

Parish Ministers' Rota
23rd July 2017 (Sixteenth Sunday of the Ordinary Time Year A)

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
5 pm Vigil St Aidan's	M.McKenna, E.Campbell, G.Traynor	N.Welsh*, N.Carroll
9.30am St Mary's	C.Nicol (A), G.Brawley(B)	J.Smyth
11 am St Aidan's	J.Fox, A.McCrossan, E.Grattan	J.Sneddon*, R.Fox
4.30 pm St Mary's	C.Cairns	C.Cairns

TODAY'S READINGS

Today's Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Over the next few weeks, the Gospel readings will consist of the entire 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel, a lengthy teaching discourse.

Throughout this discourse, Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward—of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:	Isaiah 55: 10-11
Response to the Psalm:	Some seed fell into rich soil, and produced its crop.
Second Reading:	Romans 8:18-23
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, Alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!
Gospel:	Matthew 13:1-23

St Mary's and St Aidan's

Year A

Fifteenth Sunday of the Year

16th July 2017



'A sower went to sow.'

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FIFTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR 1

Sat 22nd July, Feast of St Mary Magdalene. She has been called the second most important woman in the New Testament after Our Blessed Lady. Mary Magdalene travelled with Jesus as one of his followers and was present at Jesus' two most important moments: the crucifixion and the resurrection. Within the four Gospels, she is named at least 12 times, more than most of the apostles. The Gospel references describe her as courageous and brave enough to stand by Jesus in his hours of suffering and death.

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, Nan Devine, Catherine Grant, George McKinney, Bridget McNally, Mary Lambert, Peter McGhee and Pat McGoldrick who are sick.

Charles Lafferty and Bill Crowe who have died.

The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of:
Patrick Melly, Ian Cadden, Michael & Margaret Campbell, Daniel McKendrick, Isabel Robertson, Isabel Robertson and Anne Kelly.

THE STALL IN THE HALL

The Stall in St Aidan's Hall will be closed on **16th July and 23rd July** and will reopen on **30th July**. Mass Cards will be available in the Sacristy after all Masses.

200 CLUB WINNERS

April

No:	199 T. Martin	£70
	184 M. McKeown	£20
	155 H. Sloan	£10

WISHAW GENERAL CHAPLAINCY

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

FURNITURE COLLECTION DIOCESAN SVDP

07773731123 or 07749467335

MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals have written to thank the parish for the support they received last weekend. A total of £919.81 was collected from both churches and 320 bags of textiles were received. This is a very generous response to help feed 1.2 million children with a daily meal throughout the world. Thank you for your support.

SCOTS COLLEGE MAGAZINE

The students of the Pontifical Scots College Rome have produced a magazine. This publication helps to promote the work of the college and make people more aware of the lives of those who are answering God's call to serve in the ministerial priesthood. **This year the students have chosen to support Mary's Meals through the funds raised for the production of the magazine.** They cost £2.50 and will be sold after Mass this weekend. Please consider buying one to support them.

RETREAT

Spaces are available on a retreat to Kinnoull, Perthshire, taking place 8 - 10 October. The retreat will be led by Fr. Tom McCarte. Full board, accommodation in single, en-suite bedrooms. Transport provided. For information contact Patricia on 350418.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN

The National Pilgrimage at Carfin will take place on **Sunday 4th September** with Mass at 3pm. This year's National Pilgrimage will be in honour of Our Lady of Fatima during this centenary year.

ST AIDAN'S SVDP HELPLINE

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

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.

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.

PARISH DAY AT CARFIN

Thanks to everyone who came to the very well attended Parish Day in Carfin. The sun shone that day, and a great time was had by all. These events help to bring both church communities together.

PARISH OUTING TO LINDISFARNE

An outing to Lindisfarne has been organised for **Saturday 19th August.**

The bus will leave St Aidan's at 8am, thereafter picking up parishioners from St Mary's.

There will be a short comfort break in Dunbar enabling us to reach Beal before the tide cuts off the island from the mainland (11.15am). There will be free time on the island giving plenty of opportunity to see all the places of interest and have lunch. There are ample places to eat but a packed lunch can be brought along should you prefer.

Mass will be celebrated by Fr O'Connor and Canon Clements in the Catholic Church of St Aidan on the island.

We will leave Lindisfarne by 4.30pm and stop off in Berwick on Tweed for a High Tea. We will leave for home by 7pm.

Cost including High tea:

Adults £25 Children up to 12 years £16.

Sign up sheets are available at back of both churches. Numbers need to be confirmed at hotel by 30th July.

LINDISFARNE CAFE

Tea, coffee, rolls n sausage, bacon butties and homebaking will be served in the hall after 11am Mass today. **All welcome.**

CADALBA

The CADALBA Group which meets every Wednesday in St Aidan's Hall will resume on **16th August.**

The members knit/crochet blankets for, and also raise funds to aid Third World countries. New members will be made welcome in August.

POPE FRANCIS' MISSION INTENTION

July 2017

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

That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

