

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

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. Please check with the posters on the notice board for ministers and readers for Palm Sunday and for the Holy Week Services. Ministers and readers are still required for the Easter Vigil.

Today's Mass

First Reading:

Speaking to the Israelites in captivity during their exile to Babylon, Isaiah recalls one of the most important events in Israel's history, the Exodus from Egypt. The same God who delivered Israel from slavery to freedom is again preparing a way for His people. While recalling the wonderful things God has done in the past, we are urged to look forward with hope - a fitting message as we prepare to celebrate Easter.

Second Reading:

Paul attempts to describe his faith by highlighting a number of contrasts or opposites - between worldly gains, dismissed as 'rubbish' and knowing Christ; between the righteousness that comes from the Law and that which comes from faith in Jesus; and between that which is in the past and the goal to which he looks forward. The passage expands the theme of leaving the past behind and looking to the future and the ultimate goal of becoming like Christ in His death and resurrection.

Gospel Reading:

The Pharisees and the teachers of the Law set the scene for one of the most dramatic encounters of Jesus' ministry. Those who bring the woman before Jesus know that the law states that those caught in Adultery should be put to death. Yet Jesus cleverly takes advantage of the opportunity to offer a new perspective both to the woman and her accusers. Despite centuries of speculation, we do not know what Jesus wrote on the ground. However the words He speaks clearly have an effect on the crowd, as one by one they slip away, leaving Jesus to speak the words of consolation offered to sinners: "Neither do I condemn you. Go now and sin no more."
Triona Doherty

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Fifth Sunday in Lent (Year C)

21st March 2010



"Neither do I condemn you go away and sin no more".

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BRITISH SUMMER TIME BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY - PALM SUNDAY

Fifth 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 .

Thursday 25th March Feast of THE ANNUNCIATION

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 next Sunday.

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 Mgr John McIntyre
Monday Canon Michael MacNamee
Tuesday Fr Thomas F. Magill
Wednesday Fr Gerard H. Maguiness
Thursday Fr Michael B. Maher
Friday Fr Thomas Millar
Saturday Fr Stephen Miller

Please pray 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.

HALL CLEAR OUT

The Social and Hall Committee have organised a skip to clear out the hall to prepare for the start of its refurbishment. Volunteers will be needed Can you help?

Friday 26th from 6.30pm to 9.00pm and Saturday 27th from 10.30 am to 12.30am.

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

There will be a meeting of all altar servers in the sacristy on THURSDAY 25th MARCH to arrange servers for the Holy Week Services.

This year's Holy Week Joint Service will take be held in St Aidan's with Mr Austin of St Mark's as preacher on Wednesday 31st March at 7.30 pm.

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:

Francis Smith

The Recently Deceased:

Scott McAteer

The Anniversaries and Month's Mind of:

Philip Mellon, Joe Connelly, John, Bridget, Charlie, Rita and Mary McKenna, Hugh O'Neill, Anntonella Molloy, Sadie Keilly, Bernard Millar, Margaret Moon, Ellen Lynn, Jimmy Duffy

PARISH HUMOUR.

The local priest came across Paddy who had stumbled out of the town tavern. "Paddy," he said, "I'm afraid I'll not be seeing you in Heaven one day.""Really, Father?" slurred Paddy. "What have you done?"

Knowing that the minister was very fond of cherry brandy, one of the church elders offered to present him with a bottle on one consideration that the pastor acknowledge receipt of the gift in the church paper. "Gladly," responded the good man. When the church magazine came out a few days later, the elder turned at once to the "appreciation" column. There he read: "The minister extends his thanks to Elder Brown for his gift of fruit and for the spirit in which it was given.

The church was conducting its annual fund drive. One member of the congregation said, "I'll give ten dollars." Just then, a piece of plaster fell from the ceiling and landed on his head. He spoke up again quickly. "I'll give a hundred dollars!" The minister said, "Lord, hit him again!"

THANK YOU

Last week's collection for S.C.I.A.F. Raised £2,057. Thank you for your wonderful generosity.

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

Gospel Wordsearch
MOUNT TEMPLE SCRIBES
PHARISEES JESUS TEACHER
MOSES COMDEMNED

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

The Parish Pastoral/Justice and Peace Groups will meet on Tuesday 23 March at 7.30pm in the parish house.

Return of Pyxes
Eucharistic Ministers are reminded that they must return any Pyx as soon as possible after use .