

Parish Ministers' Rota
15th January 2017 (Second Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A)

| Mass | Eucharistic Ministers | Readers |
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| 5 pm Vigil St Aidan's | G.Traynor, S.Corr, P.Devine | K.Cassidy |
| 9.30am St Mary's | E.McBride (B), R.Heaney(A) | J.Smyth |
| 11 am St Aidan's | P.O'Donnell, J.Fox, E.Hamilton | J.Fox*, J.Brunton |
| 4.30 pm St Mary's | C.Cairns | C.Cairns |

TODAY'S GOSPEL

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ."

The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a saviour. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John and his first miracle at Cana.

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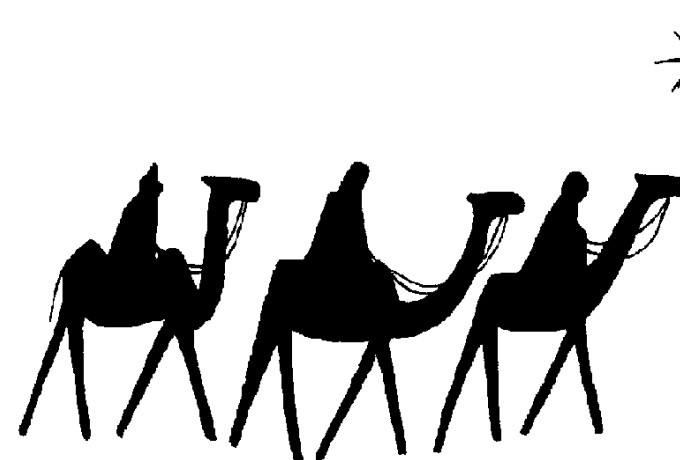
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| First Reading: | Isaiah 60:1 - 6 |
| Response to the Psalm: | All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord. |
| Second Reading: | Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 |
| Gospel Acclamation: | Alleluia, alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia! |
| Gospel: | Matthew 2: 1-12 |

St Mary's and St Aidan's

Year A

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

8th January 2017



"We came from the east to do the king homage."

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SECOND WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR 1

Mon 9th Jan, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Christmas ends with the adult Jesus' baptism. Christmas is the celebration of the Saviour coming to earth. Mostly, the emphasis is on human acceptance (or rejection) of the Saviour. Now, Jesus accepts his destiny as the Saviour. Baptism means 'immersion'. In baptism, the adult Jesus immerses himself in his Father's will. Hence God's voice 'This is my Son, the Beloved'; hence the Spirit is uncharacteristically present in a visible form – the dove. The entire Trinity is present.

Fri 13th Jan, Feast of St Kentigern, also known as St Mungo. He is the Patron Saint of Glasgow. He brought the Christian faith to the area in the 6th century and was so well liked by the community that they named him Mungo meaning 'dear one'.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Gerard O'Neill, Jim Nolan, David Beck, Michael Harkins, Mary Theresa McCormick (Hendry), Cathie McConnachie, Cathie Bryce, Cecilia Moore (Donnelly), Patrick Miller, Lynne Watters (Hattie), Mary Kelly, John Lochrie, Anne Roarty, Ellen Dunn, Bernard Gallacher, Catherine Grant, John Friary, Marie Tress McGhee and Anne Connor who are sick.

William Lochrie who has died.

The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of:

Annie Nicol, James Carlin, Thomas & Josephine Quinn, Michael Brennan, Martin Brennan, James & Catherine Brunton, Joe & Wilma Brunton, Mary Spence, Elizabeth Coyle, Elizabeth Mooty, Ellen & Michael McConnachie, Arthur Cairns, Peggy Henderson, Patrick McLaughlin and Philimena McMahon.

ST AIDAN'S 200 CLUB

The subscriptions for the 200 Club are now due. The 200 Club helps raise funds for the upkeep of the Church.

Each number (costing £1) is placed in a monthly draw.

First Prize £70, Second £20, Third £10.

Any money collected over the £100 given out in Prize money is given to the Church.

NUMBERS ARE AVAILABLE

Should you wish to subscribe to one or more numbers, help the Parish as well as giving you the opportunity to win some money see Stuart in the hall after Mass.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

The second collection today is for the work of Justice and Peace.

The National Commission for Justice and Peace advises the Scottish Bishops' Conference in matters relating to social justice, international peace and human rights, and promotes action in these areas.

CINDERELLA – THE PANTOMIME

St Mark's Church

Saturday Matinee 21st January 2017

Doors open 2.15pm

Tickets: Adult £5
Under 12's £2.50

Saturday Evening 21st January 2017

Doors open 6.45pm

Tickets: Adult £5
Under 12's £2.50

Tickets available by contacting through 'Private message'

www.facebook.com/stmarkswishaw
or phone 01698 384596

RAINBOWS AND BROWNIES

St Aidan's Rainbows and Brownies resume activities next Wednesday 11th January.

There are spaces available for new Rainbows (age 5 to 7 years).

Rainbows meet from 5.30pm till 6.30pm.

Brownies meet from 6.30pm till 8pm.

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)

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

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.

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.**

END OF CHRISTMASTIDE

The Christmas Season ends with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

The Ordinary Time of the year begins on Tuesday. This season is devoted to the unfolding of the mystery of Christ in all its aspects.

You will notice that Green is the colour of the season unless it is a Feast, Solemnity or Memorial.

WESTERN CATHOLIC CALENDAR

The 2017 Edition is now on sale from the stall, price £3.20.

The Calendar contains a lot of helpful information, including Mass times in all parishes in the Dioceses of Motherwell, Paisley and Glasgow including details of all the clergy.

LINDISFARNE CAFÉ

Tea, coffee, rolls n sausage, bacon butties and homebaking are being served in the hall after 11am Mass today.

Come in, meet new friends and enjoy the ambience of our Lindisfarne Café.

ST MARGARET'S CHILDREN & FAMILY CARE SOCIETY

The Crib will be dismantled today after the last Mass.

All monetary donations go to St Margaret's Children and Family Care Centre. It is a very worthwhile cause and they rely entirely on the general public for funding.

Please be generous.

WISHAW GENERAL CHAPLAINCY

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

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. **New members welcome!**

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: Phone Cathy McCallum (01698 383553)