

Parish Ministers' Rota
14th May 2017 (Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A)

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
5 pm Vigil St Aidan's	M.McKenna, E.Campbell, P.Devine	G.Traynor
9.30am St Mary's	J.McLeish, E.Briody	P.Gorrell
11 am St Aidan's	J.Devanny, J.Fox, E.Grattan	B.Moulds*, L.McCrum
4.30 pm St Mary's	C.Nicol	J. Haddow

TODAY'S GOSPEL

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognise their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd. Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognise that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.

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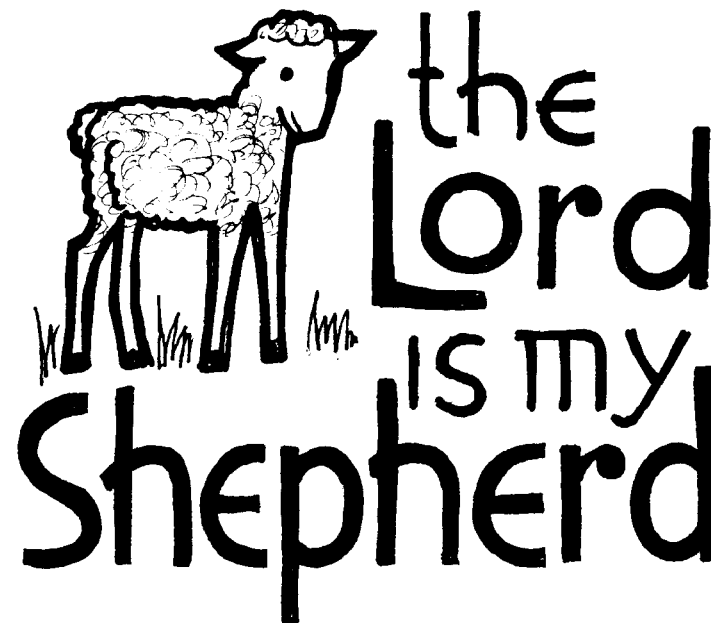
First Reading: Acts 2:14,36-41
Response to the Psalm: **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**
Second Reading: 1Peter 2:20-25
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!**
Gospel: John 10:1-10

St Mary's and St Aidan's

Year A

Fourth Sunday of Easter *Good Shepherd Sunday*

7th May 2017



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FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER YEAR 1

Saturday 13th May. Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima. The apparitions to the three children of Fatima took place in the summer of 1917, beginning on the 13th May when the 'Lady' asked them to pray for sinners and an end to the World war. In the final apparition on 13th October, the 'Lady' identified herself as Our Lady of the Rosary and called for prayer and conversion.

Two of the children, Francisco and Jacinta Marto who died in childhood will be canonised during Pope Francis' pastoral visit to Fatima today.

Their cousin Lucia Santos became a nun and lived until she was 98. The case for Sr Lucia's beatification concluded its first phase in Portugal earlier this year and is now being examined at the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in the Vatican.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

And **Emily Bradley** who has died.

The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of:

Joe Cassidy, Patricia McLean, Alice and Alex Devaney, Mary McNally, peter Quinn, Patrick Dunn, Dunn, Mitchell and Welsh Families, Mary Mooty, Catherine King, Alex Easton Jnr .and Jack Harvey.

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.

PARISH NOTICES

The Stall is open in St Aidan's Hall after 11am Mass.

The Morning Café is open in St Aidan's Hall after 10am Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Indoor Bowling Club meets in St Aidan's Hall on Tuesdays 1.30pm - 3pm. **St Mary's Rosary Group** meets in St Mary's every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm. **All welcome!**

The CADALBA Group meets in St Aidan's Hall on Wednesdays 11.15am .

The Men's Club meets in St Aidan's Hall every Thursday at 7.30pm. **New members welcome.**

Hall Bookings for St Aidan's Hall: All bookings must be made through **Cathy McCallum 01698 383553**. This applies to all Parish groups also.

MASS OF ST FRANCIS

The Diocesan Choir with three school choirs (Cathedral Primary, St Bridget's, Baillieston and St Cuthbert's, Burnbank) are preparing to put on a performance of the Mass of St Francis by Philip Green who wrote this Mass for adults and children in 1972. He used Matthew 19:14, as the inspiration for the Introit, 'Suffer little children to come unto me' which became very popular in its own right. Some of you may well remember it being sung in many of our schools and parishes in the 1970s. The four choirs will jointly perform the Mass in the Cathedral at 7.30pm on Thurs 8th June.

Philip Green composed the Mass of St. Patrick, performed twice by the Diocesan choir over the last few years.

Please note this is a sacred concert and not a liturgy.

POPE FRANCIS' MISSION INTENTION May 2017

Pope Francis asks us to join with him this month in praying:

That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice and peace.

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.**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Today is the 54th World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

In his message for today, Pope Francis underlines that there can be no promotion of vocations or Christian mission apart from constant contemplative prayer and he encourages this kind of profound friendship with the Lord, "above all for the sake of imploring from on high new vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life."

Please consider taking a box to save up for the collection for the student Priests which will be in September.

SACRAMENTS

FIRST COMMUNION ST AIDAN'S

Saturday 20th May 2017 at 11am and 1pm

CONFIRMATION ST MARY'S

Thursday 18th May at 7pm

Please remember these children in your prayers as they take the next step in their Faith journey.

CONGRATULATIONS

Many Congratulations to the 14 children who made their First Holy Communion in St Mary's this weekend.

WISHAW GENERAL CHAPLAINCY

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

TODAY IS

ROLL n SAUSAGE SUNDAY

Proceeds go towards the renovation and upkeep of the Church Hall.

LINDISFARNE CAFÉ

Tea, coffee, rolls n sausage, bacon butties and homebaking will be served in the hall after 11am Mass next Sunday.

ANNUAL IRISH DAY

CARFIN GROTTTO

Sunday, 4th June 2017

The Annual Irish Pilgrimage Day takes place at the Irish Shrine in Carfin Grotto. Mass will be concelebrated on the Mass Rock at **3pm**. A warm welcome is extended to all who wish to join us for this celebration. In the case of inclement weather, Mass will be celebrated indoors.

Date for the Diary

Tuesday 11th July – Parish day at Carfin Grotto.

More details to follow nearer the time.

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