

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

24th January 2010

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Vigil	B. Higgins, E. Lynn, S. Woods	P. Devine
10.00am	J. Donnelly, J. Pearson	J. Sneddon, K. McGinley
12 Noon	J. Slavin, M. McDowell	P. Allison, J Scott

Today's Mass

The couple in today's Gospel, like any couple planning a wedding, wanted their 'Big Day' to be special and for everything to go as planned. However things began to go wrong. In a culture that prized the virtue of hospitality, to run out of wine would have made their wedding day the talk of the country. But Mary was sensitive to their need and Jesus' action rescued the day for the happy couple.

The Church regards marriage as a Holy Sacrament that invites a man and a woman to mirror the love of Christ for his Church. Isaiah put it perfectly when he wrote, "As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you."

The world needs marriage for the simple reason that the world always is in need of love, a love that is faithful, a love that is true. But love is a fragile plant needing the rich soil of care and the gentle rains of fidelity. And the garden of love is not complete without precious petals from the flower of forgiveness.

Today belongs to all those who share the sacrament of marriage. In the goodness of God may the wine of their love be as abundant as the wine at the wedding feast in Cana of Galilee so long ago.

Fr Benedict Fee

St Aidan's Parish Bulletin

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17th January 2010



*There
Was A
Wedding
At Cana*

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Thursday 21st January St Agnes Although she is one of the most famous of the Roman martyrs, little is known for certain about her life. She probably died around the year 304. Agnes was around 12 or 13 and refused to consider marriage, consecrating her virginity to God. When persecution brought out she left home and offered herself for martyrdom; she was executed. A church was built in her honour around 350.

The Marriage Feast at Cana

John, the beloved disciple, witnessed the entire scene at Cana. He saw how calm Mary was and her complete trust in Jesus. She simply handed over the problem to him and continued to trust him, in spite of his initial seeming reluctance to act

When John came to write his Gospel, years later, he saw a deeper meaning behind the lavish supply of wine. It is a symbol of the sheer generosity of God's grace, His abundant, self-giving love which is at the heart of salvation. Just as the new wine at Cana was more than enough for all the people there, God's grace, which is God's love in action, is enough to sustain believers in their daily Christian life and help them in their difficulties.

200 CLUB

December Winners:

No. 175 M. Chambers £70
No. 133 J. Murphy £20
No. 208 J. McCallum £10

January Winners:

No. 84 Ailsa O'Neil £70
No. 58 M. Stannage £20
No. 5 M. McKay £10

There are now some vacant numbers in the Parish 200

Club. If you would like to help the Parish and be in with a chance to win great monthly prizes for only £1 per month please contact B. Higgins (Telephone: 01698 384845).

Thank You

The donation box at the crib over the Christmas period raised £234.00 for St Margaret's Children's and Family Care Society. Thank you.

Guides, Brownies and Rainbows

Guides re-started on Wednesday 13th January.

Rainbows and Brownies re-start on Wednesday 20th January

Please pray for:

The Recently Deceased: Fr Jim Brown, Fr Gerry Nugent, Michael Donnelly

The Anniversaries and Month's Mind of: James McKenna, Lilly Glencourse, Eddie Keating, Neil McSloy, Bridie O'Neil, Teresa Palacek, John, Susan & Marjory Scott, Bridget Murphy, Mary Cassidy, Sarah, Arthur, Mary & May Grant, Joseph Carroll, Elizabeth McCloy, John & Francis Murphy

Parish Humour

A priest was holding a Renewal of Vows Service for parishioners who had been married in the Parish Church over the last 40 years.

After the service, one couple came up to him and said, Thank you for inviting us, we have really enjoyed the service. We want to tell you that you said something at our wedding twenty years ago that we have never forgotten,. You said to us, "You will not remember a single word I say to you today", and , do you know, you were right!"

A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Mass As she ran she prayed, "*Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!*" While she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again. As she ran she once again began to pray, "*Dear Lord, please don't let me be late...But please don't shove me either!*"

The cathedral was being renovated. The workers had a lift to help them reach the galleries and roof. The lift had a safety device – it would only work if the gate was firmly closed. One day one of the workers, Peter by name, took the lift right to the top, and he left the gate open. The Bishop wanted to inspect some of the renovation work and was on the ground floor waiting for the lift. After ringing for the lift a couple times he shouts up for the worker to send the lift back down. Visitors to the cathedral were treated to this sight: the bishop , head tipped up, yelling up to the heavens: "PETER! CLOSE THE GATES!!!"

St Aidan's 50th Anniversary

Change of Date

The Anniversary Committee and all sub-committees will meet on Monday 25th January at 7.30pm in the church hall.

Membership lists for the committees are on the church notice board

(The RCIA Group will meet in the Parish House)

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 25th January at 7.30 pm in the **Parish House** 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