

Parish Ministers' Rota  
9<sup>th</sup> December 2018 (Second Sunday of Advent Year C)

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
5 pm Vigil St Aidan's	P.McCafferty, S.Corr, M.McKenna	A.M. O'Neill*, N.Carroll
9.30am St Mary's	P.Gorrell, B.Devlin	J.Canning
11 am St Aidan's	J.Burton, J.Slavin, M.McDowell	J.Fox*, K.Sokolowska
4.30 pm St Mary's		J.McCall

**TODAY'S READINGS**

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke will be the primary Gospel proclaimed. Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

The community for whom Luke wrote his Gospel may have believed that they were already experiencing some of the events Jesus described. Most scholars believe that Luke's Gospel was written after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D. At the time, many Christians interpreted this event as an indication that Jesus' second coming was near. Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unfailing love for us in all circumstances.

Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but in the next paragraph Luke tells us that people woke early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the Temple area. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

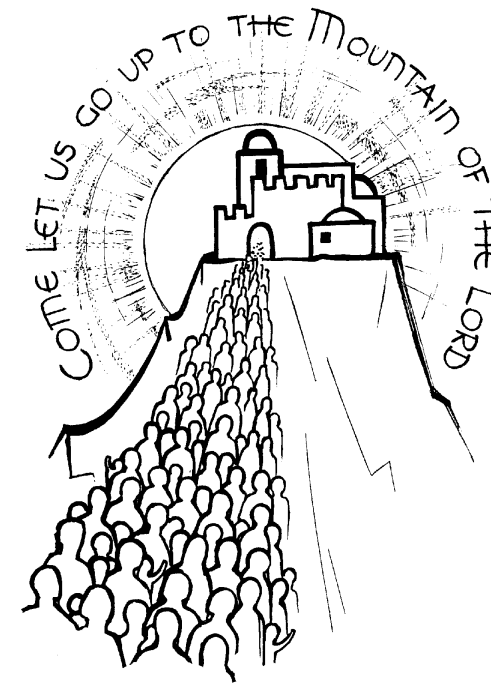
<b>First Reading:</b>	Jeremiah 33: 14-16
<b>Response to the Psalm:</b>	<b>To you, O lord, I lift up my soul.</b>
<b>Second Reading:</b>	1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
<b>Gospel Acclamation:</b>	<b>Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!</b>
<b>Gospel:</b>	Luke 21:25-28;34-36

# St Mary's and St Aidan's

Year B

## First Sunday of Advent

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018



*"Your liberation is near at hand."*

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## FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT YEAR 1

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec, Memorial of St Francis Xavier**, born 7th April 1506 to a Spanish aristocratic family. He devoted much of his life to the missions in Asia. He converted many in Goa and later in Japan. He died as he attempted to enter China. He is patron saint of The Missions.

**Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Dec, Memorial of St Ambrose**. Bishop and Doctor of the Church, 340-397, he became governor of the Roman Province whose seat was in Milan. In 374, the laity insisted on his becoming bishop although he was still not baptised. He defended orthodoxy in brilliant preaching and through his writing.

**Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Dec, Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary**. This feast celebrates God's choice of Mary to be the mother of Jesus. God preserved Mary from the stain of original sin from the moment of her conception. Thus, Mary was the first to receive the benefit of the redemption that her Son would merit for all.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR: THE SICK

God our Father, we lift up all those who are facing illness today.

We ask that You would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies.

Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

**Amen**

**Sammy Blair** who has died.

The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of:  
**Hugh McGinley (Snr), George McQuade, Annie Doolan, Eddie & Eleanor Whyte and Jackie McAllister.**

### POPE FRANCIS' MISSION INTENTION December 2018

Pope Francis asks us to join with him this month in praying:

*That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.*

### TAYLOR HIGH SENIOR CITIZENS' PARTY

The school is holding its annual Senior Citizens' Christmas Party on Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm. This consists of musical entertainment, Christmas carols and an afternoon tea. There is no charge and any senior citizens are welcome to attend.

Pupils have been given letters to take names or phone the school **01698 274976**.

### SECOND COLLECTION LAST WEEK

The collection for **St Andrew's Hospice** came to **£1370.57. Thank You.**

### SEASON OF ADVENT

Today we begin the season of Advent, which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. The readings for Sunday Mass are arranged on a three-year cycle. Each year features a different Gospel—Matthew, Mark, or Luke.

