

St AIDAN'S PARISH CHURCH

MASS TIMES

Sunday Masses	Saturday Vigil 6 pm, Sunday 10 a.m. and 12 Noon.
Holyday of Obligation	Vigil 7.30 pm, 10 a.m. and 7.30 pm.
Weekdays	Monday to Friday 8.15am and 10.00am Saturday 10.00am.
Confessions	After All Saturday Masses

Parish Ministers' Rota

28th June 2009

Please see lists in church porch

Today's Mass

Job was a man who asked the question 'why'. When his world fell apart, he had only his questions: why is this happening to me? Why does God allow this? Why do good people suffer? His friends tried to console him, but their arguments only added to Job's pain, because they tried to convince him that he had somehow deserved his suffering. Eventually, God comes in a storm to answer Job. But God's speeches surprise us because they too are questions: who established the earth on its foundations? Who pent up the sea? God's questions coax Job away from his questions and offer a vision of God's amazing and powerful work in creation. In the storm of doubt and pain and anger that is blowing around him, Job wonders at 'who' is behind the mystery of creation with all its wonders and contradictions. Somehow this brings him consolation.

The disciples of Jesus also ask, "who is this?" The storm blowing around them is a metaphor for the storm of fear and uncertainty that is raging through their minds and hearts. In that storm they discover the one who calms the wind and the sea, the forces of chaos that threaten to overwhelm and destroy.

Today we are being invited to recognise God in the storm. When the storms of fear, doubt, uncertainty and confusion threaten to overwhelm us, and when god seems to be asleep, we are called to place our trust in the God who is present in the storm and who assures us that he is master of the forces of chaos. The words of Christ - 'why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith' - are both a challenge and a consolation to us: they challenge our lack of faith in his presence with us, but they also assure us that faith in his presence will conquer fear.

St Aidan's Parish Bulletin

12th Sunday of the Year (Year B)

21st June 2009



They were filled with awe and said to one another, "who can this be? Even the wind and sea obey him"

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Vocation Bulletin Inserts

"He indeed died for all, so that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him who for their sake died and was raised."

Is Christ calling you to die to self and live for Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?

Call your diocesan vocations director:

Rev. Charles Dornan
St Stephen's, Paddock Street,
Sikeside, Coatbridge ML5 4PG
Tel. 01236 4205 . Email:
charles.dornan@btconnect.com

Or visit www.priests for Scotland.org.uk

St Andrew's Hospice would like to thank all the members of St Aidan's Youth Club who held a disco and presented all the proceeds to the Hospice.

Hospitalite De Notre Dame De Lourdes

**ANNUAL LOURDES DAY
SUNDAY 28TH JUNE 2009**

Carfin Grotto 3.00pm

Mass and Blessing of the Sick

Celebrant: Bishop Joseph Devine

Did you know?

St Cuthbert was a pupil of St Aidan and later became Bishop of Lindisfarne. Many miracles are attributed to him. On one occasion he is said to have died from long prayers and meditations on the shore of Lindisfarne, but two otters came out of the water and brought him back to life.

St Aidan's Youth Club

Representatives of the Youth Club attended the Strathclyde awards of Merit Ceremony in Glasgow City Chambers on 3rd June. This presentation is for club members, volunteers and projects. The annual presentation evening is held to give club leaders the opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of their club members, volunteers and anyone in the community who have assisted them. The awards are given to those who have accomplished something over the past year. Typically people are nominated for: helping others, fundraising, overcoming adversity, contributing to the community or their youth club, organising events or leadership.

Our Club received the following awards:

Achievement Awards: Michael Aiton, Aidan Dooley, Courtney Kerr, Jodie Richardson.

Junior and Senior Volunteer: Erin Baxter, Melissa Forsyth, Liam Hoey, Megan Cairns, Danielle Naules. Erin Baxter was also the overall winner of the Junior Section!

Adult Volunteer: Ellen Campbell, Sharon-anne Baxter.,

Youth Club: St Aidan's were awarded Second Place overall.

Life Time Achievement: Margaret McNay.

Ryan Hardie, a second year pupil at St Aidan's High School, sung 'Hero' by Mariah Carey and 'Give me that Old Time Rock n Roll' by Bob Segar

AIRBLES CEMETERY

Ninth Annual Ecumenical Day of Remembrance and Prayer

Sunday 21st June ay 3.00pm

Service conducted by Rev. Gerard Chromy St Patrick's Shieldmuir

Rev Derek Pope North Motherwell Parish Church

Car Parking is available at the Bank of Scotland Call Centre, opposite the cemetery.

PARISH HUMOUR

A drunk stumbles along a Baptismal service down by the river on a Sunday afternoon.

He proceeds to stumble down into the water and stands next to the Minister. The Minister turns, notices the old drunk and says, "Mister, are you ready to find Jesus?"

The drunk looks back and says, "Yes sir, I am."

The Minister then dunks the fellow under the water and pulls him right back up.

"Have you found Jesus?" the Minister asked.

"No, I didn't!" said the drunk.

The Minister then dunks him under for a quite a bit longer, brings him up and

PARISH NOTICES

BINGO Bingo in the hall every Sunday at 7.30 pm.

STALL Stall available in the hall after both Sunday Masses.

Men's Club. The Men's Club meets every Thursday at 7.30 pm in the hall. Men's Club Mass is held on the first Thursday of the month.

Intimations for the sick, the recently deceased and anniversaries must reach the Parish Priest by Saturday morning at the latest. All Items for the bulletin should reach Fr. Clements by Thursday of each week. We acknowledge the assistance of *Intercom* in the preparation of the text for parts of this bulletin.

says, "Now brother, have you found Jesus?"

"No, I did not!" said the drunk again.

Disgusted, the Minister holds the man under for at least 30 seconds this time, brings him up and demands, "For the grace of God, have you found Jesus yet?!!!?"

The old drunk wipes his eyes and pleads, "Are you sure this is where he fell in?"

Children's Corner

Wrong answers that kids have made to questions about the Old Testament. We're sure that you know better.

Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree.

Moses led the Jews to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread, which is bread without any ingredients.

The Egyptians were all drowned in the desert. Afterwards Moses went up mount Cyanide to get the ten commandments.

The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.

Noah's wife was Joan of Arc.

Samson killed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.