

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 8.15 am (Mondays to Fridays) and 10.00 am (daily)

Confessions After all Saturday Masses

Parish Ministers' Rota

17th January 2010

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Vigil	B. Higgins, E. Lynn, S. Woods	G. Traynor
10.00am	J. Kane, P. O' Donnell	B. Moulds, A. McCrossan
12 Noon	E. Hamilton; j. McCann	R. Fox, E. Pearson

Today's Readings

First Reading

This is taken from the second part of Isaiah., probably written during the latter part of the exile of the Israelites in Babylon. It offers consolation and the hope for the coming of the Messiah in glory. Today's reading refers to the messenger who prepares a way in the wilderness for coming of the Lord. The reference to John the Baptist is obvious as is the call to us to live out our baptism.

Second Reading

Titus was Paul's Legate on the Island of Crete. This letter was written along with the letters to Timothy as part of what are generally referred to as the Pastoral Letter. Paul wrote these letters to instruct the local Christian communities on the path they should follow. Today's reading reminds them that God's grace has been revealed i.e. In Christ and he alludes to the Sacrament of Baptism as the 'Cleansing waters of rebirth'.

Gospel

Luke only mentions the actual baptism of Jesus in passing. Luke concentrates on the importance of this momentous and crucial event. When 'Heaven opened'. His narrative catches something of the story of Exodus when the waters of the Sea parted at Moses' command and God performed the great redemptive act of saving his people from their bondage in Egypt. This reminds us that through Baptism we are saved from the bondage of sin and death.

Fr Benedict Fee

St Aidan's Parish Bulletin

The Baptism of the Lord

10th January 2010



*"You are my Son, the Beloved;
my favour rests on you."*

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Wednesday 13th St Kentigern (c518 to 603). He is also known as Mungo, a nickname meaning 'dear one'. Founder of the church at Glasgow and first Bishop of the see of Glasgow. He also spread the Gospel in Cumbria and Wales, founding many churches.

Registration of infant beginners for August 2010 - 2011

St Aidan's Primary School

Children who attain the age of 5 years between 1st March 2010 and 28th February 2011 should be registered from Monday 11th January to Thursday 15th January.

Registration will take place between 1.15pm and 3.15pm. Parents should bring with them child's birth certificate and proof of address. Certificate of baptism, although not required for registration purposes, is also requested if available.

Catholic Trivia

Plough Monday

The first Monday after the twelfth day of Christmas was called plough Monday because it was the end of the Christmas holiday in medieval times and for many this meant a return to work with the plough.

It was customary on this day to have ploughs blessed in preparation for ploughing and sowing.

Lords of the manor would give a feast for his workers before their return to work..

Salt

Blessed salt was used in the preparation of holy water. It was also employed to ward off evil and salt on the tail was a remedy against demonic intrusion. Salt was thrown over the left shoulder with the right hand to ward off evil. Salt was also seen as a symbol of purity and has been put in coffins to ward off the devil.

Touch Wood

To 'touch wood' is a saying that has

remained popular over the years. It originated from touching the wood of the true cross. Many a Catholic would venerate a relic of the true cross before beginning a hazardous task. Today most people are satisfied with touching any wood as a substitute.

Old Nick

Old Nick is a corruption of the name Niccolo Machiavelli who wrote *The Prince* in the sixteenth century as a guide to statecraft. His advice was so cunning and cynical that his nickname was applied to the Devil.

Catholic Trivia by Mark Elvins OFM Cap.

Thank You

The collection for Justice and Peace last Sunday raised £515.00. Thank you.

Guides, Brownies and Rainbows

Guides re-start on Wednesday 13th January.

Rainbows and Brownies re-start on Wednesday 20th January

Please pray for:

The Recently Deceased: Martin Smith, Vincie Mathieson.

The Anniversaries and Month's Mind of: Eddie McKee, Eamon McManus, Charlie Nolan, Ellen Pow, Eric Higgins, Higgins and Creaney Family, Mary and Bernard Crumley, Mary and Tom Stapleton, Thomas Quinn.

Parish Humour

The little boy was horsing around in the library. The librarian asked him to be quiet since the people around him weren't able to read. "They can't read?", said the boy, "then what are they doing in a library?"

After reading *Julius Caesar*, one student complained that the play by Shakespeare was nothing but a lot of famous quotations strung together.

A fairy tale is something that never happened a long time ago.

Alan was conducting an experiment in his high school biology class. He put the grasshopper on a table, leaned down until his face was inches away from the insect and screamed "JUMP!"

Alan carefully removed one of the insects legs. Then he leaned down and again screamed "JUMP!" The grasshopper responded as before.

Alan repeated the process four more times, each time removing one of the grasshopper's legs. Each time the grasshopper leapt into the air, although each jump was less impressive than the one before.

Finally Alan removed the last leg. Then he leaned down and screamed one more time. The grasshopper didn't move. Alan noted the results of the experiment in his notebook. As a conclusion he wrote, "When all six legs have been removed, the grasshopper becomes deaf."

Children's Corner

After listening to today's Gospel, complete the following sentences:

The people wondered if John was the

'I baptise you with Water;

John baptised with water Jesus baptises with

The Holy Spirit came to Jesus as a

God said, 'You are my son

How can you show the love of God today?

St Aidan's 50th Anniversary

The Anniversary Committee and all sub-committees will meet on Monday 18th January at 7.30pm in the church hall.

Membership lists for the committee can be checked from the list on the church notice board

PARISH NOTICES

BINGO Live bingo in the hall every Sunday at 7.30pm

STALL In the hall after both Sunday Masses. Christmas Cards are now available.

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 11th January at 7.30 pm in the Hall;

Intimations for the sick, the recently deceased and anniversaries and all other items for the bulletin must reach the Parish priest by Thursday for inclusion in the bulletin for the following week. We acknowledge the assistance of *Intercom* in the preparation of the text for parts of this bulletin