

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	8.15am (Mondays to Fridays) and 10.00am (daily).
Confessions	After All Saturday Masses

Parish Ministers' Rota

27th September 2009

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Vigil	B. Higgins E. Lynn, S. Woods	P. Devine
10.00 a.m.	E. Grattan E. Campbell	B. Moulds A. O'Neill
12 Noon	M. McDowell W. O'Neill	J. Scott T. Grant

TODAY'S MASS

Today's Gospel reading makes you wonder what on earth possessed Jesus to choose the ones he did to become his disciples. He's teaching them vitally important matters but not only do they not understand what he's saying, they're afraid even to ask him what he means. Why? Could they fear that he may tire of them and look for others more intelligent to replace them as his disciples?

Though slow on the uptake, they're quick on the draw. Self-seeking calculation has them bickering about which of them is top dog. Not only are they a bit dense they're also small-time glory seekers. Could any group of people be less likely candidates to become Jesus' disciples! Yet, he chose them knowing their calibre, and knowing what he was doing. Amazing! Even more amazing is the change in them after Jesus' death and resurrection, a change that sees them proclaiming a most profound message and establishing a faith-community that has spread throughout the world down to this present day. It was also a change that produced in them total commitment to God even to the point of death.

Bringing it closer to home is it not equally amazing the type of people God still calls today to do his work? I don't mean priests and religious primarily but parents. What more precious task could be entrusted to a human being than to bring another into this world and introduce them to God?

We too can be dense and self-seeking, yet God has chosen us. How has the gift of life changed us?

Fr Tom Cahill SVD, Divine Word Missionaries

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25th Sunday (Year B)

20th September 2009



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Week 25 of the Year (Year 1)

Monday 21st September t Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist. Matthew was a tax gatherer for the Romans, he gave up everything to follow Jesus. He is also called Levi in the Gospels. He wrote the first Gospel in Hebrew. Nothing is known for certain of his later life, although tradition says that he preached to the Hebrews and 'in the East'.

Wednesday 23rd September St Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) A priest of the Capuchin Order of the Friars Minor; he bore the Stigmata (the wounds of Christ) for fifty years. He was 'above all a man of prayer'. He was canonised in 2002.

St Aidan's Youth Club

Help the Youth Club to raise funds by recycling your old mobile phones. Old phones can be left in the box in the church Porch. Please remove your SIM card before recycling your mobile phone.

The Youth Club still needs more adult volunteers. If you can spare a few hours a week, contact Cathy on 01698 383553

First Step

First Step thanks you for your very generous donations to First Step. The collections last week amounted to £780.

CARFIN GROTTO

The programme of events at Carfin Grotto is on the church notice board.

Sea Sunday

Next Sunday is 'Sea Sunday', the day set aside for the support of Stella Maris, the Apostolate of the Sea (AoS), the official Catholic Agency for the support of seafarers.

Stella Maris provides pastoral and practical help to the seafarers from around the world who deliver most of the essential goods to Britain.

Although their work provides us with our essential goods and foods, many seafarers do not have an acceptable standard of living and have limited access to the sacraments.

The collection at churches throughout Britain on Sea Sunday is the main source of funds for the work of Stella Maris.

Next week's second collection will be for The Apostolate of the Sea

VOCATION NOTICE

"Wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield" Praying for wisdom will help you yield to Christ's choice of you, should He extend to you the gift of a vocation to the consecrated life of priesthood. If you are discerning your vocation call your diocesan vocations director:

Rev. Charles Dornan
St Bernard's 51 Hermitage Crescent,
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Or visit www.priestsforScotland.org.uk

A young man eagerly described what he dreamed of doing for the poor.

The Master responded, "When do you propose to make your dream come true?" "As soon as the opportunity arrives", replied the young man.

"Opportunity never arrives" said the Master. "It's here."

One Minute Nonsense by Anthony de Mello S.J.

Your prayers are requested for:

The Sick:

Rafael Toboso.

The recently deceased:

The anniversaries and month's minds of:

Elizabeth Harkins; Bernard Malloy; Hugh, Ann and Frank Higgins; Teresa, and Dan Calowell; John Fox; Thomas and Agnes McDonald; Martha Donnelly

PARISH HUMOUR

At his 103rd birthday party the oldest resident in the care home was asked if he thought that he would be around for his 104th.

"Certainly", he replied, "statistics show that very few people die between the ages of 103 and 104!"

When my sister was ill, I phoned to see how she was. My ten year old niece answered the phone in a whisper.

"How's your mother", I asked. "She's sleeping", she answered in a whisper.

"Has the doctor been to see her?"

"Yes and he left her some medicine", was the quiet reply.

"When your mum wakes up, tell her that I phoned. By the way what are you doing just now?"

Again she replied in a soft whisper, "practicing my trumpet!"

When I took a group of nursery school children on a tour of our local hospital, the X-ray technician asked on little girl "have you ever broken a bone?"

"Yes", she replied.

"Did it hurt?" "No", she answered.

"Really", said the technician "which bone did you break?"

"My sister's arm!"

Taking the school assembly one morning, I

noticed that five year old Jenny was saying her own version of the Lord's Prayer; "Forgive us our trespasses and deliver us from Evelyn".

Later on I explained the word 'evil' to her and Jenny promised to get the prayer right next time. Out of curiosity I asked who Evelyn was "My mum" replied Jenny.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Betty: Hey Tom, what are you doing today? Tom: Practising for tomorrow's football match. Betty: Which team is the best? Yours or theirs? Tom: Ours, of course. Betty: We studied the Gospel in school today and actually the first will be last and the last will be first. Tom: Eh? Betty: Yes! Jesus explained that being the best and the greatest is not always the way to see life, serving others and working for others makes you the best and the first in God's eyes. Tom: Ok I see what you mean and I do my best for all my family and friends as often as I can. Even on my team I work hard to help everyone have a great game. Betty: I know you do Tom! Jesus explained that being the greatest is not always the way to see life, but being the greatest helper actually is; that means we are taking our Christianity seriously and really trying hard to be followers of Jesus.

We still need more new altar servers. If you would like to serve on the altar, give your name to one of the priests.

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.

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