

**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 (daily)

**Confessions** After all Saturday Masses

**Parish Ministers' Rota**

**7th February 2010**

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
<b>Vigil</b>	B. Higgins, E. Lynn, S. Woods.	G. Traynor.
<b>10.00am</b>	A. McCrossan, J. Devanny.	B. Moulds, A. McCrossan
<b>12 Noon</b>	J. Fox, E. Hamilton.	J. Fox, R. Fox

**Today's Mass**

Today's Gospel shows Jesus speaking an unpalatable truth to his listeners. Just like Jeremiah in the first reading, who had to tell people that they faced disaster, Jesus had to tell truths that no one wanted to hear. At first, when he sticks to the text, and says nothing too challenging, they are happy to listen. But when he says that God's love is never exclusive, that others outside the small group that saw themselves as chosen could also be loved by God, they became enraged.

Jesus has not told them that they Are not loved by God; he has told them that they are not the only ones that God loves. This makes them angry; they cannot bear to hear the truth. And yet this is the prophet's role. Those in power, those who belong to small, powerful elites, are not good at listening, since they have too much to lose. So the prophet's role is to break through the veneer of polite society, to crack open the fixed smiles, to tear off the disguises and to speak the truth, even though this may be a dangerous thing to do.

To speak the truth is not to be angry and to harangue others into doing what we think is right. The truth, as St Paul reminds us today, must be spoken with love, since without love even the gift of prophecy is empty. "Love", St Paul says, "is always ready...to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes." We too are called to witness to the truth through our acts of love.

**ALMA YOUTH LOURDES PILGRIMAGE** 21st July to 1st August 2010 Cost £550 (excluding travel insurance). Applications are open to all those over 17 (who have completed S6) and under 26. Information evening in the Diocesan Centre, Motherwell 4th February at 7.30pm Contact Elizabeth at yamt@rcdom.org.uk or 01698 269114.

# St Aidan's Parish Bulletin

*4th Sunday of Year C*

*31st January 2010*



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### **Week 4 of Year 2, Sundays Year C**

**Tuesday 2nd February Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.** This feast, 40 days after Christmas, was formerly called Candlemas because candles were blessed on this day before the candlelight procession that was held to mark the Lord's presentation in the Temple., 40 days after his birth, in accordance with Jewish Law.

**Friday 5th February St Agatha.** Martyred at Catania in Sicily, probably during the persecution of Decius. She is among the saints commemorated in the Roman Canon.

**Saturday 6th February St Paul Miki and Companions.** Born in Japan about 1565, Paul Miki entered the Society of Jesus and was a successful preacher of the Gospel. He was tortured and crucified at Nagasaki on 5th February 1597 along with 25 companions, 6 of whom were European Franciscan missionaries, the rest were laypeople, one from Korea and the others from Japan.

**N.B. There will be no 8.15am Mass until 8th February.**

### **200 CLUB**

There are still 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).

### **Thank You**

Pat Miller would like to thank everyone for their prayers and good and good wishes during his operation and time in hospital. Holy Mass will be offered for their intentions.

### **50th Anniversary**

All members of the Anniversary Committee who have email addresses are asked to send details of their email address to staidanswishaw@live.co.uk or to give a note of their address and phone number to the parish house to facilitate the circulation of minutes etc.

### **Anniversary Newsletter**

A new edition of the Anniversary Newsletter is now available. Please take a copy for each family so that you are up to date with what's happening.

### **Youth Club**

St Aidan's Youth Club is now full with 90

members. Anyone wishing to join the Club will have to go on a waiting list. For further details contact Cathy on 01698 383553.

Marriage Preparation Course 2010 will take place on Saturdays 20th and 27th March See poster on notice board for details.

### **Men's Club Monthly Mass on Thursday 4th February at 7.30pm.**

Cardinal Winning Lecture - *Catholic Schools in Scotland: Present and Future* University of Glasgow 6 February 10.00am St Andrew's Building. See poster on notice board for details.

### **Please pray for:**

**The Recently Deceased:** John Devine, Karin Donnelly, Michael Lewis, Rita Vasey, John Bennett, Margaret Scullion.

**The Anniversaries and Month's Mind of:** Marjorie Scott, Betty Wilson, Alex & Annie Goldie, Jack Boyle, Roxanne, Andrew, John, Ann, Robert, And Peter Driver, William Daly, Margaret Fagan.

### **Parish Humour**

A mother was teaching her three year old daughter The Lord's Prayer. For several evenings at bedtime, she repeated it after her mother. One night she said she was ready to solo. The mother listened with pride, as she carefully enunciated each word right up to the end..."And lead us not into temptation", she prayed, "but deliver us some e-mail, Amen."

A man had a habit of grumbling at the food his wife placed before him at family meals. Then he would pray for God's blessing on the food.

One day after his usual combination complaint-prayer, his little girl asked, "Daddy, does God hear us when we pray?"

"Why, of course," he replied. "He hears us every time we pray."

She pauses on this a moment, and asked, "Does he hear everything we say the rest of the time?"

"Yes, dear, every word," he replied, encouraged that he had inspired his daughter to be curious about spiritual matters. However, his pride was quickly turned to humility when his daughter asked, "Then which does God believe?"

### **Children's Corner**

Betty: Hey Tom How you getting on with coaching your new football team? Tom: Well I have had them for four sessions. The first and second sessions were great and then when we had a match

coming up against my pal Barry's team they said, 'How come the other team got Barry Becks who is the most awesome player on the planet and we ended up with you?' I was really angry with them 'cos I was working really hard and I was giving them mega tips off the web and now they were looking for Barry, whose real name is 'Begley' not Becks!! Anyhow I worked as hard as I could to get them ready for our play off with Barry's team and I was really playing them hard to help them be the best they could be. Betty: What happened? What happened?!! Tom: We drew!! But at least they now believe they are as good as Barry's team and at the replay we will take that cup home! Betty: Just like the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus found it hard at times to help the people of his land realise who he actually was, but keep working Tom, it'll be amazing in the end!

*Try your best every day!*

### **White Mass.**

A Mass for all Health Care Workers will be held on Our Lady of Lourdes Church Lourdes Avenue Cardonald on Sunday 14th February at 3.00pm.

### **Collection for Haiti**

**The second collection next Sunday - 7th February - will be for the people of Haiti. All income will go to SCIAF for their work in Haiti.**

### **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. - Monthly Mass on Thursday 4th February.

**RCIA** The RCIA Team meets on Monday 5th February at 7.30 pm 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.