

Parish Ministers' Rota
16th July 2017 (Fifteenth Sunday of the Ordinary Time Year A)

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
5 pm Vigil St Aidan's	G.Traynor, E.Campbell, S.Corr	P.Devine
9.30am St Mary's	B.Devlin (A), C.Cairns (A)	H.Bradley
11 am St Aidan's	M.McDowell, P.O'Donnell, E.Hamilton	E.Pearson*, A.M.O'Neill
4.30 pm St Mary's	J.McLeish	L.Higgins

TODAY'S READINGS

Today's reading from Matthew's Gospel comes after a discourse in which Jesus reproaches people who have witnessed his mighty deeds yet still lack belief. In this context, today's Gospel explains the reason for this unbelief and reveals what is necessary for faith.

Today's Gospel also continues to enhance our understanding of discipleship as last week's Gospel did.

Jesus first prays in thanksgiving to God who has made himself known to Jesus' disciples. He praises God who has made himself known to the "little ones" and not to the wise and learned. As in other recent readings from Matthew's Gospel, a contrast is made here between the unbelieving Pharisees, who are wise and learned, the faithful disciples, tax collectors and sinners with whom Jesus keeps company.

The second part of this reading calls to our attention the unity between the Father and the Son. God has made himself known through Jesus, and in knowing Jesus, we come to know the Father. In Jesus' life and in his person, God reveals himself to us.

In the concluding sentences of today's Gospel, Jesus' teaching is again contrasted to the teaching of the Pharisees. This common theme of Matthew's Gospel probably reflects tension that existed between Jesus and the Pharisees and between the Pharisees and the community of Christians for whom Matthew wrote. Pharisaic Judaism became the predominant form of Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem about 70 A.D. Here that tension is expressed as alternative paths of holiness. The careful observance of the Mosaic law taught by the Pharisees could be experienced by some as difficult and burdensome. In contrast, Jesus' way of holiness is presented as uncomplicated and even restful.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:	Zechariah 9: 9-10
Response to the Psalm:	I will bless your name forever, O God, my King.
Second Reading:	Romans 8:9,11-13
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!
Gospel:	Matthew 11:25-30

St Mary's and St Aidan's

Year A

Fourteenth Sunday of the Year

9th July 2017



'I am gentle and humble of heart.'

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FOURTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR 1

Tues 11th July, Feast of St Benedict. Benedict of Nursia is a Christian saint, honoured by the Anglican Church and the Catholic Church as the patron saint of Europe and students. He was the brother of St Scholastica.

Sat 15th July, Feast of St Bonaventure. Bishop and Doctor of the Church. St Bonaventure, known as "the seraphic doctor," was born John (Giovanni) at Bagnorea in Tuscany, in 1221. He received the name of Bonaventure as a result of an exclamation of St. Francis of Assisi, when, in response to the pleading of the child's mother, the saint prayed for John's recovery from a dangerous illness, and foreseeing the future greatness of the little John, cried out: "O buona ventura"- O good fortune!

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, Nan Devine, Catherine Grant, George McKinney, Bridget McNally, Mary Lambert, Peter McGhee and Pat McGoldrick who are sick.

Maurizio Puricelli, Daniel McAleer, May Edwards, Maria Lafferty, Rose McLaughlin and Bridget Riele who have died.

The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of:
Ian Cadden, Dinny Shelley, Angela Cassidy, Mary Cassidy and William Sloan.

POPE FRANCIS' MISSION INTENTION July 2017

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

That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

ST AIDAN'S SVDP HELPLINE

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

MARY'S MEALS

RAGS TO RICHES COLLECTION

Mary's Meals will be in the Parish this weekend to pick up any unwanted clothing/textiles after **Vigil, 9.30am and 11am Masses.**

Unfortunately the van will not be there for 4.30pm Mass.

This is a great chance to clear out your wardrobe and do some good at the same time.

SCOTS COLLEGE MAGAZINE

The students of the Pontifical Scots College Rome have produced a magazine. This publication helps to promote the work of the college and make people more aware of the lives of those who are answering God's call to serve in the ministerial priesthood. **This year the students have chosen to support Mary's Meals through the funds raised for the production of the magazine.** They cost £2.50 and will be sold after Mass this weekend. Please consider buying one to support them.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN

The National Pilgrimage at Carfin will take place on **Sunday 4th September** with Mass at 3pm. This year's National Pilgrimage will be in honour of Our Lady of Fatima during this centenary year.

FURNITURE COLLECTION DIOCESAN SVDP

07773731123 or 07749467335

WISHAW GENERAL CHAPLAINCY

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

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 (*Requiem Mass Daniel McAleer*)
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.

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.

PARISH DAY AT CARFIN

It is hoped that as many people as possible from both churches will join **Fr O'Connor** and **Canon Clements** on **Tuesday 11th**

July which is the day allocated to the **Parish of St Mary's and St Aidan's.**

Mass in the Glass chapel will be at **1pm** and **Evening Prayers** will be at **8pm.**

Why not make it a special day by joining other parishioners for lunch in the Café after the Mass? If you haven't been to the Grotto for a number of years you will be surprised at the renovations and additions.

Parents and Grandparents may wish to bring along their children who are on holiday from school. Primary school children will particularly enjoy The Sunken Garden, the Holy House of Nazareth and the Bethlehem Shrine.

THE STALL IN THE HALL

The Stall in St Aidan's Hall will be closed on **16th July** and **23rd July** and will reopen on **30th July.**

Mass Cards will be available in the Sacristy after all Masses.

ST AIDAN'S CHURCH CLEANERS

The next cleaning date is **Friday 14th July** at **10am.** Your help would really be appreciated.

LINDISFARNE CAFE

Tea, coffee, rolls n sausage, bacon butties and homebaking will be served in the hall after 11am Mass today. **All welcome.**

CADALBA

The CADALBA Group which meets every Wednesday in St Aidan's Hall finishes on 12th July and resumes on 16th August.

The members knit/crochet blankets for, and also raise funds to aid Third World countries. New members will be made welcome in August.

RETREAT

Spaces are available on a retreat to Kinnoull, Perthshire, taking place 8 - 10 October. The retreat will be led by Fr. Tom McCarte.

Full board, accommodation in single, en-suite bedrooms. Transport provided.

For information contact Patricia on 350418.

