

St AIDAN'S PARISH CHURCH

MASS TIMES

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| 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

7th June 2009

| Mass | Eucharistic Ministers | Readers |
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| Vigil | B. Higgins E. Lynn, S. Woods | G. Traynor |
| 10.00 a.m. | G. O'Dowd A. McKee | D. Ness A. Reid |
| 12 Noon | J. McCann J. Slavin | J. Scott E. Pearson |

Today's Mass

This story tells what Pentecost is all about. A taxi driver arrives at an address. He honks his horn. No response. He honks again. Still no response. Out he gets and knocks on the door. A stressed voice calls out, "just a minute, please." After a long pause he hears something being dragged to the door. A frail old woman in her late 80's opens the door, pulling a suitcase with her. "Would you carry my case to the car, please?" she asks. "Sure", he says and as he moves off to the car, she links his free arm and walks slowly with him to the taxi.

She gives him an address and asks him to go through the city centre. "It's not the shortest way, Ma'am" he says to her. "I don't mind", she replies, "I'm going to a hospice. There's no hurry."

He looks in the rear view mirror, and sees tears in her eyes as she reveals, "I've no family left. The doctor says I haven't long to go." As she says that the driver leans over and quietly switches off the metre.

They drive around the city centre. She points out where she worked in an insurance office, where she and her husband lived after their wedding and a building that was once a ballroom where she had first met him. At one or two places they stop in silence - her mind elsewhere. Much later they reach the hospice.

The taxi driver goes home lost in thought, convinced and content that he has just had one of the most important days of his life.

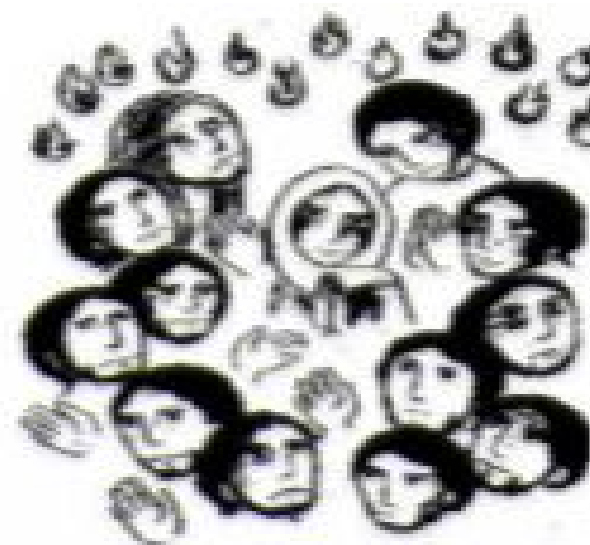
Pentecost means using the language of love.

Fr Tom Cahill SVD

St Aidan's Parish Bulletin

Pentecost Sunday

31st May 2009



"Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained."

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Week 9 of the Year. (Year 1)

Monday 1st June St Justin. Born at the beginning of the 2nd century at Nablus in Samaria, of a pagan family. He was a philosopher and became a Christian at the age of 30. He went to Ephesus and then to Rome where he established a school. He gives us the earliest description of the rite of baptism and of a Sunday Mass. He was martyred with 6 others about 165.

Wednesday 3rd June St Charles Lwanga and Companions. The 22 martyrs of Uganda were put to death by their king. Some were quite young boys, some were still catechumens, although St Charles baptised these before their death.

Friday 5th June St Boniface. Born in England about 673, he was called Winifrid until Pope Gregory II called him Boniface. He was a monk from Exeter who became the apostle of Germany, consecrated Bishop in 722. He still continued his missionary life and was killed by pagans in Friesland in 754.

Remember that 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

"When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth." Are you inclined to let the Holy Spirit lead you to your true vocation in the Risen Lord...perhaps as a priest or consecrated religious? Call your diocesan vocations director:

Rev. Charles Dornan
St Stephen's, Paddock Street,
Sikeside, Coatbridge ML5 4PG
Tel. 01236 4205 . Email:

St Aidan's Primary Parents Association

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.

Parish Trip to Lindisfarne

Remember the payment of the balance of the cost of the trip is due by next Sunday 7th June.

"I thought that spirituality had nothing to do with politics," said a somewhat shocked disciple when she first became acquainted with the Master's political activities.

"That's because you have no idea what spirituality is all about," was the master's reply.

Another day he called out to her and said, "You have no idea what politics is all about either."

From One Minute Nonsense by Anthony de Mello S>J>

Did you know?

Altar Rails were not originally found in catholic Churches. They were first introduced after the reformation by the Anglican Bishop Wren (Uncle of St Chris-

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.

PARISH HUMOUR

Sunday School teacher decided to have her primary 3 class memorize Psalm 23, one of the most quoted passages in the Bible. She gave the children a month to learn the chapter.

One little boy was excited about the task, but he just couldn't memorize the Psalm. Although he practiced and practiced, he could hardly get past the first line. The day came for the children to recite Psalm 23 before the congregation. The little boy was nervous. When his turn came, he stepped up to the microphone and proudly said, "The Lord is my Shepherd and that's all I need to know!"

The old Sioux chief sat in his reservation hut, smoking the ceremonial pipe, eyeing the two US government officials sent to interview him.

"Chief Two Eagles," one official began, "you have observed the white man for many generations, you have seen his wars and his products, you have seen all his progress, and all his problems."

The chief nodded. The official continued, "Considering recent events in New York, in your opinion, where has the white man gone wrong?"

The chief stared at the government officials and continued smoking his pipe for over a minute, and then calmly replied: "When white man found this land, Indians were running it. No taxes.

No debt. No house payments. No day care. Plenty buffalo. Women did all the cooking. Medicine man free. Indian men hunted and fished all the time."

The chief smiled, and added quietly, "White man dumb enough to think he could improve a system like that."

Avenue Road

What's wrong with the old one?

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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Can you work out the code?

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.