

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	8.15am (Mondays to Fridays) and 10.00am (daily).
Confessions	After All Saturday Masses

Parish Ministers' Rota

30th August 2009

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Vigil	B. Higgins E. Lynn, S. Woods	G. Traynor
10.00 a.m.	J. Kane P. O'Donnell	B. Moulds A. O'Neill
12 Noon	J. McCann J. Slavin	J. Scott T. Grant

Today's Mass

A favourite text, often displayed in the homes of fundamental christians, is from the words of Joshua to the Tribes of Israel at Shechem: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Joshua's words are confident and inspirational. They affirm identity in the lord, but recognise that conditions are attached. The God of the patriarchs has been faithful in delivering his promises, and guiding his people in safety to a new land, but commitment and service will be expected in return. It is in this context of mutual obligations that the covenant and its promises must be understood. Blessings will come as a reward for faithfulness. This hope will sustain and encourage Joshua's people in their efforts to serve god in their new surroundings.

Joshua goes on to put a choice before the leaders of the tribes. They, also, can recommit to the God of Israel and the terms of the covenant, or they can opt out and go their own way at this stage. In the Gospel, Jesus is similarly clear that even his closest disciples must actively choose whether they want to commit - or move away as others have done. In our own Catholic culture, where Christian faith and identity have been largely inherited and are, perhaps, fitfully adhered to in many ways, it might be worthwhile for us to pause and contemplate that basic choice which Joshua and Jesus both considered vital. In order to be meaningful and life-giving, it would seem, faith requires an on-going commitment. If it is to be genuine, that commitment must be freely given by those capable of such a mature choice. It might be time we each faced up to that choice for ourselves.

St Aidan's Parish Bulletin

21st Sunday (Year B)

23rd August 2009



*"You have the message of eternal life,
and we believe; we know that you
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Week 21 of the Year (Year 1)

Monday 24th August St Bartholomew. One of the 12 Apostles. Tradition says that he preached in India and was martyred there.

Thursday 27th August St Monica. Mother of St Augustine. She prayed and wept for him and his conversion filled her with joy.

Friday 28th August St Augustine. Bishop and Doctor of the Church. A wild and unsettled young man who was converted by his mother's prayers.

Saturday 29th August Martyrdom of St John the Baptist.

Parish's Fiftieth Anniversary

Next year, 2010 is the 50th anniversary of the founding of St Aidan's Parish.

Fr Clements would welcome comments, ideas, suggestions of ways in which we could mark this special anniversary.

Suggestions can be e-mailed to staidanswishaw@live.co.uk or handed in to the Parish House.

St Aidan's Tiny Tots

The Tiny Tots group resumes on Monday 24th August at 1.00 pm in the Church Hall.

The photographer will be visiting on **Thursday 3rd September from 12.30 to 4.30.**

This is your chance to get photos of the children (new kids at school in their new uniforms?). These would make great Christmas Cards for Grannies and Aunties.

St Aidan's Youth Club

The Youth Club are looking for new helpers. All new helpers will need to go through the Disclosure Scotland vetting procedures. This is necessary to conform to the Church's policy on the protection of young people. safeguard the youth club members The Youth Club, which is extremely popular with young people and has won a number of awards, meets on a Tuesday from 7.00pm to 9.00 pm.

If you can spare two hours a week to help please contact Cathy on 01698 383553.

The start date for the Youth Club will be

announced soon.

CHURCH CLEANERS

The dedicated group of church cleaners who have faithfully cleaned the Church for many years are about to retire.

We urgently need new church cleaners. At present the Church is cleaned after morning Mass on a Friday for around 2 hours. Any parishioner who can spare a few hours to help keep the Church clean should contact Fr Clements urgently.

National Pilgrimage

Sunday 6th September in honour of St John Ogilvie. Mass at 3.00pm, Principal celebrant Cardinal O'Brien.. Homily by Bishop Toal, Bishop of Argyll and the Isles.

After Mass there will be a rosary procession followed by an address by Bishop Perrier, Bishop of Lourdes.

FIRST COMMUNIONS

Will be held on 15th May 2010 at 10.00am and 12 noon.

FIRST CONFESSIONS

The provisional date for first confessions is 16th March 2010

Your prayers are requested for:

The recently deceased:

Gerry McGuinness; James Casserley; Ellen McGahan; Phil Marr; David Armstrong.

The anniversaries and month's minds of:

Edward Gillies; James Mullen; Kathleen O'Neill; Catherine Moulds.

Mission Appeal

There will be a mission appeal at all Masses today by Sr. Eleanor Breen on behalf of the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception.

The second collection at all Masses will be for this appeal.

SALAMANCA TRIP 2010

Those parishioners who are going to Salamanca with the 2010 parish Trip are reminded that the deposit of £150 pp is due by 31 August.

SPRED

SPRED exists to help people with a learning disability—The FRIENDS—to feel more at home in their parishes. The Friends may not know a lot *about* God, but God invites them to know His *friendship*, and to develop their relationship with Him.

In SPRED, volunteers adults and learning disabled people share friendship in a sacred context and journeying in faith together.

Volunteer helpers attend SPRED for 2 - 3 hours on the same evening each week, 28 times a year, and work with the same Friend who attends every second week. Drivers are needed to transport the Friends to and from their fortnightly meetings. Would you consider giving some time to work in SPRED as a helper or a driver?

Please act Now! Please call 01698 382904

PARISH NOTICES

BINGO Live bingo in the hall every Sunday at 7.30 pm.

STALL The stall is available in the hall after both Sunday Masses.

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

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 that week's bulletin. Intimations received after Thursday will be included in the next week's bulletin.

We acknowledge the assistance of *Intercom* in the preparation of the text for parts of this bulletin.

PARISH HUMOUR

Some things to think over:

Why are a wise man and a wise guy opposites?

If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?

Why do overlook and oversee mean opposite things?

Why isn't the number 11 pronounced onety one?

When cheese has its picture taken, what does it say?

If 4 out of 5 people suffer from diarrhoea, dies that mean that the other one enjoys it?

Why if you send something by road is it called a SHIPment, but when you send it by sea it is called CARgo?

If a convenience store is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, why are there locks on the door?

Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

Vocation Bulletin Inserts

"Choose this day whom you will serve." Consider as well how you are being called to serve the Lord! If you are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, call your diocesan vocations director:

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