

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

31st May 2009

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Vigil	B. Higgins E. Lynn, S. Woods	D. McKendrick
10.00 a.m.	J. Donnelly J. Pearson	A. McCrossan K. McKinley
12 Noon	L. Moon	T. Grant P. Allison

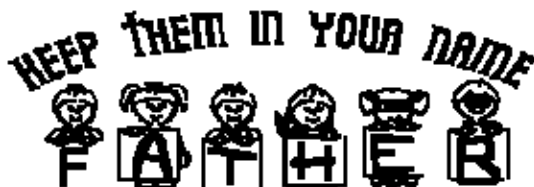
Today's Mass

The Holiest Name

At the last Supper Jesus revealed that his mission on earth was to teach the name of God. Biblical names were more than mere surnames, they identified the person, much as a nickname does today. When you know someone's name, you know who or what they are,

In the old Testament God was called "El Shaddai" (which means "Lord of Thunder") and "Yahweh" (which simply means "I am"). In other words God's identity was a mystery that was unfathomable.

Jesus taught that God is a "father", a parent. Of course, God has no gender but we cannot call God "it". Basically God is a parent of the type we might think of — in human terms — as a Father. The point is not to tell us that God has only "male" qualities but that God offers a warm and loving parental relationship to us.



St Aidan's Parish Bulletin

Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year B)

24th May 2009



"Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us."

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Seventh Week of Easter

Tuesday 26 May St Philip Neri. Born in Florence in 1515, Phil Neri spent most of his life in Rome. He spent hours in discussion with the young men of the city; he worked for the sick and the poor and for prisoners; he was a man of prayer and he was especially devoted to the Blessed Sacrament. In 1551 he was ordained and formed the Oratory in which the services of spiritual reading and singing were held. His Christianity was full of Joy and vigour.

There is now an extra morning Mass at St Aidan's - from Monday to Friday. A perfect way to start the day before work or school.

Vocation Bulletin Inserts

"And they went out and proclaimed the Good News everywhere, while the Lord worked with them." If you are discerning a vocation to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus 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

St Aidan's Primary Parents Association

Party for First Communicants will be held today after 12 noon Mass.

Summer Fayre Saturday 6th June 12 noon to 4.00 pm in the school grounds. BBQ, Tombola, Homebaking, raffles and much more. All donations gratefully accepted. See any member of the Parents Association.

Tesco Vouchers for Schools We are collecting these vouchers, please put your vouchers in the box in the church porch.

43rd World Communications Day

Sunday 24 May 2009

Today is World Communications Day. A letter from Bishop Tartaglia is available at the church door. The second collection at all Masses is for communications Sunday.

"Why do more people not attain enlightenment?" , someone asked the master.

"Because they see as loss what is actually a gain," replied the Master.

Then he told of an acquaintance who went into business. Trade flourished. There was a constant run of customers.

When the Master congratulated him on how well he was doing, the man said mournfully, "let's take a realistic view of things. Look at those front doors. If so many people continue to push through them we'll soon have to replace the hinges."

SVDP Caravan Parkdean Holiday Site, Nairn

The SVDP Holiday Caravan still has some dates free for this year. Details of the dates available are on the Church Notice Board.

If you would like to take advantage of this offer, please contact a member of the SSVP.

Carfin Grotto

St Aidan's Parish Day at Carfin Grotto is **Tomorrow Monday 25th May.**

7.00 am exposition in Glass Chapel
10.00 am Mass in the Parish Church
1.00 pm Mass in the Glass Chapel
7,00 pm Cenacolo Prayers (Glass Chapel)
8.00 pm Night Prayer

PARISH HUMOUR

A man was working on his motorcycle on his patio and his wife was in the house in the kitchen. The man was racing the engine on the motorcycle and somehow, the motorcycle slipped into gear. The man, still holding the handlebars, was dragged through a glass patio door and along with the motorcycle and dumped onto the floor inside the house.

The wife, hearing the crash, ran into the dining room, and found her husband lying on the floor, cut and bleeding, the motorcycle lying next to him and the patio door shattered.

The wife ran to the phone and called for an ambulance.

Because they lived on a fairly large hill, the wife went down the several flights of long steps to the street to direct the paramedics to her husband. After the ambulance arrived and transported the husband to the hospital, the wife picks up the motorcycle and pushed it outside.

Seeing that gas had spilled on the floor, the wife obtained some papers towels, blotted up the gasoline, and threw the towels in the toilet.

The husband was treated at the hospital and then allowed home. After arriving home, he looked at the shattered patio door and the damage done to his motorcycle. He became despondent,

went into the bathroom, sat on the toilet and smoked a cigarette. After finishing the cigarette, he flipped it between his legs into the toilet bowl while still seated.

The wife, who was in the kitchen, heard a loud explosion and her husband screaming. She ran into the bathroom and found her husband lying on the floor. His trousers had been blown away and he had suffered burns on his buttocks, the back of his legs and his groin. The wife again ran to the phone and called for an ambulance.

The same ambulance crew was dispatched and the wife met them at the street. The paramedics loaded the husband on the stretcher and began carrying him to the street. While they were going down the stairs to the street accompanied by the wife, one of the paramedics asked the wife how the husband had burned himself. She told them and the paramedics started laughing so hard, one of them tipped the stretcher and dumped the husband out. He fell down the remaining steps and broke his arm.

And you think that you have had a bad day?



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 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.