

## 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 February 2010

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Vigil	B. Higgins, E. Lynn, S. Woods.	G. Traynor.
10.00am	C. Allen, P. McGinlay.	B. Moulds, A. McCrossan.
12 Noon	L. Moon, J. Fox.	J. McKelvie, J. Fox.

### Today's Mass

#### **First Reading**

As Lent begins, we are reminded of why efforts should be made to give glory and praise to God. It is because God has shown kindness and led us from drudgery to contentment and from isolation to community. Israel's story may have happened a long time ago but there is still a need for us to be grateful for God's ongoing presence. Lent is not so much about denying oneself s acknowledging God.

#### **Second Reading.**

Salvation is something we all desire. We want peace of mind. At night we lock our cars, secure our homes, ensure that all is well and face the night with confidence. Our confidence comes from knowing we did what needed doing. Likewise, God's salvation is certain but there is a need for us to take certain steps. Believing is one thing - professing another. Actions speak louder than words.

#### **Gospel**

Wilderness and temptation seem to go well together. Wilderness has much to offer the one who wanders it with confidence, expectation and hope. It can be a place of peace and finding direction. It can be a place of renewal and commitment. It can be a wellspring for holiness. It can be all of these when mind, body and soul are in harmony. When they're not, the wilderness is a dangerous place - filled with all that can hurt, unbalance and unhinge. Without good Spiritual direction, temptation abounds. Jesus did not yield to temptation, not because he was God but because he prayed.

# St Aidan's Parish Bulletin

*First Sunday in Lent (year c)*

*21st February 2010*



*"You must worship the Lord your God  
and serve him alone."*

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### **First Week of Lent**

**Monday 22nd February Feast of the Chair of Peter. This feast has been kept at Rome since the fourth century as a symbol of the unity of the Church.**

**Mass at 8.20am Monday to Friday, perfect for children on their way to school.**

**Holy Hour from 7.00pm to 8.00pm every Friday during Lent with Rosary and Holy Communion. Stations of the Cross, Monday to Saturday at 9.45am before 10.00am Mass**

### **LENT**

Lent is closely associated with the transition from winter into spring. The word 'Lent' comes from the Anglo-Saxon word for springtime *Lencten*, referring to the gradually lengthening of the days after the winter solstice.

During the second century Christians prepared for Easter by fasting for 2 days. In the 3rd century this fast was extended to the whole of holy Week. A distinct and lengthy preparation for Easter has only been known since the fourth century when the preparation for baptism was joined by fasting and other penitential practices in preparation for absolution from public sins and crimes. This long preparation for Easter became universally popular in the Middle Ages with emphasis on penance for personal sin.

Stations of the Cross is a popular Lenten devotion, drawing attention to the suffering and death of Jesus.. This devotion became popular during the crusades (1095 to 1270) when pilgrims in the Holy Land would follow in the footsteps of Jesus. This developed into the devotion as we know it. The number of stations varied from 5 to 20 until, in the 18th century, Pope Clement XII fixed the number at fourteen in the eighteenth century. In the 1960's it became popular in some places to add a fifteenth station - the Resurrection. The modern trend for Lenten exercises is to emphasise the more positive aspects of discipline and good works, focusing on penance, prayer and alms giving.

**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.**

### **Questions People Ask.**

**Q.** In the temptations of Jesus, how could the devil claim that all the kingdoms of the earth belonged to him and that he had the power to give them to anyone he chose?

**A.** The devil's claim was a downright lie, he was called 'the father of lies' by Jesus. Very temptation is based on a lie, a false promise. The most successful lie is the half-truth: the falsehood is camouflaged by something attractive or desirable. Perhaps a good plan for Lent would be a resolution to be totally honest with yourself, with others and with God. 'The truth will set you free.'

### **Please pray for:**

**The Sick:** Ann McKenna

**The Recently Deceased:** Josie McMullen, Betty Dickey, Dick Brawley, Kathleen Hughes.

**The Anniversaries and Month's Mind of:** William Johnston, Lizzy Brown, Cathie Kerr, Marjorie Scott, Lawrence Rieley, Cathie Kerr, Pat McNulty, Jean Kerr, Nan & Bridget Miller, Ann Marie Mullen.

### **PARISH HUMOUR**

Times were hard in Russia just after the end of the cold war, but there was a determined young man who wanted to buy a new car. He had saved for many years until he had just the right amount. He went to the car dealer and said, 'I want to buy a new car!' 'That's good,' replied the car dealer. We will get a car for you soon. Come back here in four years and three months we'll have your car ready.' The man replied, 'Will that be morning or afternoon?' The car dealer was surprised. 'Does it really matter?' he asked. 'Yes,' the man said, 'it really matters. The plumber promised me that he would come that day too.'

The waiter was called back to a table by an angry customer. "What seems to be the problem?" he asked. "I asked for Soup du Jour and got this instead." "But that is Soup du Jour," the waiter explained. "No it isn't," replied the customer. "This is vegetable soup! I've been to Paris and had the real Soup du Jour while I was there. It was excellent chicken soup!"

The little girl came home from school and went to her daddy and said "I'm never going back to school again." When her dad asked "why?" The little girl told him "because my teacher said 5+5=10, 6+4=10, 7+3=10, 8+2=10, and that 9+1=10!" Her daddy asked "why does that upset you?" The girl screamed "SHE NEEDS TO MAKE UP HER MIND!!!"

### **CHILDREN'S CORNER**

Tom: Hi there Guys! Betty is at Mass right now, probably just like you! I really dig this week's Gospel because it makes sense of something that happened during the week. What did you give up for Lent? I gave up crisps, annoying my sister and leaving my room in a mess. I know, a pretty tall order but I am trying to make a major effort here! Anyway, it was all going to plan until she turned off the Liverpool match and started watching 'Neighbours' I mean how is a guy supposed to keep his cool in a situation like that? I yelled at her but she got such a fright that she stood on the dog and Mum went crazy! I was grounded and Liverpool lost AHHH! Moral of the story is, think about Lent in a serious way. Give up or do one thing, then work really hard to stick with it and hey, 'Don't give in'!

*Try to give up or take on one thing this Lent, what can you do to stick with it?*

### **Hall Questionnaire**

**The Social Committee, formed as part of the 50th Anniversary celebrations, are looking at the possibility of renovating the hall. Questionnaires will be distributed at all Masses this weekend to help determine which areas the parishioners feel are a priority. Please complete the questionnaire and leave it at the end of the row. If you wish you may take the questionnaire home and return it to the box in the church porch.**

### **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 22nd 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.