

**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** 8..20am (Monday to Friday during Lent) and 10.00 am (daily)

**Confessions** After all Saturday Masses.

**Parish Ministers' Rota**

**14th March 2010**

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
<b>Vigil</b>	B. Higgins, E. Lynn, S. Woods.	K. Cassidy
<b>10.00am</b>	J. Donnelly, J. Pearson	D. Ness, A. McCrorie
<b>12 Noon</b>	J. Slavin, M. McDowell	P. Allison, J. Scott

**Today's Mass**

God reveals Himself to Moses and gives Moses his mission - to free the Israelites from slavery. Revelation can come at any time, in any place. God reveals His name to Moses - 'I AM WHO I AM' - a name that signifies BEING, the cause of what exists, who is always present. God cannot be fully described, but we can still know Him and experience Him in our lives.

Paul makes an analogy between the Crossing of the Red Sea and Christian Baptism. He talks about the cloud - a symbol of God's presence - which overshadowed the Israelites and the sea water. They were a sort of baptism into Moses. This means that they were immersed into the life that God sent them through Moses. As Christians we enter into God's presence by baptism in which we are immersed in Christ.

Paul's point was that some of those who followed Moses later fell away through sin. As followers of Jesus we could meet the same fate, unless we remain strong in our faith.

There was a common belief in the Old Testament that all suffering and death was caused by sin. The worse the sin, the worse the disaster. Jesus rejected this idea. He refers to two recent events that took place in Jerusalem. There were two groups of people that died, but the groups had directly opposite views.

The first group were from Galilee. They started a rebellion against the Romans. They were slaughtered in front of the Temple. Their own blood was mixed with their sacrifices. The second group were collaborators with the Romans. They were helping to build a Roman aqueduct to bring water to the pool of Siloam in Jerusalem. The tower they were constructing collapsed and killed them.

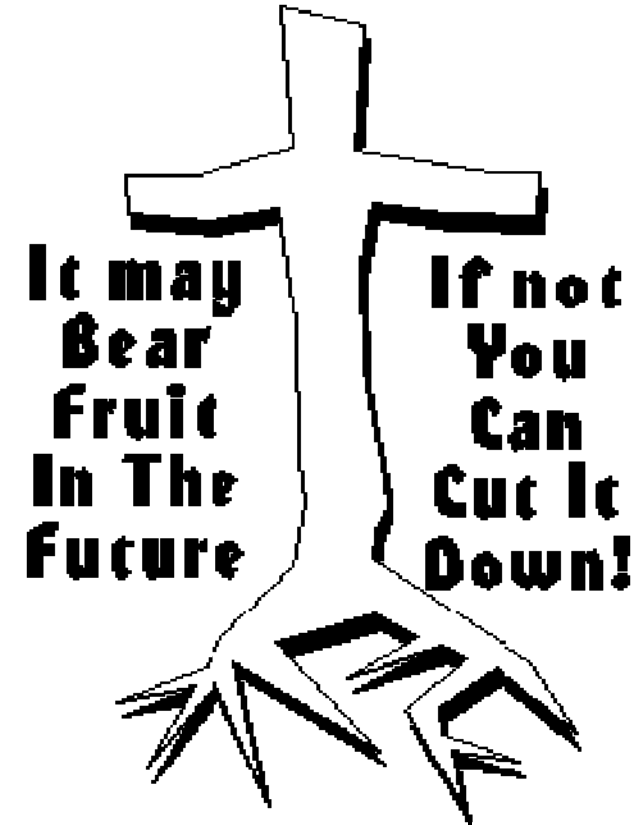
Jesus noted that both groups were sincere in their belief that they were doing right. They did not die because of any sin. God wants people to live and bear the fruit of love.

Jane Mellett and Fr. Richard Lonsdale S.J.

# St Aidan's Parish Bulletin

*Third Sunday in Lent (Year C)*

*7th March 2010*



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### **Third Week of Lent**

**Mass at 8.20am Monday to Friday, perfect for children on their way to school.**

**Holy Hour from 7.00pm to 8.00 pm every Friday during Lent with Rosary and Holy Communion. Stations of the Cross, Monday to Saturday at 9.45 am before 10.00 am Mass .**

**Wednesday 10th March Feast of St John Ogilvie.** Born in Banffshire into a respected Calvinist family in 1579, he was educated abroad and was received into the Catholic Church in Louvain, Belgium in 1596. He joined the Jesuits in 1608 and was ordained priest in 1610. In 1614 he was arrested in Glasgow and after torture he was tried for treason and was hanged at Glasgow Cross on 10 March 1615.

