

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

29th August 2010

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Vigil	B. Higgins, E. Lynn, S. Woods.	N. Welsh
10.00am	P. McGinlay, J. Kane	D. Ness, A. McCrorie
12 Noon	J. McCann, J. Slavin	E. Pearson, P. Allison

Today's Mass

Jesus tells the disciples to try their best to enter by "the narrow door". In the Greek new Testament, the word used for "try your best" actually means "to wrestle". It involves struggle and effort.

Today's Gospel is ultimately not about exclusion but about inclusion - there is space in God's kingdom for many, and that includes those we struggle to accept; those whom we see as unlovable; the outcast, the drug addict, even the paedophile. We are not asked to condone or accept the behaviour of those who hurt or abuse us; but we are asked to be the face of Christ for them, to believe that everyone is worth more than his worst act.

This is not easy; and that is why Jesus calls us to wrestle with it, wrestle with our conscience, with our prejudices, with our arrogance and self-righteousness. When we cannot do this, we may find ourselves facing the closed door. As we receive the body and blood of Christ we are called to act as Christ would act in our world.

There are plenty of people in our own community and throughout the world who need us to be the face of Christ for them. This week, let us open our eyes and our hearts to them and respond with the love we have already received ourselves.

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21st Sunday of Year C (Weekdays: Week 21 Year 2)

Tuesday 24th St Bartholomew. Born in Galilee, one of the 12 apostles. Tradition says that he preached the gospel in India and was martyred there.

Friday 27th St Monica. Mother of St Augustine. She prayed and wept for Augustine and his conversion filled her with joy.

Saturday 28th St Augustine, bishop and doctor of the Church. Converted by the prayers of his mother, he became bishop of Hippo in North Africa. His extensive writings on theology and spirituality have been and still are very influential.

Dates for your diary:

27th August Sportsman's Night.

29th August Sung Mass at 10.00am to start Anniversary Year.

5th September Walking Group

12 September Rolls and Sausage

13th September Anniversary Committee meeting

October Aisling Ghael Concert.

26th November Joint Ceilidh

Rolls and Sausage Days

There have been many requests for the Rolls and Sausage days to be held more frequently. This can be done if there are enough extra volunteers to help serve and clear up. If you can help, please complete the slip at the back of the church and place it in the box provided.

Anniversary Mass 29th August

To mark the start of the year of events marking the 50th Anniversary of the parish, the 10.00am Mass on 29th August (the Sunday nearest to St Aidan's Feast Day of 31st August) will be a sung Mass.

There will be tea and coffee in the hall after this Mass. Donations of home baking would be very welcome.

Please hand in donations to the hall before Mass.

Joint Ceilidh

The joint ceilidh will be held in St Aidan's hall on Friday 26th November. Tickets £10.

Thanks

The Rolls and Sausage Day last Sunday was a great success with large numbers of parishioners turning out. Our special thanks are again due to **Morton's** for the supply of rolls and tea cakes, FREE OF CHARGE. Their generosity gives our parish fund raising a great boost.

ALTAR SERVERS

There will be a meeting of ALL ALTAR SERVERS in the Sacristy on Wednesday 25th August at 4.30pm to arrange servers for the Anniversary Mass on 29th August.

Anyone who has made their First Holy Communion and who wants to become an Altar Server should come along at 4.45pm on that day.

Please pray for:

The Sick: Anna Franchitti.

The Recently Deceased: Mrs Hood, David Andrew Daly, Anna McCue.

Months minds and

Anniversaries: Derek Preston, Robert Galloway

SPORTSMAN'S NIGHT

The Special Raffle for a signed Robbie Keane football shirt will be drawn at the Sportsman's night. Raffle entries will be on sale after all Masses this weekend. Price £5.

**PAPAL VISIT
BELLAHOUSTON MASS**

The words and music of the MacMillan Mass which will be used at Bellahouston can be found at www.forthinpraise.co.uk

Copies of the words and music for the Mass and selections from the new Mass text from the revised Roman Missal are now available at the back of the Church for all those attending the Papal Mass .

**SCIAF APPEAL
FLOODING IN PAKISTAN**

In Pakistan floodwaters have washed away homes, bridges, schools, water systems and medical facilities. The disaster is believed to be the worst flooding Pakistan has seen in living memory and looks set to get worse.

SCIAF has already pledged an initial £50,000 through Caritas Internationalis, the global network of Catholic agencies to respond to the urgent need for water, sanitation and food and they hope to send more in the days to come.

Today's second collection will be for the SCIAF Appeal for Pakistan

Parishioners may also make individual donations to SCIAF at sciaf.org.uk or by phone : 0141 354 5555. If you choose to contribute directly by either of these methods you can opt for grant aid which substantially increases the amount of your donation.

As well as financial support, please remember the people affected by the flooding, and those who seek to assist them, in your prayers.

Parish Humour

A man walked into an estate agents office and said, "I'm moving from the flat I rented from you last year. Do you know where I can buy a few hundred cockroaches?"

"Of course not," replied the agent. "Why would you want to buy cockroaches?"

"Well", he replied, "the lease says that the flat has to be left in the same condition as it was when I moved in."

My brother was arrested at the zoo for feeding the pigeons - he was feeding them to the lions!

A politician doesn't need to fool all of the people all of the time - a majority on election day is enough!

PARISH NOTICES

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

STALL The stall is open in the hall after both Sunday Masses

CAFE is available in the hall after both Sunday Masses and after all weekday masses. All welcome.

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.