

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

21st February 2010

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Vigil	B. Higgins, E. Lynn, S. Woods.	K. Cassidy
10.00am	B. McCabe, M. Lynch	D. Ness, A. McCrorie
12 Noon	M. McDowell, W. O'Neill	J. Scott, T. Grant

Today's Mass

One of the highlights of Matthew's Gospel is Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount". It is a summary of Christ's teachings about the way to sanctity.

There is a parallel event in Luke's Gospel, but it is in a different setting, a level area. Our Lord probably gave similar messages in several places.

Matthew arranges the message in eight beatitudes or "blessings" that most of us are familiar with.

They say that you will be happy if you: don't get attached to material possessions, make peace, etc. Luke's version takes the beatitudes further. He renders them as four blessings and four "woes" or statements that you will be unhappy if you: cling

to wealth, etc. He points out, as does the first reading, The price to be paid for wrong choices The message in both cases is that this world's values are exactly the opposite of Christian ideals.



SCIAF WEE BOXES

Don't forget

Pick up your Lenten Wee Box today at the back of the Church.

St Aidan's Parish Bulletin

6th Sunday of Year C

14th February 2010

**One who
trusts in
human
beings**



"A curse on the man who puts his trust in man...."

A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord."

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Week 6 of Year 2, Sundays Year C

Wednesday 17th February is Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed after Masses at 10.00 am and 7.30 pm.

There will be no 8.15am Mass on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday this week. Mass on Thursday and Friday will be at 8.20am - ideal for school pupils to attend before school.

Holy Hours will be celebrated every Friday during Lent from 7.00pm till 8.00pm with Rosary and Holy Communion starting on Friday 19th February.

Awareness and Safety in Our Catholic Communities

The Catholic Church's programme for safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults involves us all: the Parish Priest, the Parish Co-ordinator, volunteers and the parish community.

Here in St Aidan's we have a number of families with children of all ages and at all stages of their faith development.

We have a number of volunteers who provide support to the children by presenting the Liturgy of the Mass of the day through a range of appropriate planned learning activities aimed specifically at meeting the needs of the age range of the children.

We also have volunteers who organise the Youth Club, the Tiny Tots Group and the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides.

A further group of volunteers undertake the role of Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, taking Holy Communion to the sick or housebound member of our parish.

The Parish's S.V.D.P. Volunteers assist those in need and we have a number of other volunteers who help keep the parish running smoothly.

As a parish we warmly welcome and fully appreciate the contributions made by all those who volunteer, in whatever way and using the various skills they have to enhance the spiritual and temporal life of our parish.

In law, anyone who works with children or adults at risk is obliged to undertake a Disclosure check, and in our parish this process is carried out by John Fox, who

has been approved by the Diocese to carry out the administration work involved.

The Bishop's Conference of Scotland has a further requirement that anyone who offers their services as a volunteer with vulnerable groups must complete an application form, a self-declaration form and provide two character references.

All parish volunteers will be provided with a role descriptor outlining their responsibilities and will go through an interview procedure with the Parish Clergy and / or the parish Co-ordinator. All volunteers are obliged to attend presentation sessions to learn about 'Awareness and Safety in our Catholic Communities'.

The Policy established by the Bishop's Conference specifies that this information should be presented to the Parish Community on an annual basis to reassure you that all possible steps are taken to ensure that the children, young people and adults at risk of our Parish are as safe as they can be while in our care.

To anyone thinking of volunteering their services, please let this information be an encouragement and not a deterrent.

If anyone would like more information about the policy document 'Awareness and Safety in our Parish Community', or if you think you need to go through the Disclosure process or if you are unsure if your role in the Parish requires you to go through the Disclosure process, please contact the Parish Co-ordinator, John Fox, on 01698 385868



Wee Box Appeal 2010

Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. As always during Lent SCIAF (The Scottish Catholic International Aid Foundation) asks for your help. SCIAF is working tirelessly to tackle the causes of poverty at the root. To continue their work SCIAF needs resources. You can help by taking a **Wee Box** and filling it during Lent. The **Wee Box** pack includes 40 ideas on ways to fill the **Wee Box**. **Wee Boxes** can be returned to the Church at the end of Lent or your contribution can be sent direct to SCIAF. Please consider completing the Gift Aid information on the base of the **Wee Box**, thereby substantially increasing the value of your donation to SCIAF at no additional cost to you.

WEE BOXES are now available at the back of the Church. Please take one home.

200CLUB MONTHLY WINNERS

This month's winners are:
No. 94 G. Colquhoun £70
No. 1200 J. Docherty £20
No 192 M. Boyle £10

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 15th February at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall; 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.

ST AIDAN'S S.V.D.P.

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

Any new S.V.D.P. Volunteers would be very welcome

THERE WILL BE NO RAINBOWS, BROWNIES OR GUIDES MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 17th. BACK AS USUAL THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

SCIAF HAITI APPEAL

Your contributions to last week's appeal raised £2,753. Thank You.

Please pray for:

The Sick: Karen Ann Firth

The Recently Deceased: Robert Marshall, Patricia McGuire, Vincent McKenna, Jim Dale.

The Anniversaries and Month's Mind of:

Michael McConville, Eleanor, Jennifer & Isabelle Cassidy, Ian Gilchrist, John O' Brian, Agnes, Hugh, Annie & Frank Higgins, Louise Cullion, James Doherty, Susan Gallagher, Edie Pearson, John Doolin