

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

2nd August 2009

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Vigil	B. Higgins E. Lynn, S. Woods	C. Cassidy
10.00 a.m.	C. Allen J. Kane	B. Moulds A. O'Neill
12 Noon	L. Moon J. Fox	J. Scott T. Grant

Today's Mass

Someone once pointed out that the best time to make friends is before you need them. Paul's passionate plea for unity in today's Second Reading is a reminder of that fact. Paul, of course, doesn't package his plea in such self-serving terms. However, in its own street-wise fashion the remark is true. Unity is good, disunity is not. It's as simple as that. Paul uses language here that many people, particularly men perhaps, may find difficult to identify with in terms of relating to others. He pleads for 'humility', 'gentleness', 'patience' and that awful thing called 'love'.

In an age when, in the name of so-called entertainment, we are bombarded with images of just the opposite of these – anger, hate, violence and abuse – we might be pardoned for wondering which is the norm in life: humility or arrogance, gentleness or aggression, patience or frenzy, love or hate. A constant diet of grim actors on TV, and on the big screen, aping antisocial antics as if life consisted of never-ending rows fuelled by mindless jealousy can result in a build-up of bile.

So, whether we suffer from indigestion or not is up to us. Which do we want: to be hurtful or helpful, coarse or courteous, aggressive or friendly? Those who feed on anger, hate and violence are no strangers to fear. These take more out of us than they give. It's the caring, the friendship and the love that makes life pleasant and fulfilling. Ask any angry, jealous and friendless role model you can find.

St Aidan's Parish Bulletin

17th Sunday (Year B)

26th July 2009



"Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish."

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Week 17 of the Year (Year 1)

Wednesday 29th July St Martha. Sister of Lazarus and Mary of Bethany. Martha was solicitous in ministering to Jesus and is looked on as a patron for those actively engaged in the service of the needy.

Friday 21st July St Ignatius of Loyola (1491 to 1556). Founder of the Society of Jesus. The youngest son of a Basque nobleman, he was a soldier and was wounded fighting against the French at Pamplona. During his long convalescence he decided to give his life wholly to God's service. In Paris in 1534 Ignatius and a group of 7 students (including St Francis Xavier) bound themselves by vow to be missionaries to the Moslems in Palestine. Three years later this group, then increased to 10, met in Venice, and, finding that war made the journey to Palestine impossible, offered their services to Pope Paul III in any capacity. This group became the founding group of the Society of Jesus.

Saturday 1 August St Alphonsus Ligouri (1696 to 1787). Founder of the Redemptorists. Originally a barrister but forsook the law in 1723 and in due course was ordained priest. He did missionary work in and around Naples and in 1732 he organised a group of missionaries intended specially for work in rural districts. He was a renowned preacher and once claimed never to have preached a sermon which the simplest old woman in the congregation could not follow.

Vocation Bulletin Inserts

"Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness." Have you considered a vocation to the priesthood or the consecrated life?

Call your diocesan vocations director:

Rev. Charles Dornan
St Bernard's 51 Hermitage Crescent,
Shawhead Coatbridge ML5 4NB
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Email: charles.dornan@btconnect.com
Or visit www.priestforscotland.org.uk

The Master taught that one reason people are so unhappy is that they think that there is nothing that they cannot change.

He enjoyed the story of the man who said to the shopkeeper. "this radio you sold me is excellent for quality of sound; but I want it exchanged for one with better programmes."

One Minute Nonsense by Anthony de Mello SJ

Your prayers are requested for:

The sick of the Parish

Scott and May Hart.

The recently deceased:

David McKendrick; Charlotte McVitie; Susan penny; Grace Pearson.

The anniversaries and Month's minds of:

Mary Wilson; Louise Glover; Anne O'Reilly; Marjorie Scott; Jim Nolan; John and Margaret Harkins; John Flaherty; Ellen McGuinness; Tommy Meechan.

The 10.00 am Mass on Monday 27th July will be the Funeral Mass for Ella Morrison. The body will be received before Mass.

Feeding the multitude.

Jesus was the not the first person in the bible to multiply loaves of bread. Over 700 years before Jesus, a prophet named Elisha did it on a much smaller scale. He performed this feat for a group of 100 monks. They were starving because of a famine. Elisha had been given 20 small loaves, probably similar to modern Pita or Syrian pocket bread. He accomplished this action along with other miracles mentioned that foreshadow Jesus' miracles.

PARISH HUMOUR

A Piper parked his car in an unfashionable part of Glasgow, forgetting he had left his bagpipes in the back seat and the window open. When he remembered his oversight he rushed back to his car, but it was too late. There were another three sets of bagpipes on the back seat!

The doorbell rang and McTavish discovered a man, complete with a large set of tools, on his doorstep. "I'm the bagpipe tuner."

"But I didn't send for a bagpipe tuner", protested McTavish.

"No, but your neighbours did!"

What's the difference between a bagpipe and an onion? No-one cries when you chop up a bagpipe.

A wee Boy approached a policeman in Braehead shopping centre. "Excuse me, mister, but have you seen a woman without a wee boy like me?"

A wee Scottish boy came home from school all excited. He had just got a part in the school play.

"Wonderful, pet. What is it?" asked his mother.

"I've to play the part of a Scottish husband."

The mother's face fell. "Just you get back to school right now and tell them you want a speaking part!"

After a rather poor collection was gather in, the minister prayed, "we thank you , Lord, that the plate has been returned safely."

"And how did your week's holiday in Skye go?" asked one Glaswegian to another. "Well, it only rained twice", was the reply, "once for 3 days and once for 4 days."

PARISH NOTICES

BINGO Bingo in the hall every Sunday at 7.30 pm.

STALL The stall will be closed until 9th August.

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.

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