

Parish Ministers' Rota  
26<sup>th</sup> November 2017 (Solemnity of Christ the King Year A)

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
5 pm Vigil St Aidan's	E.Campbell, P.Devine, S.Corr	G.Traynor
9.30am St Mary's	E.Briody (A), J.McLeish (B)	P.Gorrell
11 am St Aidan's	J.Devanny, M.McDowell, P.O'Donnell	A.McCrossan*, L.McCrum
4.30 pm St Mary's		C.Cairns

**TODAY'S READINGS.**

Today's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A *talent* is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

Read in light of last week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbour. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

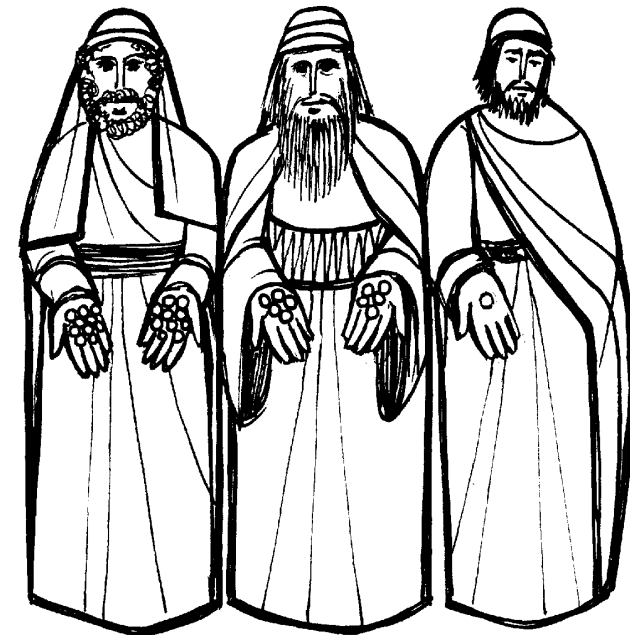
<b>First Reading:</b>	Proverbs 31:10-13.19-20.30-31
<b>Response to the Psalm:</b>	<b>O blessed are those who fear the Lord.</b>
<b>Second Reading:</b>	1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
<b>Gospel Acclamation:</b>	<b>Alleluia, Alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!</b>
<b>Gospel:</b>	Matthew 25:14-30

# St Mary's and St Aidan's

Year A

## Thirty-third Sunday of the Year

19<sup>th</sup> November 2017



*"You who are faithful in small things; come and join in your master's happiness."*

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### THIRTY-THIRD WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR 1

**Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Nov, Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** There was a religious custom among the Jews of promising to dedicate children to God's service in the temple even before the children were born. Tradition tells us that Mary was vowed to God by her parents Joachim and Anne and taken to the temple by them when she was three years old.

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov, Memorial of St Cecilia.** Cecilia, whose name means "lily of heaven" is patroness of musicians. She is one of seven women (excluding the Blessed Virgin) named in the Canon of the Mass.

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Nov, Memorial of St Andrew Dung Lac and Companions.** The Vietnamese people heard the message of the gospel beginning in the 16<sup>th</sup> century through the efforts of many missionary people who accepted that their efforts would bring persecution and even death. Andrew Dung-Lac was one of 117 people martyred in Vietnam between 1820 and 1862. Members of this group were beatified on four different occasions between 1900 and 1951. All were canonised by St. John Paul II. On June 1, 1989, these martyrs were inscribed in the liturgical calendar of the Universal Church.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Gerard O'Neill, Jim Nolan, David Beck, Mary Theresa McCormick, Cathie Bryce, Cathie McCannachie, Cecilia Moore, Lynne Watters, Mary Kelly, Ellen Dunn, John Lochrie, Anne Roarty, Bernard Gallacher, John Friary, Catherine Grant, George McKinney, Bridget McNally, Mary Lambert, Peter McGhee, Rose O'Donnell and Elaine Farrell Cleary who are sick.

Peter Chesney who has died.

The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of:  
**Fr Frank Welsh, Margaret Connolly, Mary Gallacher, Harry Delaney, Jim Connor, Cissie Lynn, Helen & Peter Doyle, Ellen Doyle, James O'Connor & Ellen O'Connor, Edward O'Connor, John & Mary McLellan, Ann Purcell, Edward & Margaret McCartan, Annie Diver, Agnes Donnachie, Martin & Annie Mulhearn & Family, Peter & Catherine Dunn & Family, Brenda O'Donnell, William Nicol and Isobel & John McStay.**

#### NEWMAN ASSOCIATION

"Developing a New Partnership between Lay and Ordained in the Catholic Church in Scotland".

**A talk by Dr Mary Cullen.**

The Ogilvie Centre, St Aloysius' Church,  
Rose Street, Glasgow, G3 6RE

7.30pm on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017

All welcome. Non-members: admission £3 - includes refreshments.

#### SVDP HELPLINE

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

#### CEILI

(in aid of APD Programme)

**ST PATRICK'S PAROCHIAL HALL  
SHIELDMUIR**

**SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER  
7.30pm - 11.30pm  
BAR**

Tickets £6 Adults £4 Children  
(includes light supper)

Niamh and Jennifer 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.

#### ALL NIGHT VIGIL

St Gerard's Parish, Bellshill invites you to join for an **All-Night Vigil** on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> - Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** to lead into the **Season of Advent.**

The Vigil will begin with Holy Mass at 8pm on Friday and conclude with Holy Mass at 8am on Saturday. During the night there will be Adoration, Silent prayer, music and hourly Rosary. Visiting priests will be available to hear confessions on Friday evening. Refreshments available throughout the night. **All are most welcome to attend.**

#### 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

**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  
**St Mary's 10am St Aidan's 11am**

#### First Friday of the Month (during term time)

**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.**

#### SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017

Pope Francis has declared today as the first **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE POOR.**

#### MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Through the month of November we pray for the Holy Souls. Holy Mass is offered each day for those included in the November Lists.

#### NEW COFFEE MORNING

A new Coffee morning will begin this week on a **WEDNESDAY** after Mass in **St Mary's Parochial Hall.** The coffee morning is for everyone, both men and women, and will take place on a weekly basis.

#### ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE

This Mass will, this year, take place in **St Ignatius Church on Tuesday 28th November at 12 noon.** Main celebrant - Bishop Toal..

#### CADALBA CHARITY BINGO 30<sup>th</sup> November

Houldsworth Bowling Club  
Doors open 7pm Eyes Down 7.30pm  
Pie and Peas Tea and Coffee Entrance £2

#### WISHAW GENERAL CHAPLAINCY

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

#### LINDISFARNE CAFÉ

Unfortunately, there will be no Café this morning.

#### ST PATRICK'S CEMETERY NEW STEVENSON

**PRAYER SERVICE  
SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2pm**  
Led by Fr Gerry Chromy and Fr Bill Bergen

#### CONSULTATION MEETING

**Re amalgamation of St Aidan's and St Mary's.** Bishop Toal has arranged a meeting in **St Mary's Parochial Hall for Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm.** **Please try to attend this important meeting.**

#### CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

SPRED is delighted to announce that Martin Aelred has agreed to perform at our Christmas reflection service on **29<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm** in **St Mary's Church.** It promises to be a beautiful, quiet reflective service. Tea and coffee will be served in the SPRED hall afterwards. Everyone is welcome to attend, so please come and show your support for the work of SPRED.

#### POPE FRANCIS' MISSION INTENTION November 2017

Pope Francis asks us to join with him this month in praying:  
*That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.*