

St Aidan's Parish Church

Mass Times

Sunday Masses Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm, Sunday 10.00 am and 12 Noon.

Holyday of Obligation Vigil 7.30pm, 10.00am and 7.30pm

Weekdays 10.00 am

Confessions After all Saturday Masses.

Parish Ministers' Rota

9th May 2010

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Vigil	B. Higgins, E. Lynn, S. Woods.	G. Traynor
10.00am	A. McCrossan, E. Grattan.	J. Sneddon, K. McGinley
12 Noon	E. Hamilton	T. Grant, J. McKelvie

Today's Mass

Like the first disciples, we too are followers of Christ and Christ calls us, as he called them, to be witnesses of his love for all.

We are called to decide, like St Paul and St Peter what sort of community we should be: should we be restricted and closed, in order to protect ourselves and our faith; or should we be open, compassionate and welcoming? The early Church chose to reach out to others. It faced difficulties, challenges and threats. It faced violence and hostility. But even when they met opposition and persecution, the members of those early communities continued to welcome and reach out to others in love.

Many people today are afraid of those who are different from them - and this fear limits them. But if we are confident in God's love and choose to follow Christ's example, we can overcome our fear. Fear hampers true enjoyment of life; it stops us doing things. We cannot flourish in a state of fear - if instead of seeing possibilities we see only threats, instead of hopes and dreams we worry ourselves into nightmares. The early disciples must have been afraid at times too, but their faith was so strong that they faced their challenges with confidence. Through prayer, through reflection and through meaningful conversation with others, we too can face our own challenges with confidence and trust in God.

St Aidan's Parish Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year C)

2nd May 2010



*"My little children...love one another,
just as I have loved you...."*

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Monday 3rd May St Philip and St James, Apostles. Philip was from Bethsaida and he brought Nathanael (St Bartholomew, Apostle) to Jesus. James (known as James the Less), and was the son of Alphaeus. He is thought to have been the author of the Epistle of St James.

The Year of the Priest

During the year of the priest, we are asked to pray for a priest of the diocese on each day of the year. The priests for this week are:

Sunday Fr James Thomson
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Tuesday Fr Thomas Trench
Wednesday Canon Michael Walsh
Thursday Very Rev George Boyd
Friday Rev John Breslin
Saturday Rev Aidan D'Arcy

We should pray also for our own Parish Priest every day of the year.

50th Anniversary

Sunday 9th May. Rolls and sausage in the hall after both Sunday Masses. We hope to display the renovation plans and members of the hall committee will be there to discuss the plans with you. If the rolls and sausage event is a success we will repeat it on the second Sunday of each month.

From the 8th/9th May we will be holding a monthly draw to raise

funds for the renovation. Simply put a £1 in the envelope provided and write your name and address on the envelope. There will be a guaranteed £50 prize every month.

S.C.I.A.F. 'Wee Boxes'

The total donation to S.C.I.A.F. From the Lenten 'Wee Boxes' amounted to £1,137. Thank you.

Pastoral / Justice and Peace Group

The parish Pastoral / Justice and Peace Group will meet on Tuesday 4th May at 7.30pm in the hall.

Men's Club

The Men's Club's monthly Mass will be held on Thursday at 7.30pm.

Parish Bulletins

The bulletins for 9th and 16th May will be 'skeleton' bulletins since the compiler will be on holiday.

A statement by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales on child abuse in the Church is available in the church porch

Please pray for:

The Recently Deceased: James McCool, Elizabeth Devine

The Anniversaries and Month's Mind of: Clara Cannon, Jim Murphy, George Jackson, Kenny Young, Jeanette Markey, Murdoch Wilson, Tom Sloan, William McGhee, Mary and Gerry Murray

PARISH HUMOUR

Father O'Malley answers the phone.
"Hello, is this Father O'Malley?"
"It is"
This is the Income Tax Inspector. I wonder if can you help me?
"What can I do for you?"
"Do you know a Ted Houlihan?"
"I do"
"Is he a member of your congregation?"
"He is"
"Did he donate £10,000 to the church?"
"He will".

A preacher was completing a temperance sermon; with great expression he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river."
With even greater emphasis he said, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river."
And then finally, he said, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river."
He sat down.
The choir leader then stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, "For our closing hymn, let us sing Hymn No. 365: "Shall We Gather at the River."



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Tom: Hi there Betty, what's up?
Betty: Nothing much Tom, I'm just back from stage school, it was great fun.
Tom: Oh yeah, I heard that you are putting on an end of term show.
Betty: We are and it's all the Beatles songs tied up with a story!
Tom: Wow! That's cool, what is your favourite song?
Betty: Not sure but I think it is 'All you need is love', we are singing it with big love hearts all over the stage! I really enjoy the dance moves.
Tom: Funny that, you are describing the Gospel for this Sunday.
Betty: What? It's about dance moves?!
Tom: No you Muppet! It is about Love. When Jesus knew his end was near, he told his friends that 'Love is all they need'. He gave them a new commandment, that they love one another. Being there for each other and working in life to show love and spread God's love is what it's all about
Betty: Ah Tom, that is amazing, now my favourite song is definitely 'All you need is love'!

How will you show God's love today?

First Communion Cards
A range of first Communion cards are now on sale in the stall in the hall after both Sunday Masses

PARISH NOTICES

BINGO Live bingo in the hall every Sunday at 7.30pm.

STALL The stall in the hall is open after both Sunday Masses.

MEN'S CLUB meets in the hall every Thursday at 7.30pm. Men's Club monthly Mass is held on the 1st Thursday of the month. .

Intimations for the sick, the recently deceased, anniversaries and all other items for the bulletin must reach the Parish Priest by Thursday for inclusion in the next bulletin. We acknowledge the assistance of *Intercom* and *Redemptorist Publications* in the preparation of this bulletin.