

**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**

**4th July 2010**

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
<b>Vigil</b>	B. Higgins, E. Lynn, S. Woods.	K. Cassidy
<b>10.00am</b>	B. McCabe, M. Lynch	B. Moulds, A. McCrossan
<b>12 Noon</b>	M. McDowell, W. O' Neill	J. Fox, R. Fox

**Today's Mass**

Today's readings deal with discipleship. Jesus emphasises the fact that the life choice for discipleship is very demanding and radical. "Foxes have their holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of man has nowhere to lay his head." This starting statement places Jesus at the very edge of most conventional lifestyles, even nomadic ones! His life is completely in trust to God's providence.

Jesus' response to the would-be disciple who wants to return home to bury his father, in keeping with Jewish law, sounds brutally unkind and a mistaken, literal interpretation of this text can make Jesus sound hard and unfeeling.

Obviously, Jesus never commands us to hurt those we love, or to abandon our families when they need us most. That would be counter to the Gospel of love that he preaches and the actions he has taken to raise the dead when moved by compassion for those who mourn. The words are not meant to be taken literally but as an illustration of the unwavering focus demanded from the disciple.

The priority in serving the Kingdom of God is through service to God's children - through love, mercy, compassion and healing. When Elijah calls Elisha (In the first reading) he allows Elisha to bid farewell to his family. Jesus' does not do so; he uses a metaphor built on elements in the Elisha story to stress his message about making a commitment from which one cannot be drawn or distracted, no matter what choices life presents before one.

# St Aidan's Parish Bulletin

13th Sunday of Year C

27th June 2010



*"Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests,  
but the Son of man has nowhere to lay his head."*

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**12th Sunday of Year C (Weekdays: Week 12 Year 2)**

**Tuesday 29th June Saints Peter and Paul A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION**

**Saturday 3rd July St Thomas.** Thomas the Apostle, was called 'Didymus' - the twin and was also known as 'doubting Thomas'. He was sceptical about the Resurrection until he had actually seen Jesus for himself, but was then whole-hearted in his belief. Tradition has Thomas taking the Gospel to Southern India and being martyred there.

**Peter's Pence**

**The second collection today will be for 'Peter's Pence' - the money raised supports the Holy father in providing emergency assistance to people suffering from immediate emergencies as the result of war, oppression and natural disasters.**

**Rolls and Sausages**

Dates for your diary:

Due to the summer holidays the next Rolls and Sausage day will be on the **FIRST** Sunday in July - 4th July and the August date will be 15th August, the **THIRD** Sunday in August .

**Anniversary Committee**

**There will be a special meeting of the Anniversary Committee (Hall and Pastoral) tomorrow, Monday 28th June at 7.30pm in the hall.**

**NEW PARISH E MAIL ADDRESS**

The parish has changed its e mail address. The previous address had been compromised and had been used to send out SPAM messages, supposedly from Fr Clements,

claiming that the was in Nigeria, had been robbed and needed money urgently. We did wonder what surprised us most - the fact hat he had gone off to Nigeria without telling anyone, or that he was actually sending e mails!

The new e mail address is: staidansparishwishaw@hotmail.co.uk

Please ignore any messages from the old e mail address.

**WANTED**

**The dedicated people who clean the church every week really need some extra help. If you can spare an hour or so on Friday mornings after 10.00am Mass, your help will be warmly welcomed. If you can help, just come along on Friday mornings.**

**Please pray for:**

**THE Recently Deceased:**

Tom Gault; Bridie McGinley

**The Anniversaries and Month's**

**Minds of:** Michael Carroll; Betsy Cain; Tom Reid; John Clifford; Jane and Thomas Goldsmith.

**PARISH HUMOUR**

One day a scuba diver was enjoying a dive. He noticed a man at the same depth he was, but he had no scuba gear on whatsoever. The diver went 20 feet deeper, but the other man joined him a few seconds later. The diver went down another 25 feet, but seconds later the same man was there as well. Confused, the diver took out a waterproof chalk and board set and wrote, "How are you able to stay under this deep without equipment?" the other man took the board and wrote, "I'm drowning, you idiot!"

A car sped off the road, went through the guardrail, rolled down a steep embankment, bounced off a tree and finally shuddered to a stop. A passing motorist, who had witnessed the entire event, helped the unharmed driver out of the wreck. "Good grief", he gasped, "are you drunk?" Of course I am, " said the man, brushing the dirt from his jacket. "What did you think I am...a stunt driver?"

There were eleven people hanging from a rope that came down from a helicopter. Ten were Irish and the other one was a university professor. They all decided that one person should let go off the rope because otherwise the rope would break and they would all die. They couldn't decide who should let go until finally the university professor said "I'll let go" and

gave a really touching farewell speech. All of the other ten people started clapping....!

Stain removal tip: before attempting to remove a stubborn stain from a garment, always circle the stain in permanent ink so that, when you remove the garment from the washing machine, you can easily locate the area of the stain to check that it has gone.

We wish all school pupils and teachers a happy, and restful school holiday, with plenty of good weather.

**Tablet for sale in the hall after all Masses. Proceeds to the hall renovation fund.**

**Society of St Vincent de Paul**

The society performs a vital role in the parish, providing help to those most in need.

There are only a very few working members in the parish society at present and they urgently need more members - male or female - to help them.

Anyone interested should hand their contact details into the parish house or email staidanswishaw@live.co.uk

**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. .