Readings from the Gospel of John are interspersed throughout all three years. We begin Cycle C of the Lectionary, which focuses our attention on the Gospel of Luke.

Purple vestments are worn except on Feast Days or Solemnities. You will notice that the flowers have been removed from the Sanctuary and an Advent Wreath is placed near the Altar. At Mass today the first candle will be lit.



In Advent the Church prepares to celebrate the Nativity, when we recall Christ's First Coming. As we remember so also we look forward in faith to his Second Coming at the end of time. It is a period of joyful hope. The hope of advent is expressed during the first part of Advent with the concentration on the Second Coming while the First Coming is recalled particularly from the 17<sup>th</sup> December, when Christ is seen as the fulfilment of the hope of Israel.

### KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Christmas Cards are available from the Stall at very reasonable prices.

**SVDP HELPLINE 07561843580**

## PARISH OF ST MARY'S AND ST AIDAN'S MASS SCHEDULE

### Sunday

**St Aidan's:** 5pm Vigil Mass  
**St Mary's:** 9.30am Mass  
**St Aidan's:** 11am Mass  
**St Mary's:** 4.30pm Mass

### Weekday

Monday: St Mary's 10am  
Tuesday: St Aidan's 10am  
Wednesday: St Mary's 10am  
Thursday: St Aidan's 10am  
St Mary's 7pm (*Latin Mass*)  
Friday: St Mary's 10am  
Saturday: St Aidan's 10am  
**St Mary's 10am St Aidan's 11am**

### First Friday of the Month (during term time)

**Confessions:** After weekday Masses in relevant church.  
**Saturday:** 4.30pm – 4.50pm and after Vigil Mass in St Aidan's.  
**Thursday Evening:** 6.30pm – 7pm in St Mary's before Latin Mass

### Baptisms

**St Aidan's Church** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 12 noon  
**St Mary's Church** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 12.30pm  
To arrange please contact: **Fr O'Connor Tel: (01698) 860254.**

### OPENING MASS

We plan to celebrate an **Opening Mass** of the newly renovated Church in **Saint Mary's** on **Saturday 8th December at 12 noon**. This is also the Feast Day of the Church, which is named in honour of the Mother of God. Tea served in the Parochial Hall after the Mass.

### FIRST FRIDAY MASS

Please join our Primary School children for Mass on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December**.  
**St Mary's 10am St Aidan's 11am**

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December:**  
St. Aidan's 7.30pm St. Mary's 10pm  
**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December**  
St. Mary's 09.30am St. Aidan's 11am  
Mass on Saint Stephen's Day will be celebrated at 11am in St Mary's

### ADVENT CONFESSIONS

St Mary's Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 7pm-8pm.  
St Aidan's Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 7pm-8pm.

### QUIET PRAYER IN ADVENT

The Diocesan Mission & Evangelisation Team offer some Quiet Space for Advent Prayer on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December from 10.30am-3.00pm at the Xaverian Missions Centre, Calder Ave., Coatbridge ML5 4JS

Prayer, scripture, hymns, poetry, music, quiet space Please indicate your attendance to [missions@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:missions@rcdom.org.uk).

There will be a small charge for lunch. All welcome - bring a friend!

### CAFÉ LINDISFARNE

The Café will be serving Rolls n Sausage, toast, homebaking, biscuits, tea/coffee/juice after 11am Mass. **Everyone welcome!**

### 200 CLUB - 50/50 CLUB

The number of people participating in the 200 Club over the past couple of years has fallen and it has been decided to run it as a **50/50 Club**.

Half the money collected will go to the Parish and the other half will be given as one Prize. The amount will depend on the total numbers taken.

Each number is £1 or £12 per year (January – December). Those who currently pay annually can pay Stuart from this Sunday.

You can keep your current number(s), but should you wish to opt for a new number, speak to Stuart at the Lindisfarne Café.

New members will be very welcome. **You need to be in it to win it.**

### CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

SPRED will host a Christmas Reflection Service in SPRED hall behind St Mary's, **3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7pm**.

This will be a quiet reflective service and will provide a bit of calm before the commercial mayhem of Christmas begins.

Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

### WISHAW GENERAL CHAPLAINCY

Contact Fr Ricklan Mallya by phoning the hospital (361100) or St Bernadette's