

## 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 July 2009

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Vigil	B. Higgins E. Lynn, S. Woods	P. Devine
10.00 a.m.	G. O' Dowd A. McKee	D. Ness A. McCrorie
12 Noon	M. McDowell W. O'Neill	E. Pearson M. Ayton

### Today's Mass

In *The World of Silence*, Max Picard writes, 'And yet sometimes all the noise of the world today seems like the mere buzzing of insects on the broad back of silence.' There's something substantial about silence. Often people describe it as 'heavy'. Silence is formidable, even intimidating, if you're not friendly with it. But to be friendly with it, first you have to be friendly with you. One way of finding out if you are, is to go off to a lonely spot and see how long you can stay there before unease sets in.

How many people follow Jesus' advice to his disciples in today's Gospel to go to a deserted place for peace and quiet? Are they not more inclined to go to a noisy holiday resort where's there's lots of action, lots of people, lots of things to do to fill the gap, lots of ways to forget oneself? Is there not something desperate about having to have a good time, and worse yet to feel obliged to say you had, even though you may not have had?

Getting used to silent, solitary periods to relax, to refresh our spirit and take stock of our life is worthwhile. It helps us to think about important things that in the normal course of a day we rarely think of. Things like: life and its purpose, values we live by, people we hold precious, ambitions that drive us, the place we give to God in our life. Silence is necessary not for finding answers but for finding questions.

*Fr Tom Cahill SVD, Divine Word Missionaries*

# St Aidan's Parish Bulletin

*16th Sunday (Year B)*

*19th July 2009*



*"And Jesus took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd and he set himself to teach them at some length."*

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## Week 16 of the Year (Year 1)

**Wednesday 22nd July St Mary Magdalene.** St Mary Magdalene was one of the women who followed Jesus in Galilee; she was present at his crucifixion and it was to her that Jesus first appeared after his resurrection.

**Thursday 23rd July St Bridget of Sweden.** A Swedish noblewoman born around 1030 and died in 1373. She founded the Order of the Holy Saviour (Bridgettines). She lived mainly in Rome, looking after the poor and sick and proffering very outspoken advice to the popes about the problems of the times. She died in Rome after returning from a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

**Saturday 25th July St James.** Called St James the Greater to distinguish him from the other Apostle, St James the Less. He was the brother of St John the Apostle and was the first Apostle to be martyred in Jerusalem by king Herod Agrippa to please the Jewish opponents of Christianity. According to Spanish tradition he visited Spain and preached there and that after his death his body was brought to Spain and buried there. His shrine at Santiago de Compostella was one of the greatest centres of pilgrimage in Christendom.

### Vocation Bulletin Inserts

"He had compassion for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd." Will you respond to the hunger of Christ's sheep as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? 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](http://www.priestsforScotland.org.uk)

### Questions people ask

Q. Why must we have so many interruptions at Mass like standing, kneeling, shaking hands etc.? I would much prefer a quiet, uninterrupted Mass.

A. Silent worship is wonderful in its own place but the celebration of the Eucharist is a community prayer which recognises the presence of the Lord not only in the consecrated host but also in the gathered community, in the word and in the mission to go out in love and service.

"Though there are many of us we form a single body, because we all have a share in the one loaf". Sharing responses, gestures and movements with others is a recognition of Christ in the body that is the community.

*Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap*

### Your prayers are requested for:

#### The sick of the Parish:

David McKendrick

#### The recently deceased:

Betty Williams; John Peters; Anne Higgins.

#### The anniversaries and Month's minds of:

Michael & Margaret Campbell; Aidan Miller; Tracy Donnachie; Kenneth Meehan; Mary Pow; Ian & Jane Simons; Joseph McAleen; Cissy & John McAdams; John, Joe, Eddie, & Jean McKenna; Martin Reynolds; Thomas McAlavey Sr. & Jr.; Frances, Bridget, Thomas, John, Hugh, Catherine and Sister Mary Joseph McAlavey.

## PARISH HUMOUR

The funeral of an old Glaswegian was in progress. The minister was talking about the old man's life, what a model of the community he had been, a loving father, a loving husband, and how he had never tasted whisky in his life. At that the widow could stand it no more. She said to her son, "Listen, Jimmy, just you go up there and have a wee look in that coffin, I think we're at the wrong funeral!"

A waiter in an Indian restaurant in Edinburgh asked the diner, "Curry okay, sir?"

"Yes, lovely, thanks."

A waiter in an Indian restaurant in Glasgow asked the diner "Curry okay, sir?"

"Sorry, son I canny sing a note!"

A drunk gets on a bus late one night, staggers up the aisle and sits next to a woman. She looks him up and down, sees the bottle in his hand and says "I've got news for you, you're going to hell!"

"Oh, no!, Says the drunk, "I'm on the wrong bus!"

## PARISH NOTICES

**BINGO Bingo in the hall every Sunday at 7.30 pm.**

**STALL The stall will be closed until 9th August.**

**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.

**200 Club Winners** No. 101 J. Brunton £70; No. 68 B. Higgins £20; No. 171 P. Docherty £10.

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

Bella: Hi there Tom, what's up, you look a bit sad?

Tom: Just can't seem to score any goals lately and it's getting me down.

Bella: But I saw your last match and even though you didn't score any goals you sure set up a load for the other players, that's how you work as a team and care for others.

Tom: I suppose, but I wish some of them would set me up for a few goals!

Bella: They will and they do Tom, you have a great team everyone cares about each other. That is what the Gospel is about this Sunday you know,

Jesus always showed care for people and helped them and talked to them. I reckon that if Jesus was a footballer he would definitely set up the goals for his teammates as well as score the goals himself!

Tom: Bella, you're a good pal, you always make me feel better!

Bella: Well I care about you, and that means I listen to you and help you in any way I can. Showing care and concern for others is what Jesus teaches us to do.