

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

18th April 2010

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Vigil	B. Higgins, E. Lynn, S. Woods.	G. Traynor
10.00am	J. Kane, P. O'Donnell	J. Sneddon, K. McGinley
12 Noon	J. Fox, E. Hamilton	J. McKelvie, J. Fox

Today's Mass

First Reading:

We hear of the many signs and wonders the apostles carried out among the people, stressing the ministry of the apostles. This is the third account in the Acts of the extraordinary happenings among the first Christians. Witness was being given to the Resurrection, the central aspect of the faith.

Second Reading:

This reading is a wonderful revelation of the Lord who has conquered death and the underworld. He wears a long robe, signifying priesthood and a golden sash, signifying kingship. The imagery used is reminiscent of the prescriptions for priestly vestments in Exodus. The message of the Lord: "Do not be afraid, it is I, the First and the Last, echoes the words of Jesus in today's Gospel.

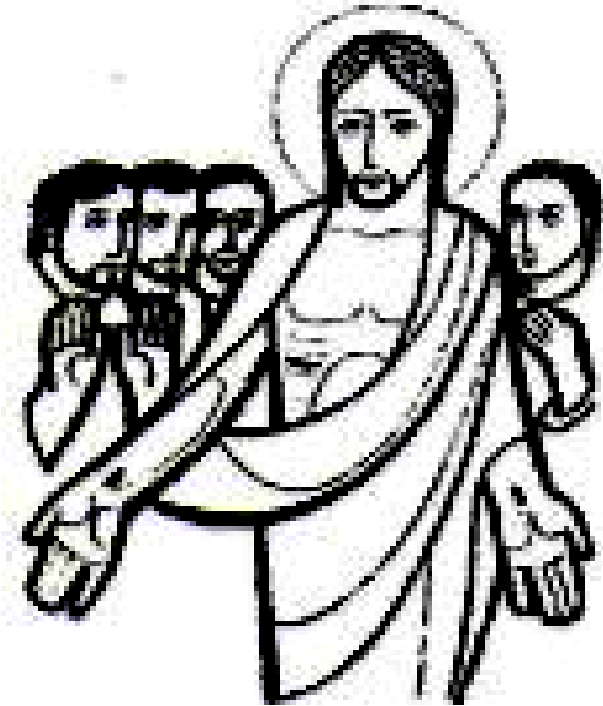
Gospel:

This is one of the most comprehensive accounts of the Resurrection. Christ whom the Father has consecrated and sent into the world, having accomplished all he was meant to do, comes in a transformed state to his frightened followers. He is no longer restricted by material conditions such as locked doors. Conscious of his presence their fear was turned into the joy he had promised. Peace was bestowed on them. He breathes was bestowed on them. He breathes his spirit into them, creating a new dispensation. The doubt of Thomas was a special gift for Christians for all times, declaring them blessed for having come to believe without seeing.

St Aidan's Parish Bulletin

Second Sunday of Easter (Year C)

11th April 2010



"Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."

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Fr King leaves St Aidan's after today to take up his new appointment at St Thomas'. He would like to thank Fr Clements, the housekeeper and the house cleaners, all the church workers and all the parishioners for making his time at St Aidan's so pleasant. Fr King also asks for our prayers. We will miss him at St Aidan's and we wish him well in his new parish.

With Fr King's departure the 8.15 weekday Mass is discontinued.

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 Fr James O'Hara
Monday Thomas O'Hare V.G.
Tuesday Fr James O'Kane
Wednesday Fr Cornelius F O' Leary
Thursday Fr Humphrey O'Mahony
Friday Fr Michael O'Meara
Saturday Fr Canon Patrick O' Sullivan

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

BATHGATE MENZIES CHOIR

The renowned Bathgate Menzies Choir are appearing in St Mark's Church on Tuesday 27th April at 7.30pm
FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY

Tickets (£3, including tea / coffee) are available from St Mark's Church, or at the door.

All proceeds for charity.

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives the apostles the gift of the Spirit and grants them peace. He shares his authority with them, and helps them understand who he is and what he has done for them. We too share in this gift of the Spirit in baptism and confirmation. We begin, even in this life, to share in God's divine life. That is why we see in the wounded Christ not just an executed outcast, but the divine saviour of the world. By living a sacramental life in the Church, we become more and more like our wounded saviour. We learn to appreciate more our own woundedness and the wounds that others have received. We begin to recognise our own need for healing.

We can help to heal the wounds of the world around us. We can ask for forgiveness from someone we've hurt, we can try to speak or think more positively about the people in our lives, even those we find trying or difficult, a small act of kindness, or some encouraging words can work wonders.

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

PARISH HUMOUR

After the service a young couple talked to a church member about joining the church. He hadn't met the husband before, and he asked what church he was transferring from.

After a short hesitation, he replied, "I am transferring from the Municipal Golf Course."

There is the story of a preacher who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new restoration program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."

A pastor I know has a standard liturgy for funerals. To personalize each service, he uses the Find and Replace command on his computer to replace the name of the deceased from the previous funeral with the new name. The next morning, the funeral was going smoothly until the Apostle's Creed. "Jesus Christ," the congregation read from the program, "born of the Virgin Edna..."

The Sunday School teacher was describing how, when Lot's wife looked back at Sodom, she turned into a pillar of salt, when Bobby interrupted. "My mommy looked back once while she was driving," he announced, "and she turned into a telephone pole."

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Betty: Hi Tom! Guess what? My cousin just celebrated her Confirmation.
Tom: That's what the Gospel is about this Sunday.

Betty: What, Confirmation?
Tom: Well, sort of! It's actually about the Holy Spirit pouring down on the disciples when Jesus appeared to them after his death.

Betty: Wow! The Holy Spirit was poured out on my cousin too and she said that the Holy Spirit brings seven gifts!

Tom: Yes Bella and if you use the gifts well they will really show in your life and you will be what my granny calls 'Wrapped in the gifts of the Holy Spirit'! But do you know that the Holy Spirit was already poured on us during our baptism, so stop waiting for the gifts of the Holy Spirit Bella, you already have them to help you in your life!!

Ask the Holy Spirit to be with you in a special way this day.

Sing, Sing, Sing

Our Lady's HSFP 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 in the hall 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. .

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.

Please pray for:

The Recently Deceased:

Moira Oates, Betty Whitters.

The Anniversaries and Month's Mind of:

Peter and Mary Briody, Isobel Brady, Alice Mulligan, Hugh Friskey, Margaret Ferrie