

St Aidan's Parish Church

Please see page 2 for Holy Week Services and times for Confessions in the Wishaw Deanery

Parish Ministers' Rota For Holy Week

Please check with the special rotas on the notice board in the church porch

Volunteers still required for some services

*Commentators notes can be picked up from the Sacristy

HOLY WEEK



Each year in Holy Week we hear accounts of the Passion of Jesus. As we listen to it we are reminded of the hatred of the religious leaders who plotted Jesus' death; the betrayal of Judas, one of his closest followers; the weakness of Peter who disowned him; the cowardice of Pilate who, knowing he was innocent, signed his death warrant; the hostility of the crowd that shouted, 'crucify him' and the cruelty of the soldiers who carried out his execution.

We do not refer to the day of Jesus' death as 'Bad Friday' 'Good Friday'. His love is what makes it good. It is that love that we are remembering this week as we celebrate the love of Jesus, the good Shepherd who laid down his life for his sheep. He died suspended between heaven and earth, with arms outstretched, so as to gather together God's flock, dispersed with sin.

This week gives us the opportunity to accompany him on his final journey. It is a journey that gives us an insight into the darkness of the human heart, but also into the immense compassion of God. In making this journey with Jesus we get the strength to bear our own cross.

As Christians, the cross is our most precious and sacred symbol. It is a symbol of love and hope. It is a symbol of love because it reminds us of the words of Jesus: 'no one has greater love than the one who lays down his life for his friends'.

The events of Holy Week are also a reminder that the story of this week, the most significant week of the year for Christians, did not end on Friday with the Crucifixion but at Easter Sunday with the Resurrection.

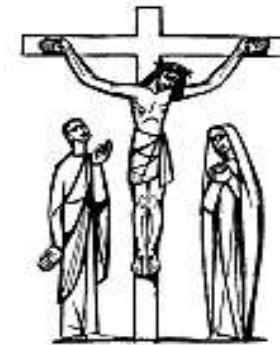
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SIAF 'WEE BOXES' can now be returned to the box in the church porch. Please consider completing the GIFT AID certificate on the bottom of your 'WEE BOX'

St Aidan's Parish Bulletin

Palm Sunday and Holy Week

28th March to 3rd April 2010



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HOLY WEEK 2010



Palm Sunday 28th March
Masses as usual. Palms will be distributed at all Masses.

Monday 29th March

Morning Mass at 8.20am and 10.00am

Confessions:

St Aidan's, Wishaw

7.00pm Fr J. Clements; Fr. F. King.

St Thomas', Wishaw

7.00pm Fr. K. McGoldrick;
Fr G. Chromy; Fr. T. Brady.

Tuesday 30th March

Morning Mass at 8.20am and 10.00am

Confessions:

St Mary's, Cleland 7.30pm

Fr R Rodgers; Fr J. Clements;
Fr T. Brady.

St Ignatius', Wishaw 7.00pm

Mgr M Conway; Fr J. Naughton;
Fr H. Kelly Fr K. McGoldrick.

Steiner's Crucifixion Motherwell
Diocesan Choir. Motherwell Cathedral
7.30 pm Admission £3.00. All proceeds
to charities - Haiti and St Andrew's
Hospice.

Wednesday 31st March

Morning Mass at 8.20am and 10.00am

Confessions:

St Athanasius, Carluke 7.30pm

Fr J. Naughton; Fr H. Kelly; Fr T. Brady;
Fr J. Brannigan

Joint Service

St Aidan's and St Mark's Parishes will hold their traditional Holy Week Joint Service at 7.30pm in St Aidan's Church followed by tea in the hall.

The Easter Triduum

The Easter Triduum is one feast lasting three days, the three most sacred days in the Christian calendar



Holy Thursday 1st April

No Morning Masses in St Aidan's.

Chrism Mass in Motherwell Cathedral at 11.00am

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm.

Night Prayers 10.00pm

Good Friday 2nd April

This is a day of fasting and abstinence.

No Masses are celebrated today.

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Children's Service.).

7.30pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion .



Holy Saturday 3rd April

No Masses are celebrated today until the Easter Vigil at 9.00pm.



Easter Sunday 4th April

Masses as normal at 10.00am and 12 noon.



The Year of the Priest.

Please pray for these priests on the day allocated to each:

Sunday	Fr James Morris
Monday	Fr Paul Morton
Tuesday	Fr Leo Muldoon
Wednesday	Fr Damien Murphy

Please pray for the priests of our own parish every day of the year

CONGRATULATIONS TO Fr KING

★ Bishop Devine has appointed Fr Francis King as Administrator of St Thomas' Parish, Wishaw . He will continue as chaplain to Wishaw General Hospital. We will miss him and we wish him well in his new appointment which he will take up in a few weeks' time.

St Aidan's Primary School are collecting Tesco vouchers for schools. Please put your vouchers in the box in the church porch.

Parish Funday 17th April 2010

We are looking for donations of:

Home Baking; Raffle Prizes

Tombola Prizes

We will also need volunteers to help out on the day. If you are willing to help, please contact:

Geraldine Marsh 01698 291799

Helen Sloan 01698 351883

Carol Corr 01698 356134

You can also e-mail your details to: staidanswishaw@live.co.uk or add your names to the lists on church and hall notice boards or hand your details in to the parish house.

GIFT AID

If you GIFT AID your contributions to the parish, we can claim an extra 28 pence for every£1 donated. That might not seem much, but ,if everyone started paying their collection with GIFT AID, we would increase the parish's income by over £160 per week or over £8,300 per year. As long as you pay income tax all you have to do is to fill in a form which you can get from Jim McKelvie and you can then pay your collections using the GIFT AID envelopes or pay monthly by standing order. It couldn't be easier. It costs you nothing extra, you don't have to reveal any details of your income etc and you can make a real difference to the parish income.

Please pray for:

The Recently Deceased: Stephen Clarke, Margaret Boyd, John Daly, Scot McAteer

The Anniversaries and Month's Mind of: Cathie Docherty, Margaret Abraham, Marjorie Scott, John & Margaret Harkins, Edward Pearson, Ray O'Neill Jim Skiffington (Snr. & Jnr.) ,Margaret Boyle.

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 29th March at 7.30pm 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 next bulletin . We acknowledge the assistance of *Intercom* and of Redemptorist Publications in the preparation of this bulletin.