

**ST AIDAN'S PARISH**  
**HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2009**

# *St Aidan's Parish Bulletin*

*Palm Sunday  
and Holy Week*

*5th to 11th April 2009*

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April:**

**Quiet day of prayer** with several priests available for confession from 10.30am until 3.00pm at the Cathedral, Motherwell.

**Monday 6th April**

**Morning Masses:** 8.20am and 10.00am. Stations of the Cross at 9.45am

**Confessions:** St Aidan's 7.00 pm; St Thomas' Wishaw 7.00 pm .

**Tuesday 7th April**

**Morning Masses:** 8.20am and 10.00am. Stations of the Cross at 9.45am

**Confessions:** St Ignatius' Wishaw 7.00pm; St Mary's Cleland 7.30pm; St Patrick's Wishaw 7.00 pm.

**Wednesday 8th April**

**Morning Masses:** 8.20am and 10.00am. Stations of the Cross at 9.45am

**Confessions:** St Mary's Lanark 7.00pm

**Joint Service with St Mark's.** St Mark's Church 7.30pm. Fr King will preach.

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April. Holy Thursday**

**Chrism Mass** in Motherwell Cathedral at 11.30am

**Mass of the Lord's Supper** 7.30pm

**Night Prayers** 10.00pm

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April. Good Friday A Day of Fasting and Abstinence**

**Children's Service** 3.00pm

**Evening Service** 7.30pm

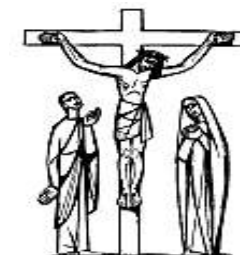
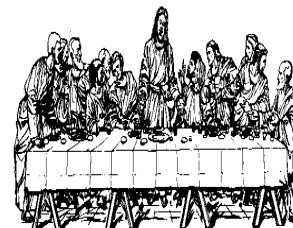
Collection for the upkeep of the Holy Places

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April**

**Easter Vigil** 9.00pm

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April. Easter Sunday**

**Masses** at 10.00am and 12 noon.



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## HOLY WEEK

Please consider prayerfully how you and your family will prepare for and celebrate Holy Week and Easter 2009

Please set aside time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the Easter Triduum. Details of all Holy Week Services, including confessions within the Wishaw Deanery are on the back page of this bulletin.

From Palm Sunday we enter Holy Week with the celebration of the Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We joyfully welcome him with palms blessed at all Masses and we listen to the Passion from St Mark's Gospel and realise how much Jesus suffered for us.

Please make every effort to attend the traditional joint service with St Mark's on Wednesday of Holy Week. This week the service will be held in St Mark's Church and Fr King will preach. This will be Fr King's first joint service. Please come along and support him.

Please participate in the Easter Triduum (Three Days) which begins on Holy Thursday. It is really important that we gather as a parish community to celebrate the central events of our faith

- **The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday at 7.30 pm**
- **The celebration of the Passion and Death of the Lord on Good Friday at 3.00 pm (Children's Service) and at 7.30 pm.**
- **The Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night at 9.00 pm.**

**All SCIAF 'Wee Boxes' should be returned as soon as possible and by Sunday 19th April at the latest.**

## Israel in the time Of Jesus.

In the time of our Lord, Pontius Pilate was the Governor of the Roman Province of Judea. In the minds of many people Pilate was a high-ranking Roman Ruler. In fact he was one of many governors in the Roman Empire, assigned to a relatively small, non-prestigious post, far from Rome. He didn't govern the whole of Israel, only the southern part.

Judea was one of four Roman Provinces of what today is Israel. The other Imperial provinces were:

**Galilee:** a region in the northern part of Palestine. It was about 50 miles long and 30 miles wide, with many mountains and hills. Jesus spent most of his life in Galilee. Many of the events in the Gospels take place there.

**Samaria:** The hill country north and west of Jerusalem.

**Perea:** An area east of Jordan and the Dead Sea, less than 20 miles wide and nearly 60 miles long. This is the region where John the Baptist was beheaded in Herod's castle. It was a common route from Galilee to Jerusalem, avoiding Samaria. Matthew says this was the route Jesus took on Palm Sunday. In the Old Testament this area was also known as Gilead.

## Garden Party at Holyrood House 23rd May 2009

Cardinal O'Brien has asked this Diocese to arrange for 75 parishioners to attend a Garden Party given by the Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Our allocation is part of a total of 250 invitations to the Catholic Church.

If you are interested in attending, please give your names to the Parish Priest as soon as possible.

## Young Adults

### Taize Prayer Evening

Come and join us for the peaceful style of meditative singing and prayer from the Taize Community at 7.00pm on the first Sunday of every month in the Glass Chapel, Carfin Grotto.

For more information contact Elizabeth at the Diocese of Motherwell Young Adult Ministry Team Tel. 01698 269114. email: yamt@rcdom.org.uk

### Pentecost Retreat for 18 to 35's

An opportunity to socialise, reflect, discuss, pray and much more! Friday 29th to Sunday 31st May 2009 in a Youth Hostel near Selkirk

Cost £35 including food and accommodation.

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### Our Lady's HSFPA Light Opera

### WEST END 2 BROADWAY

Your favourite songs in concert  
Saturday 9th May 2009  
Motherwell Concert Hall

Tickets from John Pearson Tel. 386562

### Parish Trip to Lindisfarne Saturday 13th June 2009

The parish is organising a trip to the Holy Isle of Lindisfarne. The bus will leave the Church around 9.00 am and return late evening Fr Clements and Fr King will celebrate Mass on the Holy Isle at 1.00 pm. On the return journey we will stop in Berwick for High Tea. The cost of the trip is £20. Names and a deposit of £5 pp should be given to Anne McCrossan (01698 385292) or Jim McKelvie (01698 382777). The trip will be open to parishioners only until Sunday 5th April after which it will be open to all.

**Fr Clements will be in Lourdes with the HCPT Pilgrimage in the week after Easter. If anyone has any petitions to be taken to the Grotto, please give them to Fr Clements by Holy Saturday.**

### GIFT AID

If you are a taxpayer, you can increase your contribution to the Parish at no cost to yourself by becoming a Gift Aid Donor.

Gift Aid envelopes will be available in the Hall after each Vigil and Sunday Mass until Sunday 5th April.

You can also contribute by banker's order.

## PARISH NOTICES

**BINGO** Bingo in the hall every Sunday at 7.30 pm.

**STALL** Stall available in the hall after both Sunday Masses. **Easter cards are now available from the stall.**

**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.