

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 8.15 am (Mondays to Fridays) and 10.00 am (daily)

Confessions After all Saturday Masses

Parish Ministers' Rota

31st January 2010

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Vigil	B. Higgins, E. Lynn, S. Woods	K. Cassidy
10.00am	G. O'Dowd, A. McKee	D. Ness, A. McCrorie
12 Noon	W. O'Neill, L. Moon	P. Allison, J. Scott

Today's Mass

Jesus went into the synagogue on the Sabbath "as he usually did". Going to the synagogue on the Sabbath was normal for him. The synagogue was one of the places, along with the Temple in Jerusalem, where he felt most at home. Here he would listen to the word of God, sing psalms and hymns, and hear explanations of the sacred scriptures.

Just like, in fact, we do when we celebrate the Liturgy of the Word during Mass. It is here that the scriptures come truly alive. As the Second Vatican Council taught, sacred scripture and tradition are both vital parts of God's revelation. Added to this, the gift of the Holy Spirit enables the Church authentically to interpret what the scriptures say, and hand on the teaching of Christ.

Like the people gathered to hear Ezra (in the 1st reading) or the people in the synagogue at Nazareth (in the Gospel), it is as a worshipping community that we most faithfully encounter God's word. But we have more than God's word. We have Christ with us, like the people at Nazareth, though in a different way. They had the privilege of seeing him in the flesh. We have the even greater privilege of being nourished by him in the Eucharist. In our learning about Christ, in our trying to be like him, it is this living encounter with Christ that is the most fruitful and precious.

St Aidan's Parish Bulletin

3rd Sunday of Year C

24th January 2010

**Rolling Up The Scroll
He Said, "Today,
This Scripture Is
Fulfilled."**



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Monday 25th January The Conversation of St Paul. Until his conversion, Paul was known as Saul. He inherited Roman citizenship from his Jewish father who brought him up as a strict Pharisee. As a young man he was present when St Stephen was stoned to death; afterwards he 'made havoc of the church' searching out Christians and handing them over to prison and even death. On his way to Damascus to prosecute Christians there, he had a sudden vision, in which Jesus rebuked him and told him he was destined to take the Christian faith to the Gentiles (i.e. Non-Jews)

Tuesday 26th January St Timothy and St Titus. Disciples and co-workers of St Paul. Timothy accompanied Paul on his travels and was put in charge of the Church at Ephesus. Titus was Paul's messenger to various Christian communities where disputes arose, and he was in charge of the Church in Crete

Thursday 28th January St Thomas Aquinas. Priest and Doctor of the Church. Born about 1225, he entered the Dominican Order in 1244. His outstanding writings and teachings in theology, philosophy and scripture were founded on a life of prayer and faith. He died in 1274.

200 CLUB

There are now some vacant numbers in the Parish 200 Club. If you would like to help the Parish and be in with a chance to win great monthly prizes for only £1 per month please contact B. Higgins (Telephone: 01698 384845).

Charity Shop

The Holy Ghost Fathers charity shop in Carfin re-opened on Monday 18th January.

The shop will be open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10.00am until 2.00pm until the end of June.

Contributions of second-hand clothing (in good condition) and worthwhile bric-a-brac are always welcome and appreciated

Songs of Praise

An Ecumenical Songs of Praise Service will be held in the Cathedral, Motherwell on Sunday 24th January at 3.00pm.

St Claire's Easterhouse are celebrating their Parish Golden Jubilee this year. They invite all former parishioners to their Golden Jubilee Mass on 32st January at 11.00am and ask for any memories, photos etc to be sent to them. (See notice Board for details).

Please pray for:

The Sick: Katie Anne Double

The Recently Deceased:

Michael Devine, Martin Ray, Jane Mullen, Marie Mulrooney, Helen Bryce, Edward Pearson.

The Anniversaries and

Month's Mind of: Milly Pearson, Mary Crilly, William O'Hare Snr. & Jnr., Mary O'Hare, Anne O'Hare, Joseph Knight, Mary Reilly.

Parish Humour

A big, burly man visited the manse and asked to see the minister's wife, a woman well known for her charitable impulses. "Madam," he said in a broken voice, "I wish to draw your attention to the terrible plight of a poor family in this district. The father is dead, the mother is too ill to work, and the nine children are starving. They are about to be turned into the cold, empty streets unless someone pays their rent, which amounts to £260." "How terrible!" exclaimed the preacher's wife. "May I ask who you are?" The sympathetic visitor applied his handkerchief to his eyes. "I'm their landlord," he sobbed.

When a woman decided to send the old family Bible to her brother, the postal worker asked her if there was anything breakable in the package. "Only the Ten Commandments," she replied.

Children's Corner

Read or listen to today's Gospel and then unscramble the words.

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SEWTNSEYIESE
LIFDELUFL

EIAGLEL
AHISIA
SUESJ
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BTASBAH
PUCERITSR
LORLCS
GYNEOSGA
NHTGIACE
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St Aidan's 50th Anniversary

Change of Date

The Anniversary Committee and all sub-committees will meet on Monday 25th January at 7.30pm in the church hall.

Membership lists for the committees are on the church notice board

(The RCIA Group will meet in the Parish House at 7.30pm)

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 25th January at 7.30 pm in the **Parish House** 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 bulletin for the following week. We acknowledge the assistance of *Intercom* and of Redemptorist Publications in the preparation of this bulletin.