

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

11th April 2010

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Vigil	B. Higgins, E. Lynn, S. Woods.	K. Cassidy.
10.00am	C. Allen, P. McGinlay.	B. Moulds, A. McCrossan.
12 Noon	M. McDowell, W. O'Neill.	J. Scott, T. Grant.

Today's Mass

The books of the New Testament would not have been written if Jesus had not risen from the dead. It is clear from the resurrection stories that the disciples would have mourned the passing of their crucified Lord. They would have gathered together in his memory for a short time and then drifted apart, back to their old ways. The stories begin with their disappointment and sadness. They are aware too of their own failure. For Peter and John, this begins to change, not through a direct experience of the risen Lord, but with their encounter with the empty tomb. They could have come up with all sorts of reasons why the tomb should be empty. Needless to say, their enemies and others down through the ages have done precisely that. But the experience put them back in touch with what Jesus had taught them. Time and again he had made reference to his rising from the dead. When they accompanied him up the mountain and experienced his transfiguration, he told them they would only understand what they had experienced "when he had risen from the dead."

Despair and disappointment are replaced by hope and a new vision. It is now their task to proclaim what has happened as the touchstone for all Jesus did in his life. All who believe in him will have their sins forgiven and will receive the gift of new life from his Father.

Our celebration of Easter puts us in touch with the saving power of Christ. We remember what he did for us, and we remember the truth the disciples faced: that he must rise from the dead for it all to make sense. When faced with the trials of life - light for some, burdensome for others - we are offered the same opportunity as the disciples.

If we are open to his new life, then we in our turn can become like the good Samaritans who emerge in moments of crisis and are there for others. Touched by it, we will no longer be saying "there for the grace of God". The grace of God will be empowering us to walk simply alongside those in need. We will become the instruments of the risen Lord, offering his forgiveness and healing to all we meet.

St Aidan's Parish Bulletin

Easter Sunday

4th April 2010



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Bishop Devine's Easter Message

Easter is ever the greatest feast in the Christian calendar. The reason is obvious. If we are amazed at the coming to birth of the Son of God made man for us, still more wonderful was his rising from the dead on Easter Day. We are called to follow him, so that we might rise with him to the life of the resurrection, for which we prepare by proving that we are his faithful followers and friends, by the way that we lead our lives while here on earth. I wish all the people of the diocese a very happy Easter, in the joy of the risen Lord.
With every blessing, +Joseph Devine, Bishop of Motherwell.

There will be no 8.15am Mass this week.

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 Bishop Joseph Devine
Monday Fr James Naughton
Tuesday Fr Owen J. Ness
Wednesday Fr William Nolan
Thursday Fr Henry O'Brien
Friday Fr Kenneth F. O'Brien
Saturday Fr Charles J. O'Farrell

We should pray also for the priests of our own parish every day of the year.

HALL CLEAR OUT

Thank you to all those who organised or took part in the hall clear out last weekend. A great job well done!

SCIAF 'WEE BOXES

Please return your 'WEE BOXES' to the box in the church porch as soon as possible.

Please pray for:

The Recently Deceased:

Billy Austin, James McCrory, Mary Murphy.

The Anniversaries and Month's Mind of:

Arthur, John and Mary Donnelly, Therese Sutherland, Margaret and Michael Campbell, John Flaherty, Joseph, Margaret, Michael, William, John and Joseph McGuigan, John and Elizabeth O'Neill.

WELCOME

We welcome Claire Abrahams and Jamie Kirkwood who were received into full membership of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

"White Week"

The eight days after Easter used to be known as "White Week", ending with "White Sunday". This was because the neophytes (new members of the Church) who had been baptised at the Easter Vigil wore their white garments all during that week, setting them aside on the Sunday after Easter.

Father Clements and Fr King wish all parishioners a very happy and holy Easter.

They would like to thank all those who participated in the liturgies during Lent and over the past three days, especially the musicians and choir, the readers and ministers, the altar servers, those who prepared the church and flowers and those who organised the refreshments in the hall. A special thank you to our RCIA Team for their dedication throughout the year.

PARISH HUMOUR

A farm boy accidentally overturned his wagonload of corn. The farmer who lived nearby heard the noise and yelled over to the boy, "Hey Willis, forget your troubles! Come in and visit with us. I'll help you get the wagon up later." "That's mighty nice of you," Willis answered, "but I don't think Pa would like me to." "Aw come on boy," the farmer insisted. "Well okay," the boy finally agreed, and added, "but Pa won't like it." After a hearty dinner, Willis thanked his host. "I feel a lot better now, but I know Pa is going to be real upset." "Don't be foolish!" the neighbor said with a smile. "By the way, where is he?"
"Under the wagon!"

Every year, just before Easter, the Chief Rabbi in Rome goes to the Vatican and presents an ancient, and by now quite tattered envelope to the Pope. The Pope inspects the envelope, shakes his head, and hands it back to the Chief Rabbi, who then departs. This has been going on for nearly two thousand years. One year recently, it happened that there was a new Pope and a new Chief Rabbi. When the Chief Rabbi presented the ancient envelope to the Pope, as he

had been instructed to do by his predecessor, the Pope looked it over and handed it back as he had been told to, in turn, by his predecessor. . . . but then the Pope said, This is an unusual ritual. I don't understand it. What is in this envelope?" "Blessed if I know," answered the Chief Rabbi. "I'm new here myself. But, hey, let's open it and find out." "Good idea," said the Pope. So together, they slowly and carefully opened the envelope. And do you know what they found?
The caterer's bill for the Last Supper!

A little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on. Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered, "Mommy, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?"

Sing, Sing, Sing

Our Lady's HSFPA Light Opera Society
In association with Quarriers'
Lanarkshire Epilepsy Services
Presents:

**A Concert of favourite songs
from films, musicals and opera.
South Dalziel Studios Auditorium,
Motherwell
15th and 16th April 7.30pm
Tickets (£10) from John Pearson
01698 386562**

PARISH NOTICES

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

STALL The stall will be closed this Sunday.

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.