

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 July 2010

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Vigil	B. Higgins, E. Lynn, S. Woods.	K. Cassidy
10.00am	J. Donnelly, J. Pearson	B. Moulds, A. McCrossan
12 Noon	M. McDowell, W. O' Neill	J. McKelvie, J. Fox

Today's Mass

Its the middle of summer. Schools are closed; many activities have stopped for the summer months. Activity in our parishes slow down as people are away or enjoying the long days, even if the weather isn't great. Other areas are busier than ever. All kinds of sports and outdoor activities are in full swing. Summer is on one hand a time of rest and on the other a time of great energy.

Ironically, God made an impact on two people in today's readings who seemed to be doing nothing. Abraham was sitting under the oak of Mamre and Mary was sitting at the feet of Jesus. In Abraham's case his wife Sarah was preparing a meal for the unexpected guests and Martha was fussing around preparing to entertain Jesus. But it was to those who seemed to be doing nothing that the Word was addressed. There is a terrible temptation to believe that we have to force God's hand. Lord, if I do this, will you do that? The Father knows all our needs and he has promised us in Christ to grant all that we ask in his name. We have to relax and remember God is God and we are his children.

There is a story that Pope John XXIII used to pray each night ' Lord, I have done my best. But at the end of the day it's your Church!' Martha was no doubt doing work that needed to be done, as we all must do. Mary found something different. She was able to sit in the company of Jesus and learn from him. Jesus said that she had chosen the better part and that it was not to be taken from her. That is why prayer is an essential part of being a Christian. We must regularly recharge our spiritual batteries. We have to work and we fret about so many things. In the hustle and bustle of life it is always good to remember that God is in charge.

St Aidan's Parish Bulletin

16th Sunday of Year C

18th July 2010



“It is Mary who has chosen the better part and it is not to be taken from her.”

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17th Sunday of Year C (Weekdays: Week 16 Year 2)

Thursday 22nd July St Mary Magdalen. Jesus healed Mary of 'seven devils' and she was one of the women who followed him; she was present at the crucifixion and went to his tomb and found it empty but Jesus appeared to her and gave her a message for the disciples.

Friday 23rd July St Bridget of Sweden. A Swedish noblewoman. She and her husband lived devout lives and after his death she appealed to the kings of Europe and the Pope for peace and the restoration of the Papacy to Rome. She also founded a religious order.

HELP WANTED

Remember we still need:

- More church cleaners;
- More St Vincent de Paul members;
- More altar servers;
- More choir members;
- More helpers for the Anniversary celebrations
- More people to do something more than just turn up for Mass on Sundays.

If you can help please, give your contact details to Fr Clements or send them to the parish email address: stadansparishwishaw@hotmail.co.uk.

SEA SUNDAY

Last week's collection for Sea Sunday raised £545.00. Thank you.

PAPAL VISIT

16th September 2010

We are still awaiting precise details of the number of tickets the parish will receive for the Papal Mass at Bellahouston during the Papal Visit on 16th September. However we will now start taking names of those



parishioners who would like to attend the Papal Mass. Once the number of tickets allocated is known, the names of those who will receive tickets will be drawn from a hat.

Please complete the forms available at the church door and put them in the box provided in the church porch. Parishioners who intend to travel as a couple should tick that option on the form.

Our special thanks and appreciation go to John Murray as he retires after more than 20 years as the parish's co-ordinator for the R.C.I.A. Group. During his time as co-ordinator, John has been instrumental in introducing a large number of new members to the Church. Thank you, John.

Please pray for:

The Recently Deceased: Isobel Gault; Evelyn Stewart; Mrs Doherty; Philip Duddy.

The Anniversaries and Month's Minds of: Thomas Meechan; David McKendrick; Ian & Jane Simmons; Kenneth Meechan; Tracy Donnachie; Martin Reynolds; Thomas McAleavey Sr. & Jr.; Hugh, Francis & Bridget McAleavey; Catherine, Thomas & John McAleavey.

ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

SPORTSMAN'S NIGHT



There will be a Sportsman's Night with a Sports Forum in the Hall on Friday 27th August. Tickets, priced £5.

Numbers are limited, so get your tickets early.

Raffle prizes are needed for this event. Please hand prizes to committee members or to the Parish House.

The Special Raffle for a 'Robbie Keane' Celtic Shirt will be drawn at the Sportsman's night. To enter the raffle, enter your name and contact details on the special envelope provided, put £5 in the envelope and return it to a committee member.

WALKING GROUP

The first outing of the Parish Walking Group will take place on Sunday 25th July. The walk will be along the Clyde walkway, starting from Crossford and will suit walkers of all levels. Walkers should use their own transport to Crossford, although some car sharing may be available.

Please meet in the Church Car Park at 1.30pm

PARISH HUMOUR

A man is driving down a steep, narrow mountain road. A woman is driving up the same road. As they pass each other, the woman leans out of her car window and shouts, "PIG!" The man immediately leans out of his window and replies with "WITCH!" They both drive on and as the man turns round the next corner he crashes into a pig in the middle of the road.

A teacher asked her primary class to draw pictures of their favorite Bible stories. She was puzzled by a boy's picture which showed four people on an aircraft, so she asked him which story it was meant to represent. "The flight into Egypt", he replied. "I see", said the teacher, "so that must be Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus. But who is the fourth person?" "Oh, that's Pontius - the Pilot!"

Susie's mother decided that for her 10th birthday Susie should get something practical. So she suggested that they open a savings account. "It's your account, darling", her mother said as they entered the bank, "so you fill out the application. Susie was doing fine until she came to the space for 'Name of your former bank'. With just a slight hesitation she put down 'Piggy'.

PARISH NOTICES

BINGO Live bingo in the hall every Sunday at 7.30pm.

STALL The stall will be closed for the Summer break until 1st August.

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, except for the months of July and August.