

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	Monday to Friday 8.15am and 10.00am Saturday 10.00am.
Confessions	After All Saturday Masses

Parish Ministers' Rota

24th May 2009

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Vigil	B. Higgins E. Lynn, S. Woods	P. Devine
10.00 a.m.	J. Kane P. O'Donnell	J. Sneddon L. McCullough
12 Noon	M. McDowell W. O'Neill	R. Fox J. McKelvie

Today's Mass

First Reading. Today's first reading is an edited version of the encounter between Peter and the Roman Centurion Cornelius. To appreciate the reading, it would be worthwhile reading the full version. Following a vision Peter came to realise that the Gospel of Christ was universal and overcame the strict barrier between Jews and Gentiles. In Cornelius we see a Gentile who had already come to faith in the God of Abraham and so he was ripe to come to faith in Christ.

Second Reading. What does God do? St John's answer is simple - God loves. Indeed God loves freely. He loves expecting nothing back. In Jesus we see the embodiment of God's gratuitous love for sinners. The way we come to know God is by growing in love for each other. The scripture scholar Raymond Brown offers a thoughtful comment on this passage. He notes how John's theology of love resembles the teaching of St Thomas Aquinas that in this life we come closer to God through love than through knowledge.

Gospel Reading. The love that Jesus has for the disciples is the same love that the Father has shown to the Son. The disciples come to share in this divine love. Jesus embodies this love and the disciples are invited to recognise in the lifestyle of Jesus a sign of how they are to live together as a community of faith. One of the fruits of this love will be joy. By sharing the lives of his disciples Jesus has raised their status from servants to friends. The disciples have been called, chosen and commissioned. They were sent out to bear fruit that will last. Love is the tool used to harvest this fruit.

St Aidan's Parish Bulletin

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

17th May 2009



"A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends."

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Sixth Week of Easter

THURSDAY 21ST MAY SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION. Vigil Mass 7.30 pm; Masses 10.00 am and 7.30 pm.

Remember that there is now an extra morning Mass at St Aidan's - from Monday to Friday. A perfect way to start the day before work or school.

Vocation Bulletin Inserts

"God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through Him." Are you open to the call to be sent into the world as a priest or consecrated religious? If you think that God may be offering you this grace, call your diocesan vocations director:

Rev. Charles Dornan
St Stephen's, Paddock Street,
Sikeside, Coatbridge ML5 4PG
Tel. 01236 4205 . Email:

St Aidan's Primary Parents Association

Party for First Communicants will be held on Sunday 24th May after 12 noon Mass.

Summer Fayre Saturday 6th June 12 noon to 4.00 pm in the school grounds. BBQ, Tombola, Homebaking, raffles and much more. All donations gratefully accepted. See any member of the Parents Association.

Tesco Vouchers for Schools We are collecting these vouchers, please put your vouchers in the box in the church porch.

SCIAF "WEE BOXES"

The total amount that we have contributed to SCIAF through their "Wee Boxes" appeal is £1,517.00.

Thank you.

A special thank you to those who also gift aided their contributions and therefore substantially increased the value to SCIAF.

World Communications Day

Next Sunday (24th May) is World Communications Day.

The second collection at all Masses will be in aid of World Communications Day.

When a visitor said, "My suffering is unbearable".

The Master replied, "The present moment is never unbearable. It is what you think is coming in the next five minutes or five weeks that is unbearable. Stop living in the future.

"Doesn't suffering season a person?"

"It's not the suffering that matters but a person's disposition, for suffering can sweeten or embitter just as the potter's fire can char the clay or season it."

From 'One Minute Nonsense' by Anthony de Mello, S.J.

SVDP Caravan Parkdean Holiday Site, Nairn

The SVDP Holiday Caravan still has some dates free for this year. Details of the dates available are on the Church Notice Board.

If you would like to take advantage of this offer, please contact a member of the SSVP.

Carfin Grotto

St Aidan's Parish Day at Carfin Grotto is **Monday 25th May.**

7.00 am exposition in Glass Chapel
10.00 am Mass in the Parish Church
1.00 pm Mass in the Glass Chapel
7.00 pm Cenacolo Prayers (Glass Chapel)
8.00 pm Night Prayer

PARISH HUMOUR

A boss asked one of his employees, "Do you believe in life after death?"

"Yes, sir," replied the new employee.

"I thought you would," said the boss. "Yesterday after you left to go to your grandmother's funeral, she stopped in to see you!"

The prospective son-in-law was asked by his girl friend's father, "Son, can you support a family?"

"Well, no, sir," he replied. "I was just planning to support your daughter. The rest of you will have to fend for yourselves."

Well, Your Honour, I really didn't mean to get into a fight with the driver of the car I ran into the other day.

I was rear-ended, which caused me to rear-end the car in front of me. The driver, whom you can see is a dwarf, approached me in an aggressive manner after the accident yelling, "I am NOT happy."

I decided that I would try to lighten things up and answered, "OK, I can see that, but then which one are you?"

That's when the fight started.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

F A T H E R E C A H L I T
S E R V A N T L L S I S W
M A S T E R G J O Q T S S
Z F C J C P A Y V N B D K
O N E A N O T H E R N L K
C H V G L P M M H E C R Z
O O R O L D M I V H C T
J I M X Z N E R A U Z T L
O X Q P A Q F D O N V I O
A G Q M L R W J Y X D J V
M U M X W E R I M O G O E
E O G Q B X T F W N U Y D
C U H K O Y H E A S S F M

Can you find the following words from today's Gospel in the wordsearch grid?

**FATHER, LOVE,
COMMANDMENTS, JOY,
COMPLETE, ONE ANOTHER,
COMMAND, MASTER,
SERVANT, CALLED YOU,
FRIENDS, LOVED.**

PARISH NOTICES

BINGO Bingo in the hall every Sunday at 7.30 pm.

STALL Stall available in the hall after both Sunday Masses.

Men's Club. The Men's Club meets every Thursday at 7.30 pm in the hall. Men's Club Mass on the first Thursday of the month.

Intimations for the sick, the recently deceased and anniversaries must reach the Parish Priest by Saturday morning at the latest. All items for the bulletin should reach Fr. Clements by Thursday of each week. We acknowledge the assistance of *Intercom* in the preparation of the text for parts of this bulletin.