

**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** 8.1am (Mondays to Fridays) and 10.00am (daily)

**Confessions** After all Saturday Masses

**Parish Ministers' Rota**

**1st November 2009**

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
<b>Vigil</b>	B. Higgins, E. Lynn, S. Woods	G. Traynor
<b>10.00am</b>	G. O'Dowd, A. McKee	J. Sneddon, L. McCullough
<b>12 Noon</b>	J. McCann, J. Slavin	J. McKelvie, J. Fox

**Today's Readings**

Most Christians would take it for granted that Jesus is a priest. He offered his life as a sacrifice on the cross. In the first century this was not such a simple idea. Jews believed that the priesthood was hereditary - one had to be the son of a priest to be a priest.

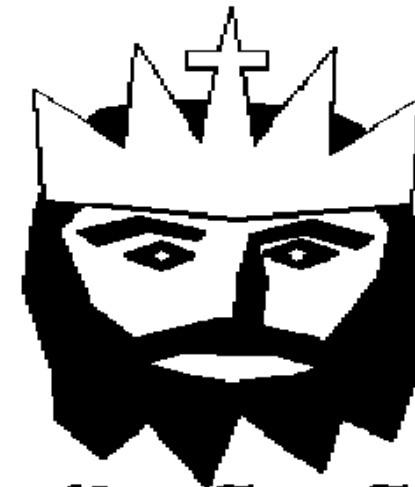
St Paul defends Jesus' priesthood by noting an obscure twist of fate. An obscure figure named Melchizedek played a small but important role. He was the priest-king of Salem (later, Jerusalem). He offered a sacrifice to God with Abraham that was accepted. Many centuries later the Jewish priesthood began with the sons of Moses' brother Aaron (of the tribe of Levi). They flourished until the time of David. As the great king lay dying, his sons squabbled over the right to succession. The Levitical priests chose the wrong side, while the local Jerusalem priests sided with Solomon. When he became king, Solomon promoted the local priests. He based their claim to the priesthood on their descent from Melchizedek, a more ancient lineage. Christians taught that Jesus had the same kind of right.

Jesus doesn't ask stupid questions. So, why does he ask Bartimeus what he wants? Bartimeus is blind, and a beggar. He calls Jesus 'Son of David'. So the odds are in favour of him wanting more than money. He wants his sight. Yet, Jesus doesn't assume that. Why? Perhaps he wants to show respect towards Bartimeus, unlike the crowd who tell him to shut up. Jesus invites him to speak for himself. Can we say we always do that with those we consider unimportant to us? Those whose sentences we finish for them? Those whose conversation we cut across when in company? Those whom we think aren't worth listening to?

# St Aidan's Parish Bulletin

30th Sunday (Year B)

25th October 2009



**YOU ARE A  
PRIEST  
FOREVER  
ACCORDING TO  
THE ORDER OF  
MELCHIZEDEK**

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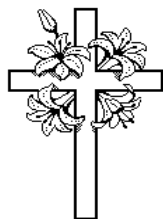
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**Week 30 of Year 1**

**Wednesday 28th October St Simon and St Jude, Apostles.** Simon was called 'the Cananean' and the Zealot'. Nothing else is known about him for certain. Tradition says that he preached in Egypt and Persia and was martyred there. Jude is not to be confused with 'Judas Iscariot'. He is identified as Jude, the brother of James, he was also known as Thadaeus and was the writer of the Epistle of Jude. Tradition has him preaching in Persia and being martyred there with Simon. He is known as the 'patron of hopeless cases'.

**8.15 Morning Mass resumes this week**



*Month of the Holy Souls*

Next Sunday is the Feast of all Saints and the start of the Month of the Holy Souls. During November Mass is offered daily for the repose of the souls entered on the November Lists. Lists and envelopes are available at the church door. Please return the completed lists in the envelopes provided as soon as possible and preferably by next Sunday. Lists should be placed in the box in the church porch.

**Evening Retreat**

**50th Anniversary**

1960 to 2010

As a start to our preparations for our 50th Anniversary as a parish there will be a Parish Retreat on Wednesday 28th October from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. The retreat will be led by Fr Stephen Motroni. The evening will start off in the hall at 7.30 with an address by Fr Motroni on the theme of 'Faithfulness of Christ, faithfulness of priests'. Following a break for tea / coffee there will be Benediction in the Church from 9.00pm to 9.30pm.

*Please help start off our preparations for the 50th Anniversary celebrations by coming along to this retreat.*

**November Cemetery Remembrance Service**

**Sunday 1 November from 3pm to 4pm in Cambusnethan Cemetery All are welcome to attend.**

**ALMA Lourdes Pilgrimage**

**20th July to 2nd August 2010**

ALMA assists sick pilgrims of the Diocesan Pilgrimage. Applications are invited from people aged between 17 and 26. Cost £693 (includes visit to Euro Disney on return journey).

Contact Elizabeth on 01698 269114 or Email [yamt@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:yamt@rcdom.org.uk)

**Mission Sunday**

**The collection for Mission Sunday amounted to the splendid sum of £1754.00. Thank you for your generosity.**

**Vocations**

"What do you want me to do for you?" Could your answer be the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call your Diocesan Vocations Director: Rev. Charles Dornan St Bernard Shawhead, COATBRIDGE ML5 4NB Tel. 01236 420585. Email: [charles.dornan@btconnect.com](mailto:charles.dornan@btconnect.com) or visit [www.priestsforScotland.org.uk](http://www.priestsforScotland.org.uk)

**Your Prayers are requested for:**

**The Sick:** Jessie Clinton Pollock;

Michael McAleer

**The Recently Deceased:** Peter Dorman; Joe McNally; Bridget Frame.

**The Anniversaries and Month's**

**Mind of:** Charles, Letitia and James Collins; Letty and Alice McManus

**Society of the Innocents** - tickets for the Annual Draw are now available in the church porch. Please return counterfoils and money to the parish house as soon as possible. **Draw takes place on 14th November 2009.**

**Parish RCIA Group**

The RCIA Group will meet in the **Parish House** on Monday 26th October at 7.30pm. Themes: The Eucharist and the Holy Souls.

**Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust (HCPT)**

**Cabaret night in St Bride's Hall, Motherwell to raise funds for their annual Easter pilgrimage to Lourdes. Tickets (£8) from: Bernadette Kerr on 01698 734403 or Peter Smith on 07776163938.**

**Parish Humour**

The Sunday School teacher was describing that when Lot's wife looked back at Sodom she turned into a pillar of salt, when Bobby interrupted. "My mommy looked back once while she was driving," he announced, "and she turned into a telephone pole."

A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt." His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"

**Our Lady's HSFPA**

**Light Opera Presents:**

**Oklahoma!** Motherwell Theatre **9th to 14th November with Saturday matinee.** Tickets from John Pearson 01698 386562

**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.

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

**50th Anniversary**

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**Parish Meeting**

*Ways to Celebrate our 50th anniversary*

**Monday 26th October 7.30pm**

**in St Aidan's Hall**

**ALL WELCOME**

**Disclosure Scotland Certificates**

All parishioners who supervise or visit children, young people or vulnerable adults on behalf of the parish must be covered by a Disclosure Scotland certificate. If you think that you might need such a certificate please contact John Fox on 01698 385868.