

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

28th March 2010

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Vigil	B. Higgins, E. Lynn, S. Woods.	G. Traynor
10.00am	G. O'Dowd, A. McKee	B. Moulds, A. McCrossan
12 Noon	W. O' Neill, L. Moon	T. Grant, J. McKelvie

Today's Mass

First Reading:

The Israelites have wandered through the desert leaving their slavery in Egypt behind them. Salvation has been a long time coming but finally they can put away the disgrace of Egypt. This is their first Passover after they had entered the Promised Land - a homecoming. The Manna of the desert is replaced by the crops of their new homeland and, ready for a new life, this is a celebration of a new beginning.

Second Reading:

Paul reminds us that we are ambassadors for Christ. God wants us to be in communion with him through Jesus. He depends on us to be his witnesses to the world, to replace the old with the new. This new creation comes with faith in Jesus. Paul speaks of a new ministry to reconcile people to God but also of reconciliation between peoples. God has entrusted this mission to us.

Gospel Reading:

The Pharisees and the Scribes complain that Jesus associates with sinners. Jesus responds with the parable of the prodigal son. This story of the 'Lost Son' and his eventual joyful reunion with his father is the heart of Jesus' message to us. The parable features the younger son as the sinners and the elder brother as the Pharisees. Through it we are clearly shown the unending mercy and forgiveness of the Father and we are instructed to do likewise.

Jane Mellett

Today is S.C.I.A.F. SUNDAY and the second collection at all Masses is for the Scottish International Aid Fund.

St Aidan's Parish Bulletin

Fourth Sunday in Lent (Year C)

14th March 2010



"He was lost and is found."

Parish Priest: Rev. Joseph Clements

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Fourth 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 17th March - Feast of St Patrick.

Friday 19th March - Solemnity of St Joseph.

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 By 28th March.

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 Brian Lamb
Monday	Fr Vincent G Lockhart
Tuesday	Fr Brian Logue
Wednesday	Fr Francis G. McGachey
Thursday	Fr James McGarry
Friday	Fr Kevin M. McGoldrick
Saturday	Fr Brian McGraw

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

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

The Rotas for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for the Easter Tridium are on the notice board in the church porch

Please check the details. Readers and ministers are required for the Easter Vigil Service. Please add your name if you are available.

Thank You

Gerry Keenan and his family would like to thank the Rosary Group for their

prayers for his sister.

HALL CLEAR OUT

The Social and Hall Committee have organised a skip to clear out the hall. We need lots of volunteers to help with the clear out We'll give you details of times etc nearer the time.

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: Margaret Boyd

The Recently Deceased:

Bobby Jones, Marie Keenan, Jim Beggs, Sandra Garry.

The Anniversaries and Month's Mind of:

John Munro, John, Tom, & Ian Meechan, Bridget, Jackson, Jim Carroll, Margaret Kearney, Jimmy Cameron, Gerard Bell, Eleanor Cassidy, Mary Cunningham, Janice Fuller, Margaret Ann Irvine, John & Elisabeth Brown

PARISH HUMOUR

Before performing a baptism, the priest approached the young father and said solemnly, "Baptism is a serious step. Are you prepared for it?" "I think so," the man replied. "My wife has made appetizers and we have a caterer coming to provide plenty of cookies and cakes for all of our guests." "I don't mean that," the priest responded. "I mean, are you prepared spiritually?" "Oh, sure," came the reply. "I've got a keg of beer and a case of whiskey."

The Pope took a philosophy professor (an atheist at that) out fishing on a large lake. As they drifted on the still lake, the philosopher accidentally dropped an oar and watched it float away. The Pontiff stepped out of the boat, walked across the water to the oar, grabbed it and walked back to the boat. The next day at the university, a colleague asked the philosopher if he had enjoyed fishing with the Pope. "It was okay, but would you believe that guy can't swim?"

One minister says that it doesn't bother him at all if his members look at their watches during his sermons. It does affect him, however, when someone not only looks at his watch, but also holds it up to his ear to check if it's still going.

Return of Pyxes

Eucharistic Ministers are reminded that they **MUST** return Pyxes as soon as possible after use.

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 March at 7.30pm in the 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.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Tom: Hey Betty, what's up?
Betty: I'm really excited that my big brother is coming home from America today!

Tom: Wow, that's really cool. Is he working out in the States?

Betty: Yes he was but he lost his job in the recession and didn't want to tell Mum and Dad, so he stayed out there and spent all his savings paying rent and ignoring the fact that he had no income. Now Mum and Dad have to pay his ticket home he is so broke. At first they were angry with him for not telling them in the but now we are all just dying to see him come home! I really missed my big brother!

Tom: Wow, that's good news And guess what the Gospel this Sunday is about 'The Prodigal Son'. He is a bit like your prodigal brother!!

Betty: Hey, now that I think of it you are right! I'm glad he will hear the Gospel this Sunday!!

How will you show a someone that love and forgiveness is always there?

SCIAF

Today is S.C.I.A.F Sunday. The second collection at all Masses will be for the work of the Scottish International Aid Fund. Please be as generous as you can.