

## 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	10.00am
Confessions	After All Saturday Masses

### Parish Ministers' Rota

23rd August 2009

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Vigil	B. Higgins E. Lynn, S. Woods	K. Cassidy
10.00 a.m.	C. Allen P. McGinlay	D. Ness A. McCrorie
12 Noon	L. Moon J. Fox	E. Pearson M. Ayton

### Today's Mass

There's very much a take-it-or-leave-it approach evident in today's Gospel . There's no attempt at gentle persuasion. Jesus has just told the Jews that he is the living bread from heaven and that anyone who eats it will live forever. Does he think that the Jews will jump for joy at hearing this? Strangely, instead of laughing him to scorn, or just turning their back on him as a crackpot, as you might expect, they dispute among themselves what he means. Now why would they do that? Why would they take seriously someone who makes so outlandish a claim? Two reasons perhaps. First, there's something about Jesus that demands he be taken seriously, no matter what. There's an intensity of presence, charisma and power in him that tells you he's not the type to make nonsensical statements. Whatever about his statements being enigmatic, you know they can never be idiotic. Therefore, the Jews take him seriously and try to understand him.

Second reason: his works. Jesus has publicly performed works of extraordinary power. Miracles we call them. Because we've not experienced directly such works ourselves we cannot fully appreciate their effect. Just imagine if you witnessed someone performing even one of the healings attributed to Jesus would you not be totally gobsmacked? Would you not take seriously every utterance of such a person? Jesus presents his followers with a take-it-or-leave-it claim. Why? Because if what he has done does not convince, then words won't either. As St Francis noted, we should preach the gospel at all times, using words when necessary.  
*Fr Tom Cahill SVD, Divine Word Missionaries,*

# St Aidan's Parish Bulletin

*20th Sunday (Year B)*

*16th August 2009*



*"I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh for the life of the world."*

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**Week 20 of the Year (Year 1)**

**Thursday 20th August St Bernard.** Abbot of Clairvaux; he travelled a great deal through France, Germany and Italy, trying to reconcile the differences of the Church of his time.

**Friday 21st August St Pius X(1835 to 1914)** The aim of his life was to 'restore all things in Christ'. He exhorted people to participate in the liturgy and encouraged frequent communion.

**Saturday 22nd August Queenship of Mary.** The Queenship of Mary was proclaimed by Pope Pius XII in 1954.

**Parish's Fiftieth Anniversary**

**Next year, 2010 is the 50th anniversary of the founding of St Aidan's Parish.**

**Fr Clements would welcome comments, ideas, suggestions of ways in which we could mark this special anniversary.**

**Suggestions can be e-mailed to staidanswishaw@live.co.uk or handed in to the Parish House.**

**St Aidan's Tiny Tots**

Committee Meeting on Monday 17th August.

The Tiny Tots group resumes on Monday 24th August at 1.00 pm in the Church Hall.

The date of the Group AGM will be announced soon.

**St Aidan's Youth Club**

The Youth Club are looking for new helpers. All new helpers will need to go through the Disclosure Scotland vetting procedures. This is necessary to conform to the Church's policy on the protection of young people. safeguard the youth club members The Youth Club, which is extremely popular with young people and has won a number of awards, meets on a Tuesday from 7.00pm to 9.00 pm.

If you can spare two hours a week to help please contact Cathy on 01698 383553.

The start date for the Youth Club will be announced soon.

**St Aidan's Primary School**

The primary School will reopen to pupils in Primary 2 to 7 on Monday 17th August at

9.00am. Primary 1 pupils will begin their first day at 9.30am and will finish at 12 noon.

We look forward to welcoming everyone.

**CHURCH CLEANERS**

**The dedicated group of church cleaners who have faithfully cleaned the Church for many years are about to retire.**

**We urgently need new church cleaners. At present the Church is cleaned after morning Mass on a Friday for around 2 hours. Any parishioner who can spare a few hours to help keep the Church clean should contact Fr Clements urgently.**

**Your prayers are requested for:**

**The sick of the Parish:**

Rafael Toboso.

**The recently deceased:**

Winifred McGlone.

**The anniversaries and month's minds of:**

Mary Murray; Joe McGowan; Susan O'Donnell; Rosemary Groome; Robert Galloway; David McKendrick.

**Guides, Brownies, Rainbows**

**All Guiding activities resume on Wednesday 19th August.**

**PARISH HUMOUR**

During a performance for the high school drama class at the local theatre, a hole appeared in the stage floor. Subsequent acts managed to avoid the damaged area until little Freddy, juggling bowling pins, accidentally stepped through the hole up to his knee.

He apologized to the audience for his clumsiness. But a heckler in the back of the theatre shouted:

"Don't worry, Freddy! It's just a stage you're going through."

Willie understood money but his wife still had some way to go. One day he said to her, "listen Dear, you know that cheque you wrote last month? Well the bank has returned it." "Smashing", she replied. "What will I spend it on next?"

A teacher asked her class "What's the opposite of joy?"

"Sadness, miss", came the reply.

"What's the opposite of Happiness?"

"Depression, miss".

What's the opposite of woe?"

"Giddy-up, miss."

**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.

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.

**CHILDREN'S CORNER**

When Jesus explained to the people who he was he said that God the Father had sent him and that he would bring love and life to all who believe in Him. Jesus is sent from God to bring us back to God. Our relationship with him develops as we travel on the journey of our lives. Work out the following verse from this Sunday's Gospel:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	1	1	1
									0	1	2	3
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6

**Vocation Bulletin Inserts**

"Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood you have no life in you." Are you being chosen to give life to His people as a priest, deacon or consecrated life? Call your diocesan vocations director:

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