

**Parish Ministers' Rota**  
**25<sup>th</sup> June 2017 (Twelfth Sunday of the Ordinary Time Year A)**

Mass		Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
5 pm Vigil	St Aidan's	G.Traynor, P.Devine, M.McKenna	N.Welsh*, N.Carroll
9.30am	St Mary's	G.Brawley (B), C.Nicol (A)	J.Smyth
11 am	St Aidan's	P.O'Donnell, E.Grattan, E.Hamilton	J.Fox, J.Brunton*
4.30 pm	St Mary's	C.Cairns	C.Cairns

**TODAY'S READINGS**

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This day was once called Corpus Christi, which is Latin for "Body of Christ." In the revised Lectionary the name for this day is expanded to reflect more completely our Eucharistic theology.

Today's Gospel is taken from John's Gospel and is part of a discourse between Jesus and a crowd of Jews. The discourse comes shortly after the miracle of the loaves and fishes. In John's Gospel, miracles such as this are identified as "signs" through which people come to believe that Jesus is the Son of God. These signs are followed by dialogue, or discourse that interprets and explains the miracle. In John's Gospel, Jesus' multiplication of the loaves is said to have occurred near Passover, thus linking it to the Exodus story and God's saving action toward the Israelites.

Having seen Jesus multiply the loaves and fishes, the crowd pursue him, perhaps seeking more food but also looking for another sign. Jesus tells the crowd that he is the bread of life. He explains that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent new manna that will give eternal life. It is in this context that Jesus repeats those words in today's Gospel and tells them again that he is the living bread that came down from heaven.

Jesus' words are not well understood by the crowd; they argue that Jesus is not from heaven but born of Mary and Joseph. The crowd also has trouble understanding how Jesus could give them his flesh to eat. Jesus tells them that when they eat his flesh and drink his blood, they will remain forever connected to him. These are difficult words, but they are important because they seek to show us our intimate connection with Jesus.

This is the mystery that is at the heart of our Eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus' Body and Blood are truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's Body in the world.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

<b>First Reading:</b>	Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16
<b>Response to the Psalm:</b>	<b>O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!</b>
<b>Second Reading:</b>	1 Corinthians 10:16-17
<b>Gospel Acclamation:</b>	<b>Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!</b>
<b>Gospel:</b>	John 6:51-58

# *St Mary's and St Aidan's*

*Year A*

## *Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ*

*18<sup>th</sup> June 2017*



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**ELEVENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR 1**

**Wed 21<sup>st</sup> June, Memorial of St Aloysius Gonzaga.** He joined the Jesuits and as a model novice he worked in the plague hospital and caught the fever, and died in 1591 at the age of twenty three. He is the patron saint of Youth.

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> June, Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.** The love that Jesus bore toward us also urged Him to undergo the death of the Cross. At the Last Supper, He said, "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends" (Jn 15:13)

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June, Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist,** son of Zachary and Elizabeth. He lived in the desert where he led a life of austerity and penance. He prepared his people for the coming of the Lord. Ordinarily the Church observes the day of a saint's death as his feast, because that day marks his entrance into heaven. To this rule there are two exceptions, the birthdays of Our Lady and of St. John the Baptist.

**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 and Peter McGhee** who are sick.

**Hugh Maguiness, Sadie Delaney and Hugh Cassidy** who have died.

The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of:

**Anne Kelly, Edward & Agnes Slavin, James Crilley, Michael Carroll, John Allan, Peter Allan, Joe McGhee, Catherine Feenan, Terence & Geraldine Currie and Betty Barrett**

**WE ASK FOR YOUR HELP**

It is very easy to put foreign coins in to the plate by mistake. However, over the past month on three occasions, two half crowns were put in resulting in the motor of the counting machine to burn out and the machine has had to be replaced. This week in the collection in addition to four foreign coins, we had two half crowns and an ABC Leisure token which are larger than the machine can cope with.

We ask that you please check the coins before you place them in the plate.

**LOURDES HOSPITALITE MASS**

**Carfin Grotto, 25th June, 3pm**

Mass including the Anointing of the Sick.

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK**

Today's Second Collection is for the Sisters of St Peter Claver. Sr Monica will address us at all masses this weekend.

**Please be generous. Gift Aid envelopes are available at the end of the pews.**

**READERS AT MASS**

Proclaiming God's Word in the scriptures is an important ministry at Mass.

If you would like to become a reader at Mass, please speak to Fr. O'Connor for more information.

**ANNUAL MASS AT SCALAN**

The Annual Mass at Scalan takes place on Sunday 2nd July at 4pm. Scalan can be reached by leaving Tomintoul on the B9008. Just beyond Auchnarrow, about five miles later, Scalan is signposted on the right on an unclassified but good road. For those on satellite systems, AB37 9JS is a useful though approximate postcode. It should get you to Chapelton of Glenlivet. The last mile and a half to Scalan, from Chapelton is along a country track requiring sensible shoes, and one should be prepared for any weather. Cars and minibuses, but not coaches, can get very close to Scalan. Thankfully, like good Christians, those who take their cars along this track can be confidently waved down by those who would like a lift."

**MASS IN HONOUR OF PADRE PIO**

(with relic)

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 7pm

St Monica's Church

Sharp Avenue, Coatbridge ML5 5RP

**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** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 12 noon

**St Mary's Church** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 12.30pm

To arrange please contact: **Fr O'Connor Tel: (01698) 860254.**

**RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION**

In the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1385-1389 we are reminded: "To receive Holy Communion one must be fully incorporated into the Catholic Church and be in the state of grace, that is not conscious of being in mortal sin.

Anyone who is conscious of having committed a grave sin must first receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before going to Communion.

Also important for those receiving Holy Communion are a spirit of recollection and prayer, observance of the fast prescribed by the Church (one hour), and an appropriate disposition of the body (gestures and dress) as a sign of respect for Christ." Further to this general information, can I remind people coming forward to receive Holy Communion, the norm is to receive on the tongue. There is permission to receive on the hand, but added care must be taken. If you choose to do this, please be sure to extend **BOTH** hands, the left over the right, making a throne for Our Lord, then take the host on the right hand and consume accordingly. When receiving the Precious Blood from the chalice, please be very careful not to spill, it suffices that each person consume a small amount of the Precious Blood. Only an ordained minister (Bishop, Priest, or Deacon) can give a blessing. An extraordinary minister is unable to do this.

**LINDISFARNE CAFÉ**

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

**All are very welcome.**

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>/Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July**

Mary's Meal's Rags to Riches collection

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

Parish day at Carfin Grotto.

**SPRED**

(Special Religious Development)

The Group, based at St Mary's is desperate for helpers and learning disabled friends to join.

Contact Lorraine (07891297716) or

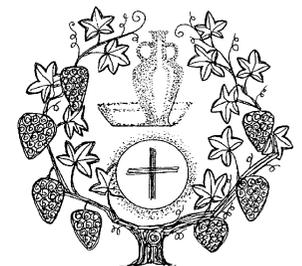
email:spredmotherwell@rcdom.org.uk

**WISHAW GENERAL CHAPLAINCY**

Contact Fr Ricklan Mallya, RC Chaplain, either

by phoning the hospital (361100) or St

Bernadette's (263945).



**ST AIDAN'S CHURCH CLEANERS**

The next cleaning date is **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 10am.** Your help would really be appreciated.