

Parish Ministers' Rota
22nd October 2017 (Twenty-ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A)

Mass		Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
5 pm Vigil	St Aidan's	E.Campbell, P.Devine, G.Traynor	K.Cassidy*, M.McCardie
9.30am	St Mary's	E.McBride (B), R.Heaney (A)	J.Canning
11 am	St Aidan's	E.Grattan, J.Burton, A. McCrossan	J.Sneddon*, R.Fox
4.30 pm	St Mary's	C.Nicol	C.Cairns

TODAY'S READINGS.

In the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus offers an image of the kingdom of heaven using the symbol of a wedding banquet. In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah and in today's psalm, the Lord's goodness is evident in the symbol of a feast of good food and wine. Jesus' listeners would have been familiar with the image of a wedding feast as a symbol for God's salvation. They would consider themselves to be the invited guests. Keeping this in mind helps us to understand the critique Jesus makes with this parable. The context for this parable is the growing tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders in Jerusalem. This has been the case for the past two Sundays and will continue to be true for the next several weeks.

The parable Jesus tells is straightforward. The king dispatches his servants to invite the guests to the wedding feast he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king's invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Some guests ignore the invitation. Some of the invited guests even go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution against these murderers by destroying them and burning their city.

Why would some guests kill the servants sent to invite them to the king's wedding feast? It might be possible that the king was a tyrant, evidenced by the destruction of the city of those who refused his invitation. But if we follow this idea, then the allegory seems to be about something other than the kingdom of heaven. It is more likely that the destruction of the city would have been a powerful image corresponding to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70, which would have been an important event for Matthew's audience.

With the invited guests now deemed unworthy to attend the king's wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears that accepting the king's invitation brings certain obligations. The guest who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to his feast, giving us his salvation but asks us to repent for our sins.

Jesus' message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the kingdom of heaven. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 25: 6-10
Response to the Psalm: **In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.**
Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14.19-20
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!**
Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

St Mary's and St Aidan's

Year A

Twenty -eighth Sunday of the Year

15th October 2017



“Invite everyone you can find to the wedding.”

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TWENTY EIGHTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR 1

Tues 17th Oct, Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch. Ignatius of Antioch, surnamed Theophorus, which in Greek means "God-Bearer," was probably a convert and disciple of St. John the Evangelist.

Wed 18th Oct, Feast of St Luke. Luke the Evangelist is one of the Four Evangelists or authors of canonical Gospels of Jesus Christ. Luke was a native of the Hellenistic city of Antioch in Syria.

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.

Thomas Bowman who has died.

The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of:
Dom Francis McKenna O.S.B. Martha McKenna, Michael Lynn, Mary Donnelly, Agnes Carroll, Annie Moulds, Hannah Cairney and Patrick Cairney.

CHRISTMAS CARDS ON SALE

The Stall in the Hall has Christmas cards etc on sale at very reasonable prices.
There are also Keep Christ in Christmas stickers to put on the envelopes.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to the parishioners of St Aidan's for their generous response last week after Niamh spoke at the end of both Masses.
Niamh collected £700.
Niamh and Jenifer really appreciate your support.

YOU ARE INVITED

Jennifer and Niamh would like to invite you to an afternoon tea on **Sunday 5th November at 12pm** in the church Hall.
All proceeds will go towards the APD fund.
Tickets are **£5**, which includes a glass of prosecco, (**just think what you would pay in McKinnon Mills or an hotel**) and are on sale in the hall after 11 o'clock mass or by contacting Maureen on 07906284938.
This is a ticket only event.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY is for MISSIO

Next Sunday is **MISSION SUNDAY**.
This year, we are invited to reach out and help the people of Uganda. This year's focus is on the work of Religious Sisters such as Sr Jane Frances in Nsambya Babies Home. By helping to train the Sisters and to provide for the needs of the Babies Home, you are helping these women to show the love of God to those around them and in their care.
Last year, 100% of all Mission Sunday donations were sent to the neediest of places. Please give generously and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

SHOE BOX APPEAL

Should you wish to take part or would like more information please speak to Claire at the Lindisfarne Café or e-mail:
aidanswishaw@gmail.com
All shoeboxes should be returned to Lindisfarne Café by 5th November.

OUR LADY'S MUSICAL SOCIETY presents

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF
Tuesday 7th – Saturday 11th November
(including Saturday matinee)
Motherwell Civic Theatre
Tickets can be purchased from **Eddie Pearson on 01698 386747 / 07817 275073.**

APOLOGIES to the parishioners who sit near the middle of the left hand side of St Aidan's as it has come to our attention that one of the speakers was not working. Hopefully it has now been fixed, if not, it should be fixed by next Sunday.

NOTICES FOR THE BULLETIN

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

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
		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	2 nd and 4 th Sunday of the month at 12 noon		
St Mary's Church	1 st and 3 rd Sunday of the month at 12.30pm		
To arrange please contact:	Fr O'Connor	Tel: (01698) 860254.	

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.

Wishaw Churches Together
ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS SHOP
6th – 11th November 2017 10am – 4pm
(Saturday 10am – 12noon)
Wishaw Old Parish Church Halls
Main Street (near Royal Bank)

New and nearly new gifts – toys, children's books, toiletries, gift sets, jewellery at low, low prices. All proceeds to local charities.

There will also be a collection point for the foodbank throughout the week.

Wishaw Churches Together
Keeping CHRIST at the heart of Christmas

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.

SVDP HELPLINE

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

LINDISFARNE CAFÉ

Come in for the usual fayre after 11am Mass.

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.

THANK YOU

The Dormer Family would like to thank friends, and neighbours for their kind support, for Mass cards and flowers during their recent bereavement.
Holy Mass will be offered for the intentions of all.

FASHION SHOW

Wednesday 18th October
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.

WISHAW GENERAL CHAPLAINCY

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