

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 8.15 am (Mondays to Fridays) and 10.00 am (daily)

Confessions After all Saturday Masses

Parish Ministers' Rota

29th November 2009

| Mass | Eucharistic Ministers | Readers |
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| Vigil | B. Higgins, E. Lynn, S. Woods | P. Devine |
| 10.00am | C. Allen, P. McGinlay | J. Sneddon, K. McGinley |
| 12 Noon | L. Moon, J. Fox | J. McKelvie, J. Fox |

Today's Readings

Someone remarked that there are three sides to every story: your side, my side and the truth. In today's Gospel reading Jesus links the reign of his kingdom very closely with testifying to truth. Celebrating Jesus as universal king, means celebrating truth's triumph over falsehood, the victory of good over evil.

However, lest triumphalism makes us cocky, we need to remember the cost of this triumph – nothing less than the torture and murder of God's Son on earth. Sounds a bit strange put that way, doesn't it? We're more used to hearing about the passion and death of Jesus. Passion has become a sanitised word sounding less harsh than *torture*, even though the pain of it isn't. *Crucifixion*, while a terrible word and an even more terrible reality, still sounds that bit more distant than *murder* does.

Jesus was murdered because he spoke the truth. Anyone who speaks as Jesus did risks the same fate ultimately. Yet, in spite of threats from those with vested interests who don't want the truth to be told, truth will out and does prevail. That's what we celebrate this day. But, not only do we celebrate the victory of truth, we also celebrate the fact that people are prepared to die for it. We have examples of that throughout history. We have martyrs for truth among us today. We will have them into the future too.

Today we celebrate the three sides to this story: I testify to truth, you testify to truth and truth triumphs, for all three become one.

Fr Tom Cahill SVD, Divine Word Missionaries

St Aidan's Parish Bulletin

Christ The King

22nd November 2009



"Yes, I am a King. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth."

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Week 34 of Year 1

Today's feast of Christ the King marks the last Sunday of the Church's year. Next Sunday is the 1st Sunday of Advent.

Tuesday 24th November St Andrew Dung Lac and Companions.

St Andrew was one of 117 people martyred in Vietnam between 1820 and 1862. The last of the martyrs were 17 laypeople, one of them a 9 year old, executed in 1862.

Christ The King



Today's feast, and Gospel, give us an opportunity to reflect on the different ways in which we, and others, exercise influence and leadership. The authority of Pilate came from position and power. The authority of Jesus came from his integrity and what he stood for. Recall leaders you have known whose influence was like that of Jesus.

The values of the kingdom of God cannot be imposed. It is never a matter of fighting battles, or forcing others into compliance. Perhaps through experience you have learned the limitations of the use of force, as a parent, a teacher, a group leader. What has been the good news, what have you learned, in this?

Jesus came to bear witness to the truth and we are all created for a purpose. What do you believe is the purpose of your life? Recall times when you have been able to bear witness to this. What fruit has this witness had for yourself and/or others?

John Byrne OSA

Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals van will be here this Sunday after both Masses to uplift your donated goods.

Mary's Meals help feed some of the poorest people in the world. Two black polybags of wearable clothes will provide a child in Malawi with lunches for a year

Their raffle team will also be here at all Masses. Tickets are £1 each or £5 per book.

RCIA

Next Sunday the RCIA candidates who are preparing for full membership of the Catholic Church at Easter next year will be presented to the Parish Community at the 10.00 am Mass.

Your Prayers are requested for:

The Sick: Angela O'Kane Jones, Susan Frame.

The Recently Deceased:

Jim McCullagh, Mary McConville, John McDonald, Isa Soper, Peter McCairn.

The Anniversaries and Month's Mind of:

Rachel Dougan, Catherine Daly, Jane and Dan McKenna, Joe O'Hara, Teresa and Tommy O'Connell, Bride and James Duffy, Mary and Daniel Friskey, Matthew McGourty.

Vocations

"My kingdom is not of this world." Are you being called to proclaim the glorious reign of Christ the King as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call your Diocesan Vocations Director: Rev. Charles Dornan St Bernard Shawhead, COATBRIDGE ML5 4NB Tel.01236 420585. Email: charles.dornan@btconnect.com or visit www.priestsforScotland.org.uk

St Matthew's Primary School

The petition against closure of St Matthew's is available for signature at the church door.

Parish Humour

It's a pure dead give-away that you're Scottish if:
You consider scattered showers with outbreaks of sunshine to be good weather.

The only sausage you like is square.

You have an enormous feeling of dread whenever Scotland play a 'numpty' team like the Faroe Islands.

You got Oor Wullie and The Broons annuals at Xmas.

You think nothing of waiting expectantly for your IP change from a shop keeper.

You don't do shopping... you 'go the messages'.

Children's Corner

Word Search

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J FNXLNFETJ
B O O J Z I T D R S
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J T P W C J W K N M
S E E S W E X E M G
V L W A B C W T R V**

Pilate / Passover / King / Jews / Jesus / Kingdom / Testify / Truth / Voice / World / Followers.

Pastoral Centre Programme

25th Nov & 2nd Dec. Advent Meditations.

10h Feb. 2010 Bishop John Geddes
24th Feb. & 3rd Mar. Lenten Meditations.

8th May 2010 Exploring and living adult faith in the parish community. See Summary of events on church Notice Board. For full details of events or to book contact the Pastoral Centre on 01698 385397.

PARISH NOTICES

BINGO Live bingo in the hall every Sunday at 7.30pm

STALL In the hall after both Sunday Masses. Christmas Cards are now available.

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 23rd November at 7.30 pm in the Hall; Intimations for the sick, the recently deceased and anniversaries and all other items for the bulletin must reach the Parish priest by Thursday for inclusion in the bulletin for the following week. We acknowledge the assistance of *Intercom* in the preparation of the text for parts of this bulletin