

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

3rd May 2009

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Vigil	B. Higgins E. Lynn, S. Woods	P. Devine
10.00 a.m.	E. Grattan E. Campbell	A. McCrossan K. McKinley
12 Noon	M. McDowell W. O'Neill	P. Allison J. Scott

Today's Mass

In *A Risen Christ in Eastertime*, Raymond E. Brown writes: 'Today disbelief flows from many factors including unconvincing signs, e.g. the proclamation of Christ by some who scarcely resemble him.' Resembling Christ means having wounds and showing them. Not something most of us would want to have, or wish to do.

You'd think that the Risen Christ would use something else to dispel the doubts of the disciples in today's Gospel reading. He uses the breaking of bread to open the minds of two disciples travelling to Emmaus. Now he uses his wounds to quell the doubts of others. Even his startling appearance among them isn't enough to rid them of doubt. But in his wounds they recognise him. Needless to say, these aren't any old wounds.

They are the wounds the world inflicts on those who love God above all else. They are the wounds of those who proclaim God's truth even when it threatens vested interests. They are the wounds of those who live for others more than themselves. They are the wounds of those who don't count cost. They are the wounds that once accepted are healed and become a source of health for others. We carry them with us in life, but they carry us into eternity.

Resembling Jesus means facing foes within our own gilded Gethsemanes; forgiving the tormentors who crucify us daily on our petty Golgothas; defeating the demons of our imaginings in the wilderness of our making; and in the longings of a lonely heart in prayer before God.

Fr Tom Cahill SVD

St Aidan's Parish Bulletin

Third Sunday of Easter

26th April 2009



"Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have."

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