

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

25th April 2010

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Vigil	B. Higgins, E. Lynn, S. Woods.	P. Devine.
10.00am	J. Donnelly, J. Pearson.	D. Ness, A. McCrorie.
12 Noon	J. McCann, J. Slavin.	R. Fox, E. Pearson.

Today's Mass

First Reading:

The Sadducees were members of the priestly aristocracy in Jesus' time. They didn't believe in Divine providence, the Resurrection of the body or in Angels. Jealous of the popularity of the apostles, they had them thrown into prison. The apostles' release by an angel and their teaching in the Temple created a problem for the Sanhedrin, and an opportunity for the spirit-filled apostles to fearlessly preach the Gospel. This earned them the severe punishment of a flogging. They rejoiced to be counted worthy to suffer for the name.

Second Reading:

The 4th Book of Revelations was written to comfort Christians persecuted under Nero. The Lamb who was slain has now been granted sovereignty. He is the Lord of history and controls its unfolding. The reference to all living things in creation crying praise to the Lamb reminds me of the inter-connectedness of humans and all creatures! How many species have we destroyed in our greed and ignorance? With faith in the Lord of History I hold the hope that all will be made new; nothing will be lost.

Gospel:

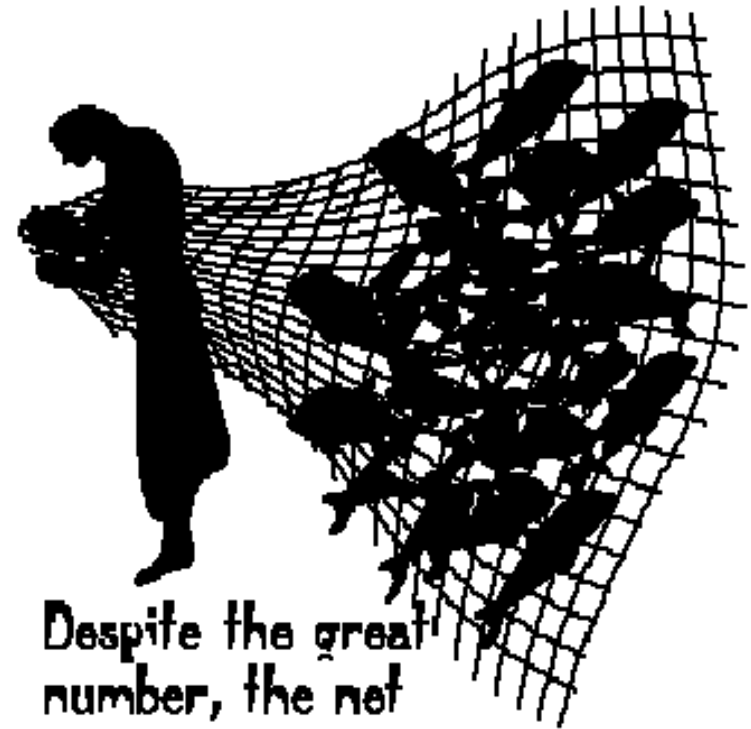
This resurrection appearance happens on the shore of Lake Tiberias. The friends of Jesus are together. Have they understood the meaning of his coming? The humanity and thoughtfulness of Jesus is evident. A fire with breakfast ready would be a welcome sight. John is the first to recognise Jesus and the impetuous Peter rushes to meet him. 'Do you love me more than these?' was Peter remembering his three-fold denial? In spite of it, perhaps because of it, he is entrusted with the primacy and the pastoral care of people. Then Jesus took bread and gave it to them, reminiscent of the Eucharist.

Elizabeth McCarthy DMJ

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Third Sunday of Easter (Year C)

18th April 2010



**Despite the great
number, the net
was not torn**

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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 Canon William O'Sullivan
Monday Fr Stuart J. Parkes.
Tuesday Fr Dominic Quinn
Wednesday Canon Andrew Reilly
Thursday Fr Stephen M. C. Reilly
Friday Fr Richard J. Rodgers
Saturday Fr Jose Cirilo Rodrigues

We should pray also for our own Parish Priest every day of the year.

200 CLUB Monthly Winners

No. 114 M. Larkin's
No. 24 P. Allison
No. 62 A. McAleavey

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.

Please pray for:

The Recently Deceased: Moira Oates; Denis (Dinny) McWilliams; Robert King.

The Anniversaries and Month's Mind of:

Annie O'Brien; Thomas Jardine; James Joseph Jardine; Mr and Mrs Quigley and Family; John & Susan Scott; Marjorie Scott; Mgr Alex Devanny; Helen Milton.

Strange but True

Today's three readings are strange, or contain elements that do not make sense in the ordinary world. Imagine hearing them for the first time. The first reading has the apostles delighting in having suffered pain and humiliation; the second reading describes a world that couldn't be farther from earthly existence - the heavenly Lamb being worshipped by vast numbers of angels as well as by all the animals, birds, fish and insects ever created. The third reading, the Gospel, has a stranger on the shore directing experienced fishermen to find what they could not, a shoal of large fish. He cooks for them and eats with them - despite having been killed in a vicious execution a short time before.

Are these not strange? And yet 'truth is always strange; stranger than fiction!'

SCIAF 'WEE BOXES

Next Sunday 25th April is the last date for returning your wee boxes to the Church. After that date they should be sent direct to SCIAF at the address on the box.

PARISH HUMOUR

On a sunny Sunday afternoon, two young church members were going door to door to invite people to visit their services. When they knocked on one door, it was immediately clear the woman who answered was not happy to see them.

She told them in no uncertain terms that she did not want to hear their message, and before they could say anything more, she slammed the door in their faces.

To her surprise, however, the door did not close; in fact, it bounced back open. She tried again, really putting her back into it, and slammed it again with the same result - the door bounced back open.

Convinced these rude young people were sticking their foot in her door, she reared back to give it a slam that would teach them a lesson. Just then, one of them said quietly: "Ma'am, before you do that again, you really need to move your cat."

A man was driving to work when a truck ran a stop sign, hit his car broadside, and knocked him cold. Passersby pulled him from the wreck

and revived him. He began a terrific struggle and had to be tranquilized by the medics.

Later, when he was calm, they asked him why he struggled so. He said, "I remember the impact, then nothing. I woke up on a concrete slab in front of a huge, flashing 'Shell' sign...and somebody was standing in front of the letter "S"!"

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Wordsearch

T S T A T V S J O H N G
F H I B F I S H I N G R
O F O M U G B S B W T D
L N J M O N L E H S A R
L D Z F A N O W R E O M
O A H H U S V B R I E T
W N T S H P E B I I A P
B A V T P E T E R O M S
N G A L I L E E B M P H
Z E B E D E E W M Y R W
D I S C I P L E S F P H

Find these words from today's Gospel: Tiberias, Galilee, Simon, Peter, Thomas, Nathan, Fishing, Zebedee, Boat, Love, Disciples, Bread, John, Follow, Sheep

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.