

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

26th April 2009

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Vigil	B. Higgins E. Lynn, S. Woods	G. Traynor
10.00 a.m.	C. Allen J. Kane	J. Sneddon L. McCullough
12 Noon	J. McCann J. Slavin	G. McKelvie R. Fox

Today's Mass

I don't know if you are into symbolism, but try this for size: locked doors that mean nothing to the resurrected Jesus. Signifying security to the disciples, they are no hindrance whatsoever to the power of Jesus' resurrection entering that sealed room in today's Gospel reading, or to that same power going out.

John does not describe Jesus as walking through the doors. No special effects here. He states simply that Jesus "came and stood among them". Such simplicity conveys clearly just how insignificant locked doors are.

So how about out 'locked doors'? God's word is telling us that God's power can be with us even though we are locked into ourselves. We don't have to open them first for God to enter!

Just think of that and what it implies! We can burden ourselves with all sorts of baggage on our journey through life. We can lock out people and events from our mind and heart to preserve our sanity or our comfort. We can circle the wagons and live in fear of life's threats and dangers. We can run from life and its challenges. Our locked doors can be all sorts of things: prejudices, fears, neuroses, anger, whatever. Now this is the important bit of the symbolism. We don't have to unlock those doors for God to come and stand with us. In fact we wouldn't be able to.

Mission doesn't demand perfection. The disciples got their mission behind locked doors. So do we: to proclaim that God stands among us.

Fr Tm Cahill SVD

St Aidan's Parish Bulletin

Second Sunday of Easter

19th April 2009



"Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."

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