

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

12th September 2010

| Mass | Eucharistic Ministers | Readers |
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| Vigil | B. Higgins, E. Lynn, S. Woods. | N. Welsh |
| 10.00am | J. Pearson, G. O'Dowd | J. Sneddon, K. McGinley |
| 12 Noon | J. Fox, E. Sneddon | J. McKelvie, J. Fox |

Today's Mass

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives a stark warning to those who wish to follow him. Jesus had been drawing great crowds, he had been performing amazing miracles and his teaching must have been inspiring to hear. As Luke describes it, following Jesus must have been exciting, exhilarating, even fun.

Today's Gospel reading comes from the section of Luke's Gospel just before Jesus and his followers set off for Jerusalem to celebrate Passover. Jesus knows that this journey will end in his death. His teaching in today's Gospel shows him getting his followers ready for the changes they will encounter. Following Jesus will soon mean risking your reputation and even your life.

The language Jesus uses today sounds harsh. Can Jesus really be telling us to hate our families? Jesus uses this extreme language to make a point. Sometimes in life we may find that we are presented with a choice: will we opt to put ourselves, our families, and our own desires and ambitions first? Or will we choose the potentially difficult and dangerous path of putting Jesus first, whatever challenges and hardships this will involve? Jesus warns his disciples that this choice is about to be presented to them and he tests their commitment.

Last Sunday's 10.00am Mass to start off our Anniversary Year was a great success. Thanks to the choir, the organist, the altar servers, to Fr Frank Dougan and to all those who provided home baking and helped organise the tea in the hall and to all who attended and participated.

St Aidan's Parish Bulletin

23rd Sunday Year C

5th September 2010



“Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.”

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23rd Sunday of Year C (Weekdays: Week 23 Year 2)

Wednesday 8th September Feast of the Birth of Our Lady

Dates for your diary:

5th September National Pilgrimage to Carfin.

5th September Walking Group event.

12 September Rolls and Sausage Day

20th September Anniversary Committee meeting; all welcome.

Please note the change of date.

26th November Joint Ceilidh

Date to be arranged

Aisling Ghael Concert.

Rolls and Sausage Days

There have been many requests for the Rolls and Sausage days to be held more frequently. This can be done if there are enough extra volunteers to help serve and clear up. If you can help, please complete the slip and place it in the box provided in the church porch.

Joint Ceilidh

The joint ceilidh will be held in St Aidan's hall on Friday 26th November. Bar facilities will be available. Tickets (including pie) £10.

Walking Group

The parish walking group will meet this Sunday in the church car park at 1.30pm. The walks will be in Chatelherault Country Park.

Carfin Grotto

The National Pilgrimage takes place at Carfin this Sunday with Mass at 3.00pm and Marian procession at 4.30pm.

Salamanca Trip

Photographs of the recent parish trip to Salamanca are now available on the parish website - www.staidanswishaw.org.uk
If anyone has any more photographs of

the trip or photographs of other parish events, please contact Jim McKelvie on 3882777.

Parish Memories

As part of the 50th Anniversary Celebrations, we are considering publishing a booklet on the 50 years of the parish's life.

We need lots of help with this - particularly photographs of parishioners and parish events over the years, especially the early years. Any photographs will be copied and returned. We also need stories and reminiscences of the past 50 years of the parish.

Please hand your photos and stories to Fr Clements or John Fox., with the return address for photos.

Tiny Tots

The photographer is coming to St Aidan's Tiny Tots on Thursday 9th September from 11.30am until 4.30pm
This is a great chance to have a souvenir photo of your pride and joy - it would make a wonderful present for grannies and aunties too!

Please pray for:

The Recently Deceased:

Eddie Kearney

Months minds and

Anniversaries:

James Gerard Daly; Charles & James Collins; Mick Lynn; May Grant; Elizabeth & Joseph Carroll; John & Francis Murphy; Arthur, Sarah & Mary Grant; Thomas McCormick; Rose Ann Larkin; John Fox.

**PAPAL VISIT
BELLAHOUSTON MASS**

There will be practice sessions for those attending Bellahouston on Tuesday 7th September at 7.30pm in Motherwell Cathedral.

Transport to Bellahouston is being organized by the appointed transport provider - Stagecoach. They will inform each parish directly of the specific transport arrangements.

Some parishes have received their travel details, which involve travelling to Glasgow by public transport. We are still waiting for our arrangements to arrive.

Pilgrim packs and pilgrim passes are being distributed to each parish. These will be distributed once they arrive, but the Pilgrim Passes will not be distributed until the day of the Papal Mass.

The Pilgrim Pack will include a document called the 'Pilgrim Passport' which indicates the need for every pilgrim to bring photo ID with them. Photo ID WILL NOT be required as a condition of entry to Bellahouston park, however it is STRONGLY RECOMMENDED that pilgrims bring photo ID with them in case it is required in an emergency situation.

Everyone attending the Papal Mass should bring with them a copy of the Magnificat Handbook. Copies are available at the back of the church. There are also spare copies for other parishioners who are not going to Bellahouston.

We hope to arrange a meeting to distribute the Pilgrim Pack in the near future. Arrangements for Pilgrims to contribute to the cost of transport will also be discussed at that meeting.

Pilgrims planning to attend the papal mass at Bellahouston should be aware that the travel to and from the park and the Liturgy will involve a full 10 or 12 hour day..

If you have any queries please contact John Fox on 01698 385868

PARISH HUMOUR

"I can't do the things I used to do," the patient said to the doctor. "I wish you had some magic way of making me younger."
"You've got it wrong," the doctor said. "My job is to see that you get older."

Patient: "It isn't possible that I am as overweight as you say I am!"
Doctor: "Maybe you would prefer to look at it a different way. According to this chart then, you are about ten inches too short!"

PARISH NOTICES

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

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

CAFE is available in the hall after both Sunday Masses and after all weekday masses. All welcome.

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, except for the months of July and August.