

Parish Ministers' Rota
10th September 2017 (Twenty- third Sunday of the Ordinary Time Year A)

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
5 pm Vigil St Aidan's	G.Traynor, S.Corr, M.McKenna	P.Devine
9.30am St Mary's	B.Devlin (A), C.Cairns (B)	H.Bradley
11 am St Aidan's	J.Burton, J.Slavin, J.Pearson	C.Varghese, B.Varghese*
4.30 pm St Mary's	C.Nicol	L.Higgins

TODAY'S READINGS

Today's Gospel continues the story that began in last week's Gospel. Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him "Satan.". In opposing this aspect of Jesus' mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ's disciple is to follow in his way of the cross.

Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way.

Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus' prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called "rock" would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

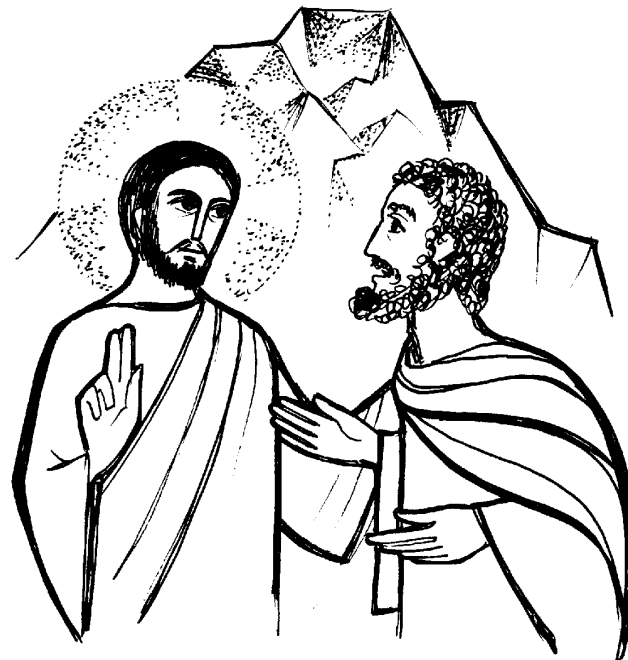
First Reading:	Jeremiah 20: 7-9
Response to the Psalm:	For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.
Second Reading:	Romans 12:1-2
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, Alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!
Gospel:	Matthew 16:21-27

St Mary's and St Aidan's

Year A

Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year

3rd September 2017



*"If anyone wants to be a follower of mine,
let him renounce himself."*

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TWENTY SECOND WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR 1

Fri 8th September, Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated exactly nine months after the Feast of her Immaculate Conception (she was conceived without Original Sin on her soul) on 8th December and has been celebrated in the Church at least since the 8th Century. The Church's calendar observes the birthdays of only two saints: **Saint John the Baptist** (June 24), and **Mary, Mother of Jesus.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Gerard O'Neill, Jim Nolan, David Beck, Mary Theresa McCormick, Cathie Bryce, Cathie McConnachie, Cecilia Moore, Lynne Watters, Mary Kelly, Ellen Dunn, John Lochrie, Anne Roarty, Bernard Gallacher, John Friary, Catherine Grant, George McKinney, Bridget McNally, Mary Lambert, Peter McGhee and Pat McGoldrick who are sick.

Nan Devine who has died.

The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of: **Rose Ann Larkin, Michael Hogan, Peter McGhee, Alex Sanders and Patrick & Susie Cassidy.**

ST MARY'S CHURCH RENOVATION PROJECT

Please take a copy of an information sheet regarding the Church Renovation Project. We are still at an early stage with this. We have commissioned and obtained a full report by a conservationist architect of the works that need to be completed. We have submitted an application to have the Church listed by Historic Scotland, this should put us in a position to be able to apply for grant funding. As a parish we hope to move forward with this project to upgrade the fabric of our Church building.

CADALBA

Cadalba's A.G.M. will take place in the church hall on **Wed 6th September at 11.30am.** Everyone is welcome to attend.

