

Parish Ministers' Rota
23rd April 2017 (Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) Year A)

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
5 pm Vigil St Aidan's	G.Traynor, M.McKenna, P.Devine	P.Devine
9.30am St Mary's	C.Cairns, B.Devlin	H.Bradley
11 am St Aidan's	E.Hamilton, J.Fox, A.McCrossan	B.Moulds*, L.McCrum
4.30 pm St Mary's	J.McLeish	L.Higgins

BISHOP'S EASTER MESSAGE 2017

As we progress through Holy Week and prepare to celebrate the Sacred Triduum of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection, the Church invites us to reflect on the Lord's humility and to draw lessons from it.

The Gospel of Palm Sunday told us that the Lord fulfils this prophecy :

"Look your King comes to you: he is humble, he rides on a donkey and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."

In St Paul's beautiful hymn in the Letter to the Philippians Christ is described as emptying himself to assume the condition of a slave; indeed *"he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names."*

We acclaim Jesus Christ as our humble Saviour who died for us all upon the cross and also as our Risen Lord *"to the glory of God the Father."*

The celebration of these Holy Days stirs up within us a deep sense of humble gratitude before the Lord, taking into our hearts the words of the Prophet Isaiah which we hear on Good Friday:

"Yet ours were the sufferings he bore, ours the sorrows he carried.....he was pierced through for our faults, crushed for our sins. On him lies a punishment which brings us peace, and through his wounds we are healed."

In this humble acceptance of what the Lord has done for us we confess and renew our sorrow for our sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, once again we adore the Wood of the Cross on Good Friday, and are full of awe and great joy as we greet and proclaim our faith in the Lord truly risen at Easter. We know him, we love him, and we wish to give our lives to him in the humble service of our brothers and sisters, imitating what he did in washing the apostles' feet at the Last Supper. We thank the Lord especially for the gift of the Holy Eucharist, in which we experience his abiding presence within and among us, and through which we are strengthened to do what he asks of us – *"Love one another as I have loved you."*

This Easter in the Diocese of Motherwell I ask your continued prayers for those to be ordained as priests in the coming months. We have been blessed by the Lord in this gift of new priests and thank him for their generous response. I thank you for your own generous response to my appeals for financial assistance for the formation of our seminarians. I ask you to pray also that others may respond to the Lord's call to priesthood and religious life.

Let us thank the Lord also for all our priests, our permanent deacons and religious. It was good for the bishop and priests to renew again our promises to give our lives completely to the Lord and the service of his people at the Mass of Chrism, and I thank the whole Diocesan community for your prayers for all ministering in Christ's name and for your loving support.

I wish you all a Happy and Joyful Easter, and ask the Lord's blessing upon your families and on all in special need in our world at this time.

+ Joseph Toal

St Mary's and St Aidan's

Year A

Easter Sunday

16th April 2017



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THE OCTAVE OF EASTER YEAR 1

The Church devotes eight days of worship to retelling the Resurrection narratives. From Easter to the following Sunday, the readings at Masses present one by one the many New Testament accounts of the appearances of the risen Lord.

Our four Gospels, written 30 to 70 years after the Resurrection, tell us what happened in different ways. Each Gospel narrative should be allowed to contribute its own wealth to what we know and believe about the risen Christ.

It is very important where possible that we try to attend Mass during this week to enable us to get the full picture and understanding of the Easter story and the Risen Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Gerard O'Neill, Jim Nolan, David Beck, Mary Theresa McCormick, Cathie McConnachie, Cathie Bryce, Cecilia Moore, Lynne Watters, Mary Kelly, John Lochrie, Anne Roarty, Ellen Dunn, Bernard Gallacher, John Friary, Catherine Grant, Marie Tress McGhee, Nan Devine, George McKinney and Bridget McNally who are sick.

Monsignor John J Burns, Norah McNeill (Motherwell) and **Helen McCreddie** who have died.

The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of:
Fr. Charles Vallely, Mary & William Brady, Margaret Ferrie, James & Sarah Moran, Edward Moran, John Moran, Liam Moran, Hugh & Katie McNeill, Anna O'Rourke, Charlie & Cathie Barrett, Kathleen Hughes, Alice Jenkins, Samuel & Mary McGinn, Connie McGinn, David McKendrick, Jessie McWhinnie, Daniel & John McKenna, Thomas & Roseann Jessimer, Thomas & Martha Shields, Cathie McKenna, Isabella & Walter Sneddon, John & Elizabeth O'Neill, James & Mary Crilley, John & Catherine Fitzpatrick, Annie Diver and Pat Donnelly.

SCIAF WEE BOX APPEAL

Please return your SCIAF WEE BOX by Sunday 23rd April.

WISHAW GENERAL CHAPLAINCY

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

HAPPY EASTER

I would like to wish a very Happy Easter to all of our parishioners. The season of Lent, Holy Week and Easter is always a time of great spiritual growth, a time of deepening our life of prayer, and serving God and each other. This year has been no different. I am very grateful to all who contribute with their time and talents, in so many different ways, throughout the whole of the year, to make the parish a place of real Christian discipleship. God bless!
Fr. O'Connor.

MONSIGNOR JOHN J BURNS RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of our former Parish Priest, Mgr Jack Burns, who served the parish from 1983-1992. His Requiem Mass will take place in St. Bride's Church, Bothwell, G71 8BA.

The **Vigil of Reception** will take place on **Monday 24th of April at 7pm**. The Mass of Christian Burial will take place on **Tuesday 25th of April at 12 noon**.

The parish will provide a coach for all who wish to travel. There will be a sign up sheet in the porch with details of departure to be confirmed next weekend.

GIFT AID TODAY

If you are not signed up to Gift Aid to the Parish, and you are giving in your Easter Collection, if you wish you can Gift Aid this donation. Envelopes are available at the end of the seats in St Aidan's.

Every pound donated brings 25p at no cost to you from the Government.

BOOKINGS FOR ST AIDAN'S HALL

All bookings must be made through **Cathy McCallum 383553**. This applies to all Parish groups also.

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.

Rosary and Benediction St Mary's every Sunday at 5.30pm.

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.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD EASTER SUNDAY

First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43
Response to the Psalm: **This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.**
Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!**
Gospel: John 20:1-9

ST AIDAN'S HALL RENOVATION

The recent Sports Evening for the hall renovation raised **£354**.

Thanks very much to all who attended, we hope they had an enjoyable time.

The Hall Renovation Group would like to thank Stephen Prater of Prater Contracts Ltd, most sincerely for organising the painting of the Church Hall at no cost to the Group. We are delighted with the appearance of the hall and it will be a much more attractive environment for all who use it.

We will continue to fund raise to repair/renew the hall floor which is dangerous in places.

ST AIDAN'S HALL

A big thank you to Prater Contracts Ltd, who have just decorated the hall free of charge. Could I remind all who use the hall not to blue tac or pin posters or notices to the walls. Fr O'Connor



LINDISFARNE CAFÉ

Celebrate Easter Morning by coming in to the Lindisfarne Café
All welcome!

CADALBA

Seats are available for outing to Trossachs and Stirling on **Wednesday, 9th August 2017** and **Nutcracker Ballet in Theatre Royal, Glasgow on Sat, 6th January 2018**.
If interested, please contact Maureen on 374994 or mmccann0@btinternet.com or any member of CADALBA.