

Parish Ministers' Rota

17th September 2017 (Twenty- fourth Sunday of the Ordinary Time Year A)

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
5 pm Vigil St Aidan's	E.Campbell, S.Corr, P.Devine	N.Welsh*, N.Carroll
9.30am St Mary's	C.Nicol (A), G.Brawley (B)	J.Smyth
11 am St Aidan's	J.Devanny, M.McDowell, P.O'Donnell	P.Boyle*
4.30 pm St Mary's	C.Cairns	C.Cairns

TODAY'S READINGS

Today's Gospel reading is taken from a chapter of Matthew's Gospel, which is sometimes called the "discourse on the Church" or the "church order" discourse. Jesus speaks more directly about matters of Church discipline and order. In today's reading we find one of only three instances in which Jesus uses the word church in Matthew's Gospel. In Matthew's record of Jesus' teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community.

In the first part of the "discourse on the Church", Matthew addresses the Christian community's concerns about rank. Jesus responds to the disciples' question about who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus indicates that those who wish to enter the kingdom of heaven must be like children, and he cautions those leaders who might lead these "little ones" astray. He also responds with the parable of the lost sheep, indicating how God will seek out and bring back those "little ones" who have strayed.

Jesus also addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church.

Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:	Ezekiel 33: 7-9
Response to the Psalm:	O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.
Second Reading:	Romans 13:8-10
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, Alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!
Gospel:	Matthew 18:15-20

St Mary's and St Aidan's

Year A

Twenty -third Sunday of the Year

10th September 2017



"If he listens to you, you have won back your brother."

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TWENTY THIRD WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR 1

Wed 13th Sept, Memorial of St John Chrysostom. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople, was an important Early Church Father. He is known for his eloquence in preaching and public speaking and his denunciation of abuse of authority by both Church and political leaders. After his death in 407 (or, according to some sources, during his life) he was given the Greek epithet *chrysostomos*, meaning "golden mouthed" in English, and anglicised to Chrysostom.

Thurs 14th Sept, The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This feast celebrates three historical events: the finding of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the emperor Constantine; the dedication of churches built by Constantine on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and Mount Calvary; and the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem by the emperor Heraclius II. But in a deeper sense, the feast also celebrates the Holy Cross as the instrument of our salvation. This instrument of torture, designed to degrade the worst of criminals, became the life-giving tree that reversed Adam's Original Sin when he ate from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the Garden of Eden.

Friday 15th Sept, Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows. In 1727, Pope Benedict XIII placed the feast on the Roman Calendar, to be celebrated on the Friday before Palm Sunday. In 1913, Pope Pius X set the date as September 15th. The Catholic Church celebrates the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on the day after the feast of the Holy Cross to show the close connection between Jesus' Passion and Mary's Sorrows.

Saturday 16th Sept, Feast of St Ninian. The Catholic Church describes him as the man from south west Scotland "who first brought the Christian faith" to the country around 397AD, when he is said to have established a religious community at Whithorn in Galloway.

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 and Peter McGhee who are sick.

Pat McGoldrick who has died.

The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of:
Martin Watters, Michael McKenna, Margaret Parker, Lorraine McKenna, Anna O'Rourke, Eddie Currie, George, Elizabeth and John O'Kane, Isobel & John McStay, Mulhearn & Dunn Family, Sarah Currie & Edward Currie, Peter Cairns Snr & Jnr, Alister Miller, Michael & Ellen McConnachie, Arthur Cairns & Peggy Henderson, Eleanor McAllister, Patrick Mitchell Jnr, Mick Lynn, George, James & Annie McCormick, Theresa McGowan and Frank Jordan.

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.

The Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh

2017 ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE to pray for the beatification of THE VENERABLE MARGARET SINCLAIR

Sunday 17th September 2-6pm
Preacher: Fr Richard Reid CSSR
St Patrick's Cowgate
Edinburgh EH1 1NA

TAI CHI

Are you interested in Tai Chi? A class will be starting in St. Aidan's Church hall on Wed 13th Sept from 1.15 till 2.15. This type of exercise suits people of all ages and abilities.

Everyone welcome!

Please wear flat shoes and comfortable clothing.

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.**

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY 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 are at the end of the pews.

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

WISHAW GENERAL CHAPLAINCY

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

LINDISFARNE CAFÉ

The Lindisfarne café will be serving tea/coffee, rolls n sausage, bacon butties, toast and homebaking after 11am Mass.

All welcome!

A brand new television has been donated to the Lindisfarne Café. Over the next few weeks raffle tickets costing £1 will be sale in the hall after 5pm and 11am Masses.

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.