

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

1st August 2010

| Mass | Eucharistic Ministers | Readers |
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| Vigil | B. Higgins, E. Lynn, S. Woods. | G. Traynor |
| 10.00am | G. O' Dowd, A. McKee | J. Sneddon, K. McKinley |
| 12 Noon | J. Fox, E. Hamilton | R. Fox, E. Pearson |

Today's Mass

First Reading:

Sometime after 1800 B.C. Abraham entered Palestine with his extended family. This group included his nephew, Lot and his family. Because the area was small the two groups split. Lot settled in the area south of the Dead Sea. It was the site of two cities, Sodom and Gomorrah. God warns Abraham about the impending destruction of the region. The patriarch bargains with God like a wily trader bartering over the price of a sheep.

Second Reading:

Saint Paul believed that Baptism was a symbolic death and resurrection. The death-like aspect involved total immersion and resembled drowning. It was seen as a parallel to Christ's crucifixion and revival He uses this concept to teach that Christians, having been restored to life in Jesus, are freed from the legal formalities of Judaism. He specifically rejects the requirement of circumcision.

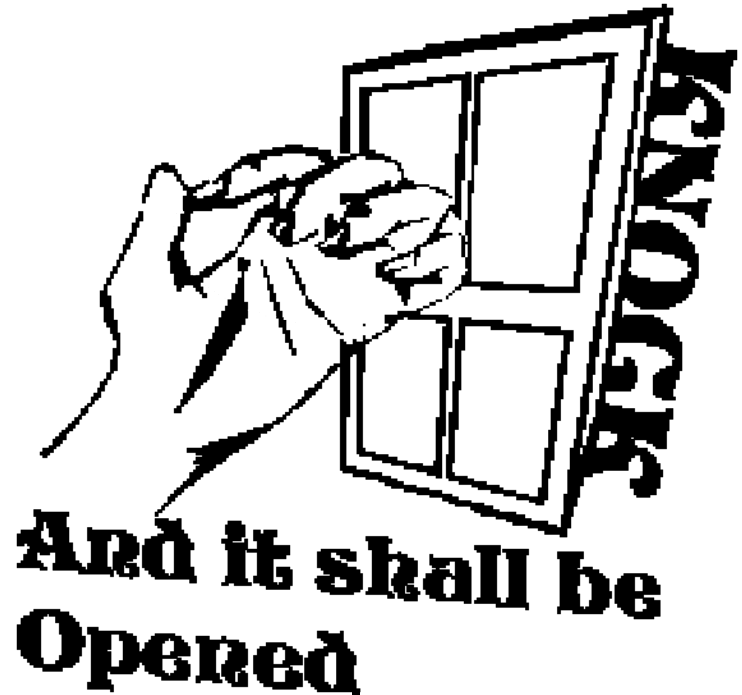
Gospel:

The Gospel shows Jesus at prayer. He is not only teaching the disciples to pray, he is praying himself. The Lord's prayer, in a very few words gives us an encyclopaedia on the spiritual life. (Luke's version is shorter than Matthew's). We are to ask our Father for the bread that is necessary. We are to ask, to seek and knock trusting that we will be cared for. Jesus invites us to trust that God will give us what we need. He will not deceive us.

St Aidan's Parish Bulletin

17th Sunday of Year C

25th July 2010



"The one who asks will always receive; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him"

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

Monday 26th July Saints Joachim and Anne. The mother and father of The Blessed Virgin Mary.

Thursday 29th July St Martha. Sister of Mary and Lazarus, she appears in the Gospel three times.

Saturday 31st July St Ignatius Loyola. Born in 1491 at Loyola in Northern Spain. With companions he formed the Society of Jesus to resist the Reformation, to reform the Church from within and to educate the young in religion.



**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.

Please pray for:

The Recently Deceased:

Gregor Summers; Malcolm McPhee; Sarah Hughes; Marie Welsh.

The Anniversaries and Month's Minds of:

Aidan Miller; Jim Nolan; Joseph McAleer; Frank Rafferty; John, Joe, Eddie & Jean McKenna; Cissy & John McAdam; John Flaherty; Mary Pow; Bob Boyle.

When asked if he was never discouraged by the little fruit his efforts seemed to yield, the master told the story of a snail that started to climb a cherry tree one cold, wintry day in late spring.

The sparrows on a neighbouring tree had a good laugh at his expense. Then one flew over and said, "Hey, blockhead, don't you know there are no cherries on this tree?"

The little snail did not stop climbing as he replied, "Well, there will be when I get there."

The Master was amused at the kind of phony self-depreciation that passes for humility. Here is a parable he told his disciples:

Two men went to a church to pray, a priest and a pass-keeper. The priest began to beat his breast and carried away, cried out, "I am the lowliest of men, Lord, unworthy of your grace! I am a void, a nothing, have mercy on me."

Not far from the priest was the pass-keeper who, in a burst of fervour, also beat his breast and cried, "Have mercy, Lord! I'm a sinner, a nothing." The priest turned round haughtily. "Ha!" he said. "Look who's claiming to be a nothing!"

From One Minute Nonsense
by Anthony de Mello S.J.

**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. You can bring prizes to the Anniversary Committee Meeting on 16th August, give them to committee members or hand them in 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 this 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 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.

PARISH HUMOUR

The two cow explanation of the world:

A CHRISTIAN: You have two cows. You keep one and give one to your neighbor.

A SOCIALIST: You have two cows. The government takes one and gives it to your neighbor.

CAPITALISM, BRITISH STYLE: You have two cows. Your neighbor has none. Who cares/

A HUMANIST: You have two cows. Your neighbor has none. You feel guilty for being successful. You vote people into office who tax your cows, forcing you to sell one to raise money to pay the tax. The people you voted for take the tax money and buy a cow and give it to your neighbor. You feel righteous.

A COMMUNIST: You have two cows. The government seizes both and provides you with milk.

A FASCIST: You have two cows. The government seizes both and sell you milk. You join the underground and start a campaign of sabotage.

DEMOCRACY, AMERICAN STYLE: You have two cows. The government taxes you to the point where you have to sell both to support a man in a foreign country who has only one cow, which was a gift from your government.

CAPITALISM, AMERICAN STYLE: You have two cows. You sell one, buy a bull and build a herd of cows.

BUREAUCRACY: You have two cows. The government takes them both, shoots one, milks the other, pays you for the milk, then pours it down the drain.