

Parish Ministers' Rota
19th November 2017 (Thirty third Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A)

| Mass | Eucharistic Ministers | Readers |
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| 5 pm Vigil St Aidan's | G.Traynor, P.Devine, M.McKenna | K.Cassidy*, M.McCardie |
| 9.30am St Mary's | R.Heaney (A), R.Smith (B) | J.Canning |
| 11 am St Aidan's | J.Burton, J.Slavin, J.Pearson | B.Moulds*, M.Clark |
| 4.30 pm St Mary's | | L.Higgins |

TODAY'S READINGS.

Today's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A *talent* is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

Read in light of last week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbour. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16
Response to the Psalm: **For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.**
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!**
Gospel: Matthew 23:1-13

St Mary's and St Aidan's

Year A

Thirty-second Sunday of the Year

12th November 2017



“The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.”

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THIRTY-SECOND WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR 1

Thurs 16th Nov, Feast of St Margaret. Born in Hungary, she was the wife of Malcolm III, King of Scotland and lived in great piety, spending her time in prayer, fasting and caring for the poor.

Fri 17th Nov, Memorial of St Elizabeth of Hungary. The daughter of the King of Hungary; after her husband's death on Crusade, she lived with complete austerity, visiting the poor and caring for the sick.

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 Rose O'Donnell and Elaine Farrell Cleary who are sick.

Joseph Kane and Bridget (Etta) Docherty who have died.

The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of:

Isabelle Cassidy McAllister, Betty Lavery, Cissie Lynn, Mary Lonie, Patrick Bradley, Michael Larkin, Patrick Kane, Mary Kane, Paul Nolan, Margaret Cameron, Alex Easton (Snr), Betty Tonner and John & Isobel Meechan.

HISTORIC SCOTLAND

We have been informed by Historic Scotland that the Church in St. Mary's has NOT been successful in the application for church listing. We had been advised by the diocese to apply for this, as it would mean that any money spent on church repairs would be exempt from V.A.T. Although we have not been successful in having the church listed, we can still apply for grants. It is our intention to try to obtain as much grant funding as possible for both church and hall renovations.

200 CLUB WINNERS

No: 041 M. Carroll £70
060 E. Mullen £20
063 T. Thomson £10

INNOCENTS RAFFLE

Please return stubs and money to either church by **Sunday 12th November.** The draw will take place at the Ceilidh on 18th November in Holy Family. You can attend the Ceilidh. Pay at the door.

ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE

This Mass will, this year, take place in **St Ignatius Church on Tuesday 28th November at 12 noon.** Bishop Toal will be the main celebrant.

ST AIDAN'S HALL KEY

The hall key for St Aidan's Church Hall has been mislaid. Will all hall users please check pockets, bags etc to ensure that they haven't mistakenly taken the key away with them. If found the key should be returned to Cathy McCallum or to Fr O'Connor.

MONTHLY ENVELOPE AT ST MARY'S

As part of the fundraising for church and hall renovations, we will start the monthly envelope with the Second Collection on the first Sunday of December. This will take place on the first Sunday of each month when there isn't another special collection.

ST AIDAN'S HALL RENOVATION GROUP

The recent Fashion Show raised £353 which will be added to the monies for the continued improvement of St Aidan's Church Hall.

The Group has been successful in obtaining a Grant from the Big Lottery Fund for **£10,000** which will be used for the restoration of the floor in the Church Hall.

Because of the commitments in the Hall over the next couple of months this work will be scheduled for early 2018.

POPE FRANCIS' MISSION INTENTION November 2017

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

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

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
St Mary's 10am St Aidan's 11am

First Friday of the Month (during term time)

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.**

BISHOP TOAL'S ANNUAL PASTORAL VISIT

Bishop Toal has had to cancel his Pastoral visit and a new date will be rearranged.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Through the month of November we pray for the Holy Souls. Holy Mass is offered each day for those included in the November Lists. Bearing in mind that not everyone could manage to Mass on All Souls Day, we will remember in a particular way those who died throughout the past year, and all of our loved ones, at Masses this weekend, on the same day we remember those who died in armed conflict.

ST PATRICK'S CEMETERY NEW STEVENSON

PRAYER SERVICE

SUNDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2pm

Led by Fr Gerry Chromy and Fr Bill Bergen

JIMMY DELANEY C.S.C.

ANNUAL CHARITY RACE NIGHT

The Annual Charity Race Night will be held in **Kelly's Bar on Friday 10th November** starting at **7.30pm.** Everyone is welcome. All Money raised will be distributed to local good causes. Entertainment for the evening is from Jai McAdam.

NOTICES FOR THE BULLETIN

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

LINDISFARNE CAFÉ

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

NEW COFFEE MORNING

A new Coffee morning will begin this week on a **WEDNESDAY** after Mass in **St Mary's Parochial Hall.** The coffee morning is for everyone, both men and women, and will take place on a weekly basis.

CONSULTATION MEETING

Re amalgamation of St Aidan's and St Mary'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.
Please try to attend this important meeting.

CADALBA CHARITY BINGO

30th November

Houldsworth Bowling Club
Doors open 7pm Eyes Down 7.30pm
Pie and Peas Tea and Coffee
Entrance £2

SVDP HELPLINE

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

WISHAW GENERAL CHAPLAINCY

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