

Parish Ministers' Rota  
26<sup>th</sup> February 2017 (Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A)

| Mass                  | Eucharistic Ministers            | Readers                 |
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| 5 pm Vigil St Aidan's | M.McKenna, E.Campbell, G.Traynor | P.Devine                |
| 9.30am St Mary's      | C.Cairns (B), B.Devlin (A)       | P.Gorrell               |
| 11 am St Aidan's      | J.Pearson, J.Devanny, M.McDowell | C.Varghese, B.Varghese* |
| 4.30 pm St Mary's     | E.McBride                        | J.Haddow                |

**TODAY'S GOSPEL**

The last two antitheses offered in the Sermon on the Mount deal with love of enemies. We should not look at "an eye for an eye" as an inordinately strict punishment. It is actually meant to limit acts of revenge by making sure the punishment is not excessive but fits the crime. However, Jesus asks his followers to take a different approach by resisting retaliation altogether. The response to a stronger person who slaps us on the cheek, takes us to court, or demands a service of us is not to resist. Similarly, for a weaker person, such as a beggar or borrower, we are to give him or her what he or she asks for. Those who are called to the Kingdom of Heaven are to go beyond the way the world usually works and serve God's kingdom here on earth.

The other difficult demand of those who are called to the kingdom is to embrace the enemy. There is no command in the Old Testament to hate individuals in a personal or vindictive way. But there is a religious stance that calls one to hate evil and to distance oneself from those who participate in evil. In contrast, Matthew emphasises that love of God and love of neighbour are the fundamental commands on which all else depend. Because God's love is unconditional, we are to strive to love as God does, though, of course, it is challenging. Is it even possible?

The key is in the final verse. We are to be perfect as our heavenly father is perfect. Matthew uses the Greek word telos, which is probably better translated here as "complete." We are not to be perfect as in doing everything correctly, that is, as in being absolutely morally correct. We are to be perfect as in striving to reach the completeness we are called to in the Kingdom of Heaven. Attempting to love our enemies is part of striving for that completeness.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

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| <b>First Reading:</b>         | Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18  |
| <b>Response to the Psalm:</b> | <b>The Lord is compassion and love.</b>  |
| <b>Second Reading:</b>        | 1 Corinthians 3:16-23  |
| <b>Gospel Acclamation:</b>    | <b>Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!</b> |
| <b>Gospel:</b>                | Matthew 5: 38-48   |

# St Mary's and St Aidan's

Year A

## Seventh Sunday of the Year Education Sunday

19<sup>th</sup> February 2017



*"You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors; but I say this to you."*

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### SEVENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR 1

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb, Feast of the Chair of St Peter the Apostle.** This feast brings to mind the mission of teacher and pastor conferred by Christ on Peter, and continued in an unbroken line down to the present Pope. Since early times, the Roman Church has had a special commemoration of the authority of St. Peter.

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb, Memorial of St Polycarp,** a second century Christian bishop of Smyrna. According to the Martyrdom of Polycarp he died a martyr, bound and burned at the stake, then stabbed when the fire failed to touch him.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Mgr Jack Burns** (former Parish Priest of St Aidan's), **Gerard O'Neill, Jim Nolan, David Beck, Michael Harkins, Mary Theresa McCormick** (Hendry), **Cathie McConnachie, Cathie Bryce, Cecilia Moore** (Donnelly), **Patrick Miller, Lynne Watters** (Hattie), **Mary Kelly, John Lochrie, Anne Roarty, Ellen Dunn, Bernard Gallacher, Catherine Grant, John Friary, Marie Tress McGhee, Anne Connor** and **Nan Devine** who are sick.

**Betty Chromy** (Fr Chromy's mum), **Jim O'Donnell** and **Ignatius Dirkie** who have died.

The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of: **Eleanor Cassidy, Luke Devine, Antonella Molloy, Ian Smith, Patrick Mooney, Ella Quinn, Frank Ledwidge, Mary Smith, James & Moira Mooney, Sam & Mary Crawford, Jimmy Murray, Lynn Carr, John & Brian Murphy, Patrick & Mary Mooty, Bernard & Jean Smith, Alice Jenkins** (Barrett), **Catherine McIntyre, Nan Linnacor** and **Edward & Catherine Mooney.**

### PRAYER AND CONTEMPLATION IN THE CATHOLIC TRADITION

You are invited to explore the richness of our Catholic prayer and spiritual tradition during **4 sessions in the Xavier Centre, Carfin** on **8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March** from **11.15am-12.45pm.**

The sessions will be led by **Anne Moore** and **Fr Tom Magill.**

No need to book. No cost. Just come along.

### SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

The second collection **today is** to enable the Bishop's Conference to finance the work of the Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES).

SCES provides support, resources and advice to the Bishops, to schools and to parishes across Scotland.

The theme for Catholic Education Week is **"Developing as a community of faith and learning"** in our homes, schools and parishes.

### EDUCATION SUNDAY

#### Appeal for Teachers

If you would like further information on becoming a teacher in our Catholic schools, please contact the **Scottish Catholic Education Service: mail@sces.uk.com**

### BINGO NIGHT

The Hall Committee is holding a Bingo Night on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February** at **7pm** for eyes down **7.30pm.**

**Tickets £3** which includes tea and cakes.

Tickets are available **from Carole** on **356134** or **Bridie 385506**

There will be a box at the back of the Church for anyone who wishes to donate prizes for the raffle.

**All proceeds will be used for painting of the hall and refurbishment of the floor.**

### WISHAW GENERAL CHAPLAINCY

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

### 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.

#### 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.**

### A WARM WELCOME!

We welcome **Fr. Martin Delaney** who is celebrating Mass with us this weekend while Fr O'Connor is in Rome.

### RACE NIGHT

The Men's Club is once again holding a race night to raise funds for Canon Clements' H.C.P.T. group going to Lourdes at Easter. It will be held on **Friday March 31<sup>st</sup>** starting at 7.30 pm till 11 pm.

Sponsorship, raffle prizes etc all welcome. Buy a horse or become a jockey for £2.

Free entry on the night, licensed bar.

For further information or to donate prizes contact any member of the Men's Club or phone Pat O'Connor on 384440.

### POPE FRANCIS' MISSION INTENTION February 2017

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

*That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalised, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.*

### 200 CLUB WINNERS

#### February

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| <b>No:</b> | <b>128 J. Bradley</b>     | <b>£70</b> |
|            | <b>181 C. McKay</b>       | <b>£20</b> |
|            | <b>055 F. Nightingale</b> | <b>£10</b> |

### LINDISFARNE CAFÉ

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

All Welcome!

### CONGRATULATIONS!

**Sean Wylie** was ordained Deacon, by Bishop Toal, last Monday evening in St Mary's College, Oscott, the seminary in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Please keep Deacon Wylie in your prayers as he enters his final year as a seminarian.

### THANK YOU!

Thank you to **11<sup>th</sup> Wishaw Rainbows and Brownies** for their donation of **£100** to the Church by way of thanking the Parish for the use of the hall on a Wednesday night.