### **Lourdes**

**Fr Clements will be going to Lourdes with the H.C.P.T. In Easter Week.**

**He will be happy to take any petitions from parishioners to the Grotto.**

**Please hand any petitions to Fr Clements before Holy Week.**

St Aidan's S.V.D.P. would like to know if anyone in the parish is needing help, or if anyone knows of anyone who needs help, would they please leave the name, address or phone number in the box provided in the Church Porch. All requests will be treated in the strictest confidence.

### **Thank You**

St Aidan's Bowling Club has given a donation £500 to the Parish.

Lammermuir Primary School has donated £50 to the parish. The donation is given 'as the school comes to an end' to St Aidan's to acknowledge the warm welcome and hospitality they always received from St Aidan's Parish.

### **Medal Found**

A boxing medal, presented to J. Hendry in 1921 has been found in the church car park. Please contact the parish house to reclaim it.

### **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 listed here.

Sunday Fr Patrick A. Hennessy

Monday Fr Colin T. Hughes

Tuesday Fr John M. Irons

Wednesday Fr Sebastian V. C. Kallath

Thursday Fr Robert Kane

Friday Fr Hugh P. Kelly

Saturday Fr Francis D. King

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

### **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**

### **Please pray for:**

**The Sick:** Ann McKenna

### **The Recently Deceased:**

Margaret Abraham, Archie  
Somerville, Sandra Garry

### **The Anniversaries and Month's Mind of:**

Rosemary Allison, William Cain, Liam  
McLaughlin, Eddie Hattie, Midge  
Nolan.

### **PARISH HUMOUR**

It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, 5-year-old Johnny stayed home from church with a baby sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Johnny asked them what they were for. "People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by," his father told him. "Wouldn't you know it," Johnny fumed, "the one Sunday I'm not there and he shows up!"

Joe arrived early for his interview at the train shunting yard where trains are routed and set on different tracks. Tom, the Signaling Manager starts the interview and asks: What would you do if two trains are on the same track coming towards each other? Joe answers: I'll go over and pull the switching lever and get one train on another track so they can pass safely. Ok, Tom says, What would you do if the switch handle is broken off? Joe: Well I would get the piece of steel over there by the shed and jamb it in the switch and use that as the lever. Ok good! Tom. What would you do if the switch lever is broken? Well, I would pick up the phone and call the main office and get them to switch it from there! Ok, very good! Tom: What would you do if no one answers the phone? Well, then I would call my cousin Frank at the fire department and tell him to get down here right away. Tom: What good would that be? Well, he's never seen two trains collide.

### **CHILDREN'S CORNER**

Tom: Hi there Betty, what's up?  
Bella: Nothing much Tom, I'm just back from school, homework to do now!

Tom: Yeah I have to try really hard with mine tonight. I have to write an essay on saying sorry and 'being' sorry.  
Bella: Why Tom? What did you do?  
Tom: It's more what I didn't do really. When we were playing a match during lunch I tackled Ben really hard. He fell down and roared for the ref. They got a Penalty and won the match! I apologised but didn't really mean it because I kept saying stuff to Ben after that. In the end the PE teacher heard me and I got in serious trouble for saying sorry but not meaning it. I do feel really bad now and am really sorry for being so silly and not leaving the match on the pitch.

Bella: So a long essay on the way then Tommy!

Tom: Yep, but I felt better about it when our teacher explained the Gospel to us for this Sunday. It is all about Jesus giving us a chance to be really sorry and to mean those words, when we say them. I am trying to do the right thing now!

### **SCIAF**

SCIAF have written to thank the parish for their donation of £2,753 towards the HAITI Appeal.

**Anniversary Committee**  
**The Anniversary committee will meet on MONDAY \*th MARCH at 7.30 pm in the church hall**

### **PARISH NOTICES**

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

**STALL** In the hall 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. .

**RCIA** The RCIA Team meets on Monday 8th March at 7.30pm in the Parish House; 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 of Redemptorist Publications in the preparation of this bulletin.