

Parish Ministers' Rota
24th September 2017 (Twenty- fifth Sunday of the Ordinary Time Year A)

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
5 pm Vigil St Aidan's	S.Corr, P.Devine, E.Campbell	K.Cassidy*, M.McCardie
9.30am St Mary's	R.Heaney (A), E.McBride (B)	J.Canning
11 am St Aidan's	E.Hamilton, J.Fox, A.McCrossan	J.Fox, J.Brunton*
4.30 pm St Mary's	E.Briody	A. Welsh

TODAY'S READINGS

Today's Gospel reading directly follows last week's Gospel in which Jesus taught the disciples how to handle disputes and conflict within the Christian community. In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another.

Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

The king in the parable decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant in particular owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt, a pittance when compared with the amount that was owed to the king. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison.

A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another.

There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:	Ecclesiasticus 27: 30-28:7
Response to the Psalm:	The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.
Second Reading:	Romans 14:7-9
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, Alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!
Gospel:	Matthew 18:21-35

St Mary's and St Aidan's

Year A

Twenty -fourth Sunday of the Year

17th September 2017



*“I do not tell you to forgive seven times,
but seventy seven times.”*

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

TWENTY FOURTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR 1

Wed 20th Sept, Memorial of St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon and Paul Chong Ha-Sang and Companions. Andrew was baptised at age 15, then travelled 1,300 miles to the nearest seminary in Macao, China. He became the first native Korean priest, and the first priest to die for the faith in Korea. Paul, a catechist, was also martyred with 101 others during the persecution of the Church in Korea, 1839-67.

Thurs 21st Sept, Feast of St Matthew, one of the twelve Apostles and the author of the first Gospel. Before he was called to be an Apostle he was a tax collector by profession. He is the Patron Saint of Bankers.

Sat 23rd Sept, Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina, a Capuchin priest from Italy. He was born Francesco Forgione on 25th May 1887 and given the name Pius when he joined the Capuchins. He is popularly known as Padre Pio. He became famous for bearing the stigmata. He died on 23rd September 1968 and canonised by Pope John Paul II. on 16th June 2002.

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 and Peter McGhee who are sick.

The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of:
Syme Family, Grace & Robert McVey, Jessie McNamee, John Scott, Nellie, John & Michael McConnachie, Jim Henderson, Frank Ledwidge, Jim Currie Jnr, Mary Bradley, Anna Clark, Peter & Helen Doyle, John & Mary McLellan, Ellen Doyle and Anne Purcell.

SVDP HELPLINE

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

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07773731123 or 07749467335**

WISHAW GENERAL CHAPLAINCY

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

COLLECTION BOXES FOR RETIRED PRIESTS AND STUDENT PRIESTS

It is now the time to return the boxes which were made available last year. If you are Gift Aiding your box please use one of the envelopes from back of the Church. Simply fill in envelope and put it inside the box.

More boxes will be available in a few weeks. Please consider taking one of these boxes home with you.

POPE FRANCIS' MISSION INTENTION September 2017

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

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

The Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh

2017 ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE to pray for the beatification of

THE VENERABLE
MARGARET SINCLAIR

Sunday 17th September 2-6pm
Preacher: Fr Richard Reid CSSR
St Patrick's Cowgate
Edinburgh EH1 1NA

NOTICES FOR THE BULLETIN

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

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

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.**

THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone in the parish for supporting Jennifer at her fund raising night. For everyone who came, handed in prizes, home baking and made denotations your generosity has raised an overwhelming total of £1220.

A **huge thank you** to everyone. Jennifer and Niamh are two of our young parishioners who have been chosen to represent their school in a two-week trip to Bangalore in India next June. The girls will be taking part in an APD (Association of People with Disability) program which supports physically disabled children and adults in urban and rural areas, helping to transform many of their lives. By helping Jennifer and Niamh you are also helping many, many people in Bangalore.

LINDISFARNE CAFÉ

Today, the Lindisfarne café will be serving tea/coffee, rolls n sausage, bacon butties, toast and homebaking. **All welcome!**
Have you bought your raffle tickets yet for the Television?

Tickets costing £1 are available after 5pm and 11am Masses.

OUR LADY'S MUSICAL SOCIETY presents

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF
Tuesday 7th – Saturday 11th November
(including Saturday matinee)

Motherwell Civic Theatre

More details including the price of the tickets can be seen on the poster in the porch in the hall.
Tickets can be purchased from Eddie Pearson on 01698 386747 / 07817 275073.
(For more details see poster in Porch.)

PARISH NOTICES

The Stall is open in St Aidan's Hall after 11am Mass.
The Morning Café is open in St Aidan's Hall after 10am Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
Indoor Bowling Club meets in St Aidan's Hall on Tuesdays 1.30pm - 3pm. **New members welcome!**
St Mary's Rosary Group meets in St Mary's every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm. **All welcome!**
The CADALBA Group meets in St Aidan's Hall on Wednesdays 11.15am. TAI CHI class follows 1.15pm – 2.15pm. **All welcome!**
The Men's Club meets in St Aidan's Hall every Thursday at 7.30pm. **New members welcome.**
Hall Bookings for St Aidan's Hall: Phone Cathy McCallum (01698 383553)