Maher, Therese Sutherland

The Anniversaries and Month's Mind of:

Fr Frank Welsh, Monica Hughes, Shirley Ann Donnelly, Betty Lavery, James Murphy, Richard and Hannah Moon, Paul Nolan, Linda Wilson, Jim Connor, Mary Gallagher, John McAllister.

Vocations

"Heaven and Earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away." How is Christ calling you to share His eternal words of salvation? Consider a vocation to the priesthood or 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

The Church Hall Committee

Will meet in the Parish House at 7.00pm on Monday 16th November at 7.00pm. We would welcome input from parishioners who have knowledge of planning, construction and building regulations. If you are able to help, please contact Fr King or Cathy McCallum

St Aidan's Primary Parents' Council

Open Meeting

The Parents' Council are holding an open meeting at 7.00pm on Wednesday 18th November in the school to discuss parking around the school. Local councillors, police and Learning and Leisure staff will attend. All parents etc are welcome to attend.

Parish Humour

Several children found a dead robin. Feeling that a proper burial should be performed, they secured a small box and some cotton batting, dug a hole in the back yard, and made ready to dispose of the deceased. The minister's 5-year-old son was chosen to say the prayer. And so with great dignity, he intoned, "Glory be to the Father...and unto

the Son...and into the hole he goes."

The old lady in Wishaw went to see the doctor, complaining of a pain in her left knee. "Oh", said the doctor, "it will just be old age."It can't be that ", replied the woman, "my other knee is fine and it's exactly the same age!"

Children's Corner

Betty: Hey Tom, what are you doing today?
Tom: Just hanging out, how about you Betty?

Betty: Know what, we were reading about the Gospel in school today and our teacher explained that Jesus was a 'forever friend' for each one of us.
Tom: 'Forever friend', that sounds like something my little sister would say!!

Betty At first, I thought that too, but if you read this Gospel and really think about our relationship with Jesus, you begin to realise that He is forever and truly loves us for all time. It is great to feel this deep in your heart Tom.

Tom: Well when you say it like that I'm feeling good about that too. Where is that Gospel?

Make time for a chat with a good friend today

BINGO

**Live Bingo in the Church Hall
Sundays at 7.30 pm
Cash Prizes
Everyone welcome**

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; 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