

Parish Ministers' Rota
9th April 2017 (Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year A)

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
5 pm Vigil St Aidan's	G.Traynor, P.Devine, M.McKenna	K.Cassidy
9.30am St Mary's	R.Heaney, E.McBride	J.Smyth, J.Canning
11 am St Aidan's	J.Burton, J.Slavin, J.Pearson	J.McKelvie, A.McCrorie*
4.30 pm St Mary's	C.Cairns	C.Cairns, H.Law

TODAY'S GOSPEL

Today's Gospel reading recounts another miracle, found in John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders' growing animosity toward Jesus. Jesus has been in Jerusalem, taking part in the feast of the Dedication, which we have come to know as Hanukkah. The people have been pressing him to declare plainly whether he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works which testify to his coming from God. Many do not believe Jesus and some try to stone him for blasphemy. Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that his friend is ill. Although Jesus loves Mary, Martha and Lazarus, he delays his journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus' obedience to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus' resurrection. When Jesus finally declares that he will journey to Bethany, his disciples fear for his life. Thomas declares that he and the other disciples should prepare to die with Jesus.

The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus weeping and saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Then Martha's sister, Mary, comes to Jesus with the same confidence, saying that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. Jesus asks to be brought to the tomb where he prays and calls Lazarus out of the tomb. At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus, but others take word of the miracle to the Jewish authorities, who begin their plans for Jesus' death.

Set against the backdrop of Jesus' impending death, many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus' own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with the Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus' tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb.

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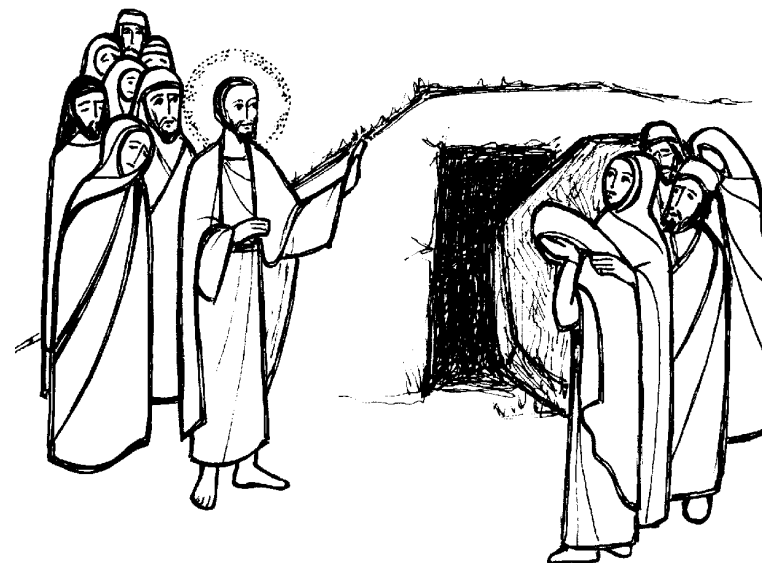
First Reading:	Ezekiel 37:12-14
Response to the Psalm:	With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
Second Reading:	Romans 8:8-11
Gospel Acclamation:	Glory and praise to you O Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die. Glory and praise to you O Christ!
Gospel:	John 11:3-7, 20-27,33-45

St Mary's and St Aidan's

Year A

Fifth Sunday of Lent

2nd April 2017



“Lazarus, here! Come out!”

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FIFTH WEEK OF LENT YEAR 1

There are no Feasts, Solemnities or Memorials this week.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mgr Jack Burns, Gerard O'Neill, Jim Nolan, David Beck, Mary Theresa McCormick, Cathie McConnachie, Cathie Bryce, Cecilia Moore, Patrick Miller, Lynne Watters, Mary Kelly, John Lochrie, Anne Roarty, Ellen Dunn, Bernard Gallacher, John Friary, Catherine Grant, Marie Tress McGhee, Nan Devine, George McKinney, Manus O'Donnell and Bridget McNally who are sick.

The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of: **Michael Hogan, Annie & Jimmy Delaney, Anna Delaney and Margaret & Michael Campbell.**

MOTHERWELL DIOCESAN CHOIR LENTEN REFLECTION

Motherwell Cathedral
Tuesday 11th April, 7.30pm.
Admission Free – All welcome.

POPE FRANCIS' MISSION INTENTION April 2017

Pope Francis asks us to join with him this month in praying:
That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

JOINT SERVICE ST AIDAN'S and ST MARK'S

The Joint Service will take place in St Aidan's on **Wednesday 12th April at 7.30pm.**
Tea/Coffee and biscuits in hall after the service.

