

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

15th August 2010

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Vigil	B. Higgins, E. Lynn, S. Woods.	K. Cassidy
10.00am	E. Campbell, B. McCabe	B. Moulds, A. McCrossan
12 Noon	M. McDowell, W. O'Neill	T. Grant, J. McKelvie

Today's Mass

Scientists can be on the ball just as much as footballers. Take Danish physicist Niels Bohr (d. 1962) for example. He watched westerns. As he did, he noted that something strange happened in them: the gunslinger who went for his gun first, often was the one who was shot first – even though he had the advantage. Bohr was fast enough to draw the correct conclusion from what he saw: reacting is faster than acting. It has now been confirmed that we move faster when we react to something that someone else is doing than when we start to do something ourselves – about 21 milliseconds faster.

How fast are we on the draw when responding to God's word? In today's Gospel reading God says he gives us the kingdom. How do we react to that? Do we change because of it? God doesn't hesitate to give. We mustn't hesitate to respond.

We can't claim that we don't know what to do because it's spelled out for us: we've to sell our possessions, give alms, make purses that don't wear out because the treasure they contain is in heaven; we've to be dressed for action, have our lamps lit and be ready for the Master's return. In short, we react to the gift of God's kingdom by living like people who belong to it. So we live with thanks for the precious gift of life. We share that gift graciously with others. We react to life with love, generosity, faith and courage. That's really being on the ball!

Fr Tom Cahill SVD, Divine Word Missionaries,

St Aidan's Parish Bulletin

19th Sunday of Year C

8th August 2010



**Be like servants awaiting
their Master's return**

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19th Sunday of Year C (Weekdays: Week 19 Year 2)

Monday 9th August St Benedicta of the Cross. Born as Edith Stein into a German Jewish family, an atheist in her teenage years, she converted to Christianity in 1922 and became a Carmelite nun in 1934. Although she was moved from Germany to Holland to avoid Nazi persecution she was arrested in 1942 and died in the gas chambers at Auschwitz.

Tuesday 10th August St Lawrence, deacon and martyr. A deacon of the Church at Rome, martyred in 258. When asked to hand over the church's valuable he assembled the poor and the sick and said ' here is the church's treasures.'

Wednesday 11 August St Clare. Born in Assisi in 1193, Clare followed St Francis in his life of poverty. She founded the order of the Poor Clares.

Saturday 14th August St Maximilian Kolbe. A Polish Franciscan who volunteered to die in place of a stranger in the Nazi Concentration Camp of Auschwitz in Poland. He was canonised in 1982 and declared a martyr of charity.

St Aidan's High School

All pupils returning for 5th or 6th year are asked to report to the school on **Monday 9 August** to confirm or change their subject options choices. Pupils entering the new **S5** should report at anytime between 10.00am and 12 noon. Pupils entering the new **S6** should report at anytime between 1pm and 2pm.

PAPAL VISIT

WEDNESDAY 11TH AUGUST IS THE FINAL DAY FOR APPLYING FOR TICKETS FOR THE PAPAL MASS AT BELLAHOUSTON

If you have an questions about the arrangements. Please contact John Fox on 01698 385868, after 11th August, or by email at: staidansparishwisaw@hotmail.co.uk

GIRD YOUR LOINS

This phrase occurs several times in the bible. To understand it, you must know something about clothing in biblical times. Most people wore long tunics that stretched

from the neck to the ankles. This was a useful style in the hot and dusty Middle East. It was not practical, though, if the wearer had to move quickly. In such a case the person would gather up the garment above the knees and tie up (or gird) the surplus tunic with a rope or cloth belt.

Jesus uses the expression to suggest that His followers must be prepared for immediate action when God calls us. As disciples, we must act swiftly in service of God and our neighbour.

PAPAL VISIT RADIO STATION

**'Heart Gives Unto Heart'
Internet Radio**

Broadcasting 7am to midnight Tuesday 14th to Monday 20th September 2010; 3 Masses recorded live; Daily Prayers; Interviews. See poster in porch or visit website for more information:

www.heartgivesuntoheart.co.uk

SPORTSMAN'S NIGHT

There will be a Sportsman's Night with a Sports Forum in the Hall on Friday 27th August. Tickets , priced £5. Numbers are limited, so get your tickets early. Raffle prizes are needed for this event. Don't forget the special raffle for a Celtic shirt.

PARISH HUMOUR

After the fall in the Garden of Eden, Adam was walking with his sons Cain and Abel. They passed by the ruins of the Garden of Eden. One of the boys asked, "What's that, dad?" Adam replied, "Boys, that's where we used to live until your mother ate us out of house and home."

A group of city dwellers go to the countryside where a sign in a national park urges them to 'keep still and listen to the silence.' After a while one man turns to his wife and asks, 'I can't hear anything, can you?'

Ham and eggs: A day's work for a chicken, a lifetime commitment for a pig!

A man walks down the road with a fried egg on his head. Another man asks him why he has a fried egg on his head.. The first man replies, "Well, if it was boiled, it would roll off!"

What came after the Stone Age, the Bronze Age and the Iron Age? The sausage!

Why did the little tomato drop out of school? He could never ketchup!

School History Howlers:

In the Olympic Games, Greeks ran races, jumped, hurled the biscuits and threw the java.

Joan of Arc was burnt to a steak.

Joan of Arc was Noah's sister.

Magna Carta provided that no man could be hanged twice for the same offence.

Socrates died from an overdose of wedlock.

The Persians outnumbered the Greeks because they had more men.

King Arthur lived in an age of shivery.

The King wore a scarlet robe trimmed with vermin.

Ivan the terrible started life as a child, a fact that troubled his later personality.

PARISH NOTICES

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

STALL The stall 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, except for the months of July and August.