

Parish Ministers' Rota
22nd January 2017 (Third Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A)

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
5 pm Vigil St Aidan's	M.McKenna, E.Campbell, P.Devine	G.Traynor
9.30am St Mary's	J.McLeish(B), E.Briody (A)	J. Canning
11 am St Aidan's	J.Devanny, A. McCrossan, E.Grattan	B.Moulds
4.30 pm St Mary's	G.Brawley	H.Law

TODAY'S GOSPEL

This Sunday we break from our reading of Matthew's Gospel (the primary Gospel for our current liturgical cycle, Cycle A) to read from John's Gospel. We heard Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel. John's Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.

In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptises with water; Jesus will baptise with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptised in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:	Isaiah 49:3, 5- 6
Response to the Psalm:	Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.
Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 1:1-3
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!
Gospel:	John 1: 29-34

St Mary's and St Aidan's
Year A
Second Sunday of the Year

15th January 2017



"Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world."

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'St Mary's Cleland and St Aidan's Wishaw'

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SECOND WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR 1

Tues 17th Jan, Memorial of St Anthony Abbot, born in 251AD of rich and good living Christian parents. After dividing all his possessions among the poor while still a young man, he retired into the desert. Here he lived the life of a hermit for many years devoting himself to silence, prayer and manual labour. He died at the age of 105 in 356AD

Sat 21st Jan, Memorial of St Agnes, who suffered martyrdom during the persecution of the Emperor Diocletian around 304AD at the age of thirteen and became one of the best known and most highly regarded of the Roman martyrs.

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.

The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of: **Anne Morrison, Michael Kennah, Eliane Todd, Thomas McAloon, Robert Gallacher, John McCallum Snr, John McCulloch, Mary Cassidy, Angela Cassidy, John Cassidy, Annie Cassidy** and **Sadie Collins** (Australia).

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES 2017

Those wishing to marry should try to give at least six months notice. Some parishioners marrying in other churches have requested information about the diocesan led Marriage Preparation Course. The Marriage Preparation Courses are held in the following:

St Mary's Church Hall, Hozier Street, Whifflet, Coatbridge, ML5 4DB

St Mary's Church Hall, Cadzow Street, Hamilton, ML3 6HP (Car park entrance from Muir Street).

JANUARY: St Mary's, Hamilton Saturday 21st, PART 1 and Saturday 28th, PART 2

FEBRUARY: St Mary's, Coatbridge Saturday 18th, PART 1 and Saturday 25th, PART 2

MARCH: St Mary's, Coatbridge Saturday 18th, PART 1 and Saturday 25th, PART 2

SEPTEMBER: St Mary's, Hamilton Saturday 2nd, PART 1 and Saturday 9th, PART 2

WESTERN CATHOLIC CALENDAR

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

SECOND COLLECTION LAST WEEK

The second collection for the work of Justice and Peace was **£980.34**
Thank You!

REGISTRATION of INFANT BEGINNERS for AUGUST 2017

Children who attain the age of 5 years between **1st March 2017** and **28th February 2018** should be registered at their catchment school during week commencing **Monday 16th January 2017**.

Details for our two primary schools.

St Aidan's Primary

Tuesday 17th January 10am – 12noon

Wednesday 18th January 2pm – 4pm

Thursday 19th January 2pm – 4pm

St Mary's Primary

Tuesday 17th January 11am and 1pm

Wednesday 18th January 11am and 1pm

Please note that in all cases, a child must be enrolled at their catchment primary school based on where they live.

If you wish your child to attend either St Mary's or St Aidan's but are outwith the catchment area for the school you will receive a placing request form when you register the child.

Parents must bring with them their child's birth certificate and a Council Tax bill to ensure proof of address.

Certificate of baptism, although not required for registration purposes, is also requested if available.

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

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.

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.**

SUNDAY DEVOTIONS AND BENEDICTION

There will be no Sunday Devotions and Benediction at 5.30pm on a Sunday in St Mary's until the beginning of Lent.

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 2017

On the occasion of the 103rd World Day for Migrants and Refugees, 15 January 2017, the Migrant and Refugee Section of the Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development is launching its first media campaign to raise awareness about the issues of its concern.

The Holy Father's theme for the 2017 World Day is "Child Migrants, the Vulnerable and the Voiceless". The media campaign will focus on the situation of young refugees and of migrant, displaced and trafficked children and adolescents. From 12 to 15 January 2017, the tweets of Pope Francis will focus on such situations and will link directly to the Section's Facebook page, which will present a brief story and reflection relevant to each day's topic.

There are copies of Pope Francis' Message for World Day of Migrants and Refugees at the back of the Church.

Bishop Toal encourages us on this day to think about the theme and encourages us to support SCIAF's Appeal for the children in Syria.

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.

CATHOLIC APPROVAL FOR TEACHERS

Those taking up new positions to teach in Catholic Schools require approval from their Parish Priest to confirm that they attend Mass. If you are expecting to require this in 2017 please make yourself known to Fr O'Connor.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Monday 16th – Saturday 21st January

WISHAW SOUTH CHURCH

East Academy Street Wishaw

The services commence at 12 noon each day.

As usual the service will last 20-30 minutes and there will be an opportunity to share fellowship over tea, coffee and sandwiches afterwards.

St Aidan's will lead the service on **Thursday 19th January** and **our P.6 pupils will be taking part.**

Please try to attend as many services as you can but your support would be greatly appreciated on the Thursday.

**Contact for SVDP furniture uplift
tel. 07773731123 and 07749467335**