

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

4th October 2009

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Vigil	B. Higgins E. Lynn, S. Woods	K. Cassidy
10.00 a.m.	B. McCabe M. Lynch	J. Sneddon L. McCullough
12 Noon	L. Moon J. Fox	J. McKelvie J. Fox

TODAY'S MASS

In the first reading, Moses' attitude is 'let the good be done by whoever the Lord desires' We should not institutionalise god works but let the Spirit free.

In the second reading James looks at the church of his day and remembers the sayings of Jesus - the eye of the needle, blessed are the poor, where your treasure is, there your heart is also. He passionately calls for justice and is the voice of those who have no voice.

In the Gospel we hear of John objecting to a person who was not in their group casting out demons in Jesus' name. Jesus himself had no problems with this. Jealousy can poison our outlook even when what is done by another is good. Perhaps you have seen, in yourself or in others, the negative effect of jealousy and the contrasting positive effect of being able to rejoice that good is being done, irrespective of the identity of the person doing the good.

In strong terms Jesus condemns those who are destructive of the life of others, particularly the 'little ones'. Just as Jesus came that we might have life and have it to the full, we likewise are here to make a positive difference to others. What was it like for you when you were able to do something that was helpful to another? Rather dramatically Jesus tells us to cut off a hand, or tear out an eye, rather than sin. It is not to be taken literally but it does mean that we should not be casual about our efforts to live a good life. When have you experienced the benefits of an element of seriousness in your approach to life?

St Aidan's Parish Bulletin

26th Sunday (Year B)

27th September 2009



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Week 26 of the Year (Year 1)

Tuesday 29th September St Michael, St Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels.

Wednesday 30th September St Jerome (342 to 420). After spending some years among the desert hermits in Syria, he was secretary to Pope St Damasus from 382 to 385. He translated from Hebrew or Greek or revised practically the whole of the Latin Bible.

Thursday 1st October St Therese of the Child Jesus, 'The Little Flower' (1873 to 1897). A cloistered Carmelite nun, who continually made sacrifices in 'little things'. She is one of only three women Doctors of the Church.

Friday 2nd October Guardian Angels.

St Aidan's Youth Club

Help the Youth Club to raise funds by recycling your old mobile phones. Old phones can be left in the box in the church Porch. The Youth Club still needs more adult volunteers. If you can spare a few hours a week, contact Cathy on 01698 383553

Sea Sunday

This Sunday is 'Sea Sunday', and the second collection today is for the Apostolate of the Sea (AoS), the official Catholic Agency for the support of seafarers.

AoS provides pastoral and practical help to the seafarers from around the world who deliver most of the essential goods to Britain. Although their work provides us with our essential goods and foods, many seafarers do not have an acceptable standard of living and have limited access to the sacraments.

The collection at churches throughout Britain on Sea Sunday is the main source of funds for the work of AoS.

CARFIN GROTTO

The programme of events at Carfin Grotto is on the church notice board.

**Pastoral Retreat Centre
November Events**

5.11.09 An evening for Readers

An Evening for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

10.11.09 The role during Mass

17.11.09 Taking Holy Communion to the Sick; Leading celebrations of the Word with distribution of Holy Communion.

21.11.09 Exploring and Living Adult Faith in the context of the Local Parish Community

For more details, please see posters in church porch.

VOCATION NOTICE

"Would that all of the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord would put h

is spirit upon them" All Catholics share the prophetic ministry of the Lord through baptism. Is He calling you to bear witness to His truth as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call your diocesan vocations director:

Rev. Charles Dornan
St Bernard's 51 Hermitage Crescent,
Shawhead Coatbridge ML5 4NB
Tel. 01236 422451
Email: charles.dornan@btconnect.com
Or visit www.priestforscotland.org.uk

Your prayers are requested for:

The Sick:

Theresa Sutherland; Rafael Toboso.

The recently deceased:

Margaret Chesney; Clive Lawson;
Bridie Marston (Bournemouth)

**The anniversaries and
month's minds of:**

Marjory Scott; Eddie Murphy; William Clements; Isabel Meechan

PARISH HUMOUR

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to a garage makes you a mechanic.

Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.

If you must choose between two evils, pick the one you've never tried before.

A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.

Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places.

Junk is something you've kept for years and throw away three weeks before you need it.

By the time you can make ends meet, they move the ends.

Someone who thinks logically provides a nice contrast to the real world.

"You know, McGrath", said his boss. "I've noticed that every time there's a midweek football match on, you have to go to your granny's funeral. "You know, you're right", said McGrath. "Do you think she's faking it?"

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Betty: Hi all, Tommy is visiting his Granny today, so I am going to tell you about the Gospel this Sunday.

The Gospel is called 'Temptation' because that is what it is about. Jesus asks us not to allow ourselves to be led by others or even ourselves to hurt or offend.

When we act on a temptation we hurt others, ourselves and God. Always think about an action if you feel it is not going to be the right thing to do, as the build up of wrong actions are not the only thing you have to worry about. It is also necessary to think about the person you are becoming by doing wrong.

Jesus asks us to show love in our lives; that is only about doing good and being an amazing person. Try it!

Think about how today's Gospel story makes you feel. Be proud of yourself when you resist temptation, you are showing God's love.

New Year trip to Donegal

30th December to 3rd January
4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Holyrood Hotel, Bundoran.
Adults £299 Children £169

Deposit of £30 required. Balance due by 29th October. For Details contact
A. Donnelly 01698 333958

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.

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