

Parish Ministers' Rota
15th October 2017 (Twenty-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A)

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
5 pm Vigil St Aidan's	G.Traynor, P.Devine, M.McKenna	N.Welsh*, N.Carroll
9.30am St Mary's	G.Brawley (B), C.Nicol (A)	J.Smyth
11 am St Aidan's	P.O'Donnell, E.Grattan, E.Hamilton	E.Pearson*, A.M.O'Neill
4.30 pm St Mary's	C.Cairns	L.Higgins

TODAY'S READINGS

In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. The landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent.

In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.

Today's Gospel has a parallel in Mark. There are some notable differences, however. In Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers his own question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbours can also be heard in today's reading.

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways - through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:	Isaiah 5: 1-7
Response to the Psalm:	The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.
Second Reading:	Philippians 4:6-9
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, Alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!
Gospel:	Matthew 21:33-43

St Mary's and St Aidan's

Year A

Twenty-seventh Sunday of the Year

8th October 2017



"He will lease the vineyard to other tenants."

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TWENTY SEVENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR 1

There are no Memorials, Feasts or Solemnities this week.

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 Etta Docherty who are sick.

Betty McGarry who has died.

The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of:

Frank Moulds, James King, Hugh & Mary Mallaghan, Mr & Mrs John Briody, Mr & Mrs John Brunton, Mr & Mrs Thomas Murphy, Rosemary Groome, Patricia Briody, Sarah Briody, Veronica Briody, Catherine McIntyre (Mooney) John Smith (Ian), Edward & Catherine Mooney, Patrick Mooney, James & Moira Mooney, Sam & Mary Crawford, Bernard & Jean Smith, Nan Linnecor, Ella Quinn, Mary Brophy, Jimmy Murray, Lynn Carr, Frank Ledwidge, Pat Dunn and William Cain.

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.

WISHAW GENERAL CHAPLAINCY

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

NOTICES FOR THE BULLETIN

All notices for the Bulletin, including intimations, should be received by Wednesday evening.

APD PROGRAM IN BANGALORE

At the end of 5pm Mass and 11am Mass, Niamh will speak for a few minutes about the program which supports physically disabled children and adults in urban and rural areas of Bangalore helping to transform many of their lives. Jennifer and Niamh need to raise £1500 each to enable them to carry out with this very worthwhile service.

FASHION SHOW Wednesday 18th October

Following on from the success of the last Fashion show and by requests from parishioners who attended that show, the Hall Committee has organised a further event. Tickets £3 can be obtained from Janet Doherty (357756) or Bridie Moulds (385506) or in the Church Hall after 11am Mass. **Please arrive by 7pm as the show will start promptly at 7.30pm.**

THANK YOU

Ellen Bell would like to thank her family, friends, parishioners of St. Mary's Church, Cleland Parish Church, and Cleland Baptist Church, for all their prayers, cards, flowers and phone calls. Holy Mass will be offered for the intentions of all.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The children's liturgy takes place each Sunday (during term time) at the beginning of the 11am Mass. Open to children aged 3 until they make their First Holy Communion.

POPE FRANCIS' MISSION INTENTION October 2017

Pope Francis asks us to join with him this month in praying: *That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.*

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.**

A BIG THANK YOU!

Many thanks to **Fr Michael Konye** who has been serving the needs of the **Parish of St Mary's and St Aidan's** during **Fr O'Connor's** well deserved holidays.

He brought the joy of the Gospel from his own land via Poland to Wishaw and Cleland.

We hope that we will see him again, that he will sing with us again, join us for tea/coffee, rolls n sausage, chat and laughter after Mass in the Hall again, sit with the 'knitters' and even join in with the Tai Chi again and much, much more.

Thank you Fr Michael!

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

Each Thursday in the month of October there shall be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with recitation of the Holy Rosary **from 6.30pm-7pm** in St. Mary's Church. Confession is also available at this time.

SVDP HELPLINE

If you require the services of the SVDP you can contact a member by phoning **07561843580.**

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. TAI CHI class follows 1.15pm – 2.15pm. All welcome!

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)

LINDISFARNE CAFÉ

Come in for the usual fayre after 11am Mass this morning.

CONSULTATION MEETING RE AMALGAMATION

WITH ST MARY'S AND ST AIDAN'S
Bishop Toal has arranged a meeting in **St Mary's Parochial Hall for Monday 20th November at 7pm** concerning the amalgamation of St Mary's and St Aidan's.

As it is impossible to get to Cleland by public transport at that time, a sheet will be up in St Aidan's Porch should you require a lift. You will need to put down your name by 1st November should you need transport.

PAUSE FOR HOPE

The Knights of St Columba are sponsoring a Pause for Hope Prayer Service in **Motherwell Cathedral on Thursday 12th October at 7pm.** This ecumenical service is especially for anyone affected by cancer, either as a patient or a family member or friend.