

**Parish Ministers' Rota**  
**27<sup>th</sup> August 2017 (Twenty first Sunday of the Ordinary Time Year A)**

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
5 pm Vigil St Aidan's	G.Traynor, S.Corr, P.Devine	K.Cassidy *, M.McCardie
9.30am St Mary's	E.McBride (B), R.Heaney (A)	J.Canning
11 am St Aidan's	P.O'Donnell, A.McCrossan, E.Hamilton	J.Sneddon, R. Fox*
4.30 pm St Mary's	J.McLeish	H.Law

**TODAY'S READINGS**

Today we move ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel. Last week we read about Jesus walking on the water and the disciples' confession of faith that Jesus is the Son of God. If we were reading Matthew's entire Gospel, we would have read about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees about Jewish purity laws. Jesus argues that it is not what goes into us that makes us unclean; he is referring to the strict Jewish dietary rules. Instead our words and our actions (what comes out of us) make us unclean because they emerge from a heart that is unclean.

Knowing about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees helps us to understand today's Gospel. In fact the story heightens the surprise and shock we feel as we hear Jesus' exchange with the Canaanite woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone.

The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, "dog." But the woman cleverly turns Jesus' insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter. Jesus' unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At only a very few points, such as the one found in today's Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world.

Behind Matthew's text we can hear this early Christian community's struggle to understand how God's selection of Israel is consistent with two events: Israel's rejection of Jesus and the Gentiles' acceptance of Jesus. Just as Jesus was surprised by the faith expressed by the Canaanite woman, so too the first Christians were surprised that the Gentiles would receive the salvation God offered through Christ. In today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, we hear the apostle Paul considering this same concern.

The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

<b>First Reading:</b>	Isaiah 56: 1.6-7
<b>Response to the Psalm:</b>	<b>Let the peoples praise you, O God; Let all the peoples praise you.</b>
<b>Second Reading:</b>	Romans 11:13-15.29-32
<b>Gospel Acclamation:</b>	<b>Alleluia, Alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!</b>
<b>Gospel:</b>	Matthew 15:21-28

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

*Year A*

## *Twentieth Sunday of the Year*

*20<sup>th</sup> August 2017*



*"Woman you have great faith."*

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## TWENTIETH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR 1

**Mon 21<sup>st</sup> August, Memorial of St Pius X.** Born Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto, he was the head of the Catholic Church from 4 August 1903 to his death in 1914. Pope Pius X is perhaps best remembered for his encouragement of the frequent reception of Holy Communion, especially by children. Ever mindful of his humble origin, he stated, "I was born poor, I lived poor, I will die poor."

**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> August, Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** This Liturgical Feast was proclaimed by Pope Pius XII on October 11, 1954 through his Encyclical Letter "Ad Caeli Reginam." This proclamation based upon the fact that whether in time of peace or in time of war, the faithful have incessantly offered prayers of petition and hymns of praise and veneration to the Queen of Heaven. Following the tremendous destruction that occurred during World War II and considering the reality that the threat of a similar catastrophe filled the faithful with a great anguish, the Church turned its eyes towards Mary, the Heavenly Queen, in the hope of her protection. Mary has never failed those who have sought her intercession in prayer, placing their total trust in her.

**Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> August, Feast of St Bartholomew.** He was an apostle, named only in the list of apostles and always in the company of Philip.

### 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, Peter McGhee and Pat McGoldrick** who are sick.

**Canon Donald McKay** who has died

The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of:  
**Rosemary Groome, John Duffy, Joseph McGowan, Kathleen & John Cameron, Cathie O'Neill and Patricia McLean.**

### ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

**Deacon Bruce McPhail** will be ordained in his home parish of St. Margaret's, Airdrie on **Thursday 24th August.** Please remember him in your prayers.

### VOCATIONS MASS

Motherwell Cathedral  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August 7.30pm  
Please join the Diocese in praying for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

### NOTICES FOR THE BULLETIN

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

### ST AIDAN'S YOUTH CLUB

Registration night:

**Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug 7pm – 8pm**

Registration Fee £3 to cover insurance.

A maximum of 70 children can be registered so to secure a place early registration is essential.

The Youth Club will resume on **Tues 29<sup>th</sup> August 7pm – 9pm weekly fee £1.50.**

**Additional adult volunteers are needed to ensure there is adequate supervision each night.**

To volunteer please **phone Cathy (383553) as soon as possible** so that the appropriate paperwork is completed in time.




### PRIZE BINGO NIGHT

FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER

**Tickets are available by phoning Maureen Murray (07906284938).**

Please support Jennifer and her fellow student Niamh in their fundraising events over the next few months.

If you would like to support Jennifer in her prize bingo night you can:

-  Donate prizes
-  Home baking would be most welcome
-  Come along to the event; tickets are £3 including tea and cakes

The girls are required to raise £1500 each, which is no mean feat for 16 year old girls.

## 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.**

### RAINBOWS /BROWNIES/GUIDES

The Rainbows and Brownies resume activities in **St Aidan's Hall on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August.**

**Rainbows** 5.30pm -6.30pm

**Brownies** 6.30pm -8pm.

The **Guides** start back on **23<sup>rd</sup> August 7.30pm – 9pm.**

The age to join is:

- Rainbows after 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday
- Brownies after 7<sup>th</sup> Birthday
- Guides after 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Anyone looking to join should visit our website: [www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested) and register their details.

The Parish Post Code is ML2 7EX

### POPE FRANCIS' MISSION INTENTION

August 2017

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

*That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.*

### SVDP HELPLINE

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

### WISHAW GENERAL CHAPLAINCY

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

### LINDISFARNE CAFÉ

Tea, coffee, rolls n sausage, bacon butties and homebaking will be served in the hall after 11am Mass this week. **All welcome!**

**There will be no Café next Sunday (27<sup>th</sup> August) as the faithful workers are going on holiday.**

We hope they have a great holiday! They certainly deserve it given their commitment, dedication and hard work throughout the year.

### CARFIN GROTTO 7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE FOR GRANDPARENTS Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August

3pm Holy Mass with Sacrament of the Sick  
4pm Rosary Procession and benediction  
4.30pm Tea/Coffee in the Xavier Centre  
Celebrant: Bishop Stephen Robson

### NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

This takes place on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** with Mass at **3pm** and celebrates the centenary of the apparitions of our Blessed Lady at Fatima. The Pilgrim Statue of our Lady of Fatima which has been around all the Scottish dioceses will be venerated and Scotland will be consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

### ST AIDAN'S CHURCH CLEANERS

The next cleaning date is **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August at 10am.** More volunteers would really be appreciated.