WISHAW GENERAL CHAPLAINCY

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

ST AIDAN'S CHURCH CLEANING
Friday 8th September at 10am. More help would be appreciated.

VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK
10th – 17th September

During this week we pray especially for those who are considering the possibility of a vocation to priesthood, permanent diaconate, religious or consecrated life - that they may follow in Our Lord's footsteps and answer His call to serve His people in ministry. We also remember those who in formation who have answered the call as we pray for their perseverance and the gifts they need to minister effectively and graciously to Christ's people.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY IS FOR STUDENT PRIEST FORMATION

Each Diocese needs to educate and prepare its future priests and permanent deacons. A special collection is taken up on one Sunday each year to help towards the costs of this essential need. We were blessed with a good number of ordinations in Motherwell this year but it is expensive to prepare them for priesthood.

In 2016 the cost for the education and care of seminarians was £220,000. The cost of educating our permanent diaconate students was £15,105 making a total cost of £235,105.

The annual collection raised £46,670 and £15,000 was raised from the parishes who donated their Gift Aid Small Donations claim. In 2016 £15,200 was raised through the Students/Retired Priests boxes and one-off donations came to £11,164. This totalled £88,034. That meant **the shortfall of £147,071** came from the Diocesan Central Funds.

COLLECTION BOXES FOR RETIRED PRIESTS AND STUDENT PRIESTS

It is now the time to return the boxes which were made available last year. If you are Gift Aiding your box please use one of the envelopes which will be at the end of the pews next week.

More boxes will be available in a few weeks. Please consider taking one of these boxes home with you.

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

Sunday		Weekday	
St Aidan's:	5pm Vigil Mass	Monday:	St Mary's 10am
St Mary's:	9.30am Mass	Tuesday:	St Aidan's 10am
St Aidan's:	11am Mass	Wednesday:	St Mary's 10am
St Mary's:	4.30pm Mass	Thursday:	St Aidan's 10am St Mary's 7pm (<i>Latin Mass</i>)
		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.
Thursday Evening: 6.30pm – 7pm in St Mary's before Latin Mass

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.**

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

The Bishops of Scotland will consecrate Scotland to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at our annual National Pilgrimage to **Carfin** on **Sunday 3rd September** in this, the centenary of the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima.

- 1pm-2.30pm Confessions,
- 3pm Holy Mass with Consecration,
- 5pm Rosary and Benediction.

Large numbers are expected and there is limited parking around the Grotto. You are advised to be prepared for all weather situations. Food will be served in the Pilgrimage Centre, The Xavier Centre and at two additional points within the Grotto but it may be advisable to bring a packed lunch.

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Deacon Sean Wylie will be ordained in his home parish of St. Patrick's, Shieldmuir on **Friday 8th September at 7pm.** Please remember him in your prayers.

OUR LADY'S MUSICAL SOCIETY
presents

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF
Tuesday 7th – Saturday 11th November
(including Saturday matinee)
Motherwell Civic Theatre

More details including the price of the tickets can be seen on the poster in the porch in the hall.

Tickets can be purchased from Eddie Pearson on 01698 386747 / 07817 275073.

TODAY IS ROLL & SAUSAGE SUNDAY.

All proceeds are for the renovation of the Hall Please support the ladies who are giving up their time to help the Parish.

LINDISFARNE CAFÉ

Next Sunday the Lindisfarne café will be serving tea/coffee, rolls n sausage, bacon butties, toast and homebaking.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The children's liturgy takes place each Sunday (during term time) at the beginning of the 11am Mass. Children from age 3 until they make their First Holy Communion are invited at the beginning of Mass to go to the hall where they celebrate the Liturgy of the Word appropriate to their age. They hear the Gospel story in a text they can understand and do some activities related to the Gospel passage. They return to the Church and join their parents/carers at the Offertory. If you would like your child to participate, but are unsure if he/she would take part, you could go out with him/her on the first week.

POPE FRANCIS' MISSION INTENTION
September 2017

Pope Francis asks us to join with him this month in praying:
That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.