INTIMATIONS FOR THE BULLETIN

Please ensure names are submitted by Wednesday for inclusion, that the intention is noted and that handwriting is as clear as possible. Notices for the Bulletin should also be submitted or emailed by that time.
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SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

Please help the Diocese to support our seminarians.

At present, Motherwell Diocese has a good number of seminarians (relatively speaking) and **hopefully will have five priests ordained this coming year.**

It is expensive to prepare these young men for the priesthood and as Catholics who want to have priests to minister to us, it is our duty (and privilege) to assist in the education and formation of young men who are considering a vocation to the priesthood.

Please continue to pray for vocations, but also please help towards the Diocesan Fund for our students. You were given statistics last week.

Gift Aid envelopes and pens are available at the end of each seat.

ST AIDAN'S GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Gift Aid Envelopes are available for collection in the Hall after both Masses this weekend. If you have not yet signed up for Gift Aid, why not start now?

Every £1 Gift Aided gains an additional 25p for the Parish at no cost to you.

ST AUGUSTINE'S CHOIR LENTEN CHORAL CONCERT

Wednesday 12th April 2017 7.30pm
St Augustine's Church, Coatbridge
Tickets costing £4 are available from the church shop, Kairos Cafe, or pay at the door on the night. There is no cost for under 16's.

CHRISM MASS

Holy Thursday 13th April 11.30am
OUR LADY OF GOOD AID CATHEDRAL

This Mass manifests the unity of the priests with their bishop. It is also an opportunity for the Diocesan Community to give thanks for the Gift of Priesthood, and in this year when we will be blessed with a number of ordinations.

If possible, please try to attend.

**Contact for SVDP furniture uplift
tel. 07773731123 and 07749467335**

PARISH OF ST MARY'S AND ST AIDAN'S MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

St Aidan's: 5pm Vigil Mass
St Mary's: 9.30am Mass
St Aidan's: 11am Mass
St Mary's: 4.30pm Mass

Weekday

Monday: St Mary's 10am
Tuesday: St Aidan's 10am
Wednesday: St Mary's 10am
Thursday: St Aidan's 10am
St Mary's 7pm (*Latin Mass*)
Friday: St Mary's 10am
Saturday: St Aidan's 10am

First Friday of the Month (during term time)

St Mary's 10am St Aidan's 11am

Confessions: After weekday Masses in relevant church.
Saturday: 4.30pm – 4.50pm and after Vigil Mass in St Aidan's.
Sunday: 4pm – 4.20pm in St Mary's.

Rosary and Benediction St Mary's every Sunday at 5.30pm.

Baptisms

St Aidan's Church 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 12 noon
St Mary's Church 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 12.30pm
To arrange please contact: **Fr O'Connor Tel: (01698) 860254.**

LENT AND HOLY WEEK

Early Mass St Aidan's will continue
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8.15am
Early Mass St Mary's will continue
Tuesday & Thursday 8.20am

Stations of the Cross

St Mary's: Mon 7pm
St Aidan's: Tues 7pm

There will be an opportunity to go to Confession after Stations of the Cross on
Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th April.

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass 7pm St Mary's

GOOD FRIDAY

Service 3pm St Aidan's
Stations of the Cross 7pm St Mary's

EASTER VIGIL

8.30pm St Aidan's

SPORTS' FORUM

St Aidan's Hall
Friday 7th April 2017
Licensed Bar

Panel **Tam McManus, Derek Ferguson, Chick Young and John Higgins**

Tickets £5 can be obtained by phoning **Carole (356134) or Bridie (385506)** or in the **Hall after 11am Mass or pay at door.**
Proceeds to the refurbishment of St Aidan's Church Hall.

TODAY IS

ROLL n SAUSAGE SUNDAY

Rolls n Sausage will be served after 11am Mass. All proceeds to the renovation of the Hall. **All welcome!**

LINDISFARNE CAFÉ

Open next Sunday as normal.
All welcome!

ST AIDAN'S CHURCH HALL

The hall will be closed after the Roll n Sausage today and will reopen on **Friday 7th April** for the **Sports' Forum.**

The hall, kitchen and bar will need to be cleaned after the painting and the Hall Committee would like as many people as possible to come along at 10am on Friday 7th to give a hand.

Manv hands make light work!

WISHAW GENERAL CHAPLAINCY

Contact Fr Ricklan Mallya, RC Chaplain, either by phoning the hospital (361100) or St Bernadette's (263945).

