

Parish Ministers' Rota  
26<sup>th</sup> March 2017 (Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A)

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
5 pm Vigil St Aidan's	G.Traynor, E.Campbell, S.Corr	P.Devine
9.30am St Mary's	B.Devlin (A), C.Cairns (B)	P.Gorrell,
11 am St Aidan's	M.McDowell, P.O'Donnell, E.Hamilton	E.Pearson*, A.M.O'Neill
4.30 pm St Mary's	C.Nicol	J.Haddow

**TODAY'S GOSPEL**

The dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between Jews and Samaritans should have prevented the conversation also.

The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition, yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law.

The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal sense. With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women was of paramount importance. The women would have travelled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands."

Behind the conversation lies the animosity and rivalry between the Jews and the Samaritans.

The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshipping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship.

After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him.

The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people. The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. The disciples return quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading:**

Exodus 17:3-7

**Response to the Psalm:**

**O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.**

**Second Reading:**

Romans 5:1-2; 5-8

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Lord, you are really the saviour of the World; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

**Gospel:**

John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

# St Mary's and St Aidan's

Year A

## Third Sunday of Lent

19<sup>th</sup> March 2017



*"I who am speaking to you, I am he."*

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### THIRD WEEK OF LENT YEAR 1

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> March, Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.** Today the Church commemorates the coming of the Archangel Gabriel to announce to the Blessed Virgin that she was to be the Mother of the promised Redeemer.

**At Mass on this day, we all genuflect during the Creed at the words, "And by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man."**

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

**Michael Harkins, Rachel McGhee and Hugh Reilly** who have died.

The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of:  
**Mary O'Brien, Hugh McKenna, Rosina McKenna, Annie Stafford, Annie Henderson, Henry Henderson, Robert Henderson, Edward Henderson, Henry Dunn, Charles & Nora Kelly, James & Bridget McMonagle, Frank & Katie Waple, Euphemia Waple, Alicia Wilson, Hugh O'Neill, Bridget Jackson, Jim Carroll and Rena Campbell** (Jackson).

#### ST AIDAN'S TINY TOTS

##### LADIES' NIGHT

**FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH 7.30pm – 11.30pm**

**BYOB & Snacks Tickets £5**

**DJ and Dancing**

Tickets available from Tiny Tots Committee or call Gemma on 07957005232

#### INTIMATIONS FOR THE BULLETIN

In the event that a name has been omitted or recorded in the wrong category, please submit the correction in writing. Whilst every effort is made to ensure names are recorded correctly, mistakes do happen. Please also ensure names are submitted by Wednesday for inclusion, that the intention is noted and that handwriting is as clear as possible.

#### ST AIDAN'S GIFT AID ENVELOPES

**Gift Aid Envelopes** are available for collection in the Hall after both Masses this weekend.

If you have not yet signed up for Gift Aid, why not start now?

**Every £1 Gift Aided gains an additional 25p for the Parish at no cost to you.**

#### PRAYER AND CONTEMPLATION IN THE CATHOLIC TRADITION

Explore the richness of our Catholic prayer and spiritual tradition during sessions in the **Xavier Centre, Carfin** on **22<sup>nd</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> March** from **11.15am-12.45pm**.

Sessions led by **Anne Moore** and **Fr Magill**.

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

#### 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. 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.

#### ST PATRICK'S NIGHT

Thank you to everyone who organised and attended the St. Patrick's Night events in both parish halls this year. **£910** was raised for parish funds at St Mary's Hall.

#### SPORTS' FORUM

**St Aidan's Hall**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**Ticket price £5 Licensed Bar**

Panel -Tam McManus and Derek Ferguson  
Other Members to be confirmed.

### 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** 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.**

#### LENT

**Early Mass St Aidan's**

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8.15am

**Early Mass St Mary's**

Tuesday & Thursday 8.20am

**Stations of the Cross**

**St Mary's: Mon 7pm St Aidan's: Tues 7pm**

#### THANK YOU

The family of **Michael Hogan** would like to thank all parishioners for their thoughts and prayers following their recent bereavement and especially **Fr O'Connor** for his frequent visits which gave Michael great solace in his last weeks.

The donations made following the funeral came to **£350** which has been donated to Lanarkshire Cancer Care Trust, MacMillan Cancer Support and Marie Curie Nurses who helped support Michael through his illness.

#### ST AUGUSTINE'S CHOIR LENTEN CHORAL CONCERT

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017 7.30pm**

**St Augustine's Church, Coatbridge**

The evening will consist of some traditional and contemporary choral music, hymns and readings, all in preparation for the great celebration of Easter.

Tickets costing £4 are available from the church shop, Kairos Cafe, or pay at the door on the night. There is no cost for under 16s.

#### LINDISFARNE CAFÉ

The café will be serving Rolls n Sausage, bacon butties, toast & jam and homebaking after 11am Mass today.

**All welcome!**

#### A BIG THANK YOU!

The Parishioners of St Aidan's would like to say a big thank you to Janette and her team for the wonderful evening on Friday night.

#### POPE FRANCIS' MISSION INTENTION

**March 2017**

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

*That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.*

#### WISHAW GENERAL CHAPLAINCY

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

