

Parish Ministers' Rota
29th January 2017 (Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A)

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
5 pm Vigil St Aidan's	G.Traynor, S.Corr, P.Devine	P.Devine
9.30am St Mary's	B.Devlin(A), C.Cairns(B)	P.Gorell
11 am St Aidan's	J.Burton, J.Slavin, J.Pearson	E.Pearson, A.M.O'Neill*
4.30 pm St Mary's	J.McLeish	J.Haddow

TODAY'S GOSPEL

Today's Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus' public ministry begins after his baptism by John the Baptist and after his retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, he hears that John has been arrested.

The first part of today's Gospel places Jesus' ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfilment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as a fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.

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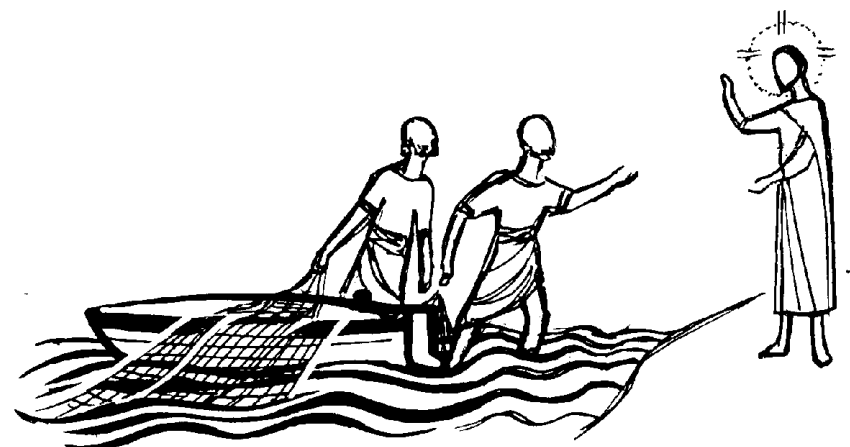
First Reading:	Isaiah 8:23- 9:3
Response to the Psalm:	The Lord is my light and my help.
Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom, and cured all kinds of sickness among the people. Alleluia!
Gospel:	Matthew 4: 12-23

St Mary's and St Aidan's

Year A

Third Sunday of the Year

22nd January 2017



“He went and settled in Capernaum: in this way the prophesy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled.”

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THIRD WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR 1

Tues 24th Jan, Memorial of St Francis de Sales. Francis was Bishop of Geneva. He became noted for his deep faith and his gentle approach to the religious divisions in his land resulting from the Protestant Reformation. He is known also for his writings on the topic of spiritual direction and spiritual formation, particularly the Introduction to the Devout Life and the Treatise on the Love of God.

Wed 25th Jan, Feast of the Conversion of St Paul. As a young man he was called Saul. He took part in the stoning of the first martyr, St Stephen and in the fierce persecution of the Christians that followed. On his way to arrest the Christians in Damascus, he had a dramatic conversion to the Christian Faith and became an Apostle. St Paul's Feast day, which he shares with St Peter is on 29th June.

Thurs 26th Jan, Memorial of St Timothy and St Titus, two of the most beloved and trusted disciples of St. Paul, whom they accompanied in many of his journeys.

Sat 28th Jan, Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas, After making his profession at Naples, he studied at Cologne under St. Albert the Great. Here he was nicknamed the "dumb ox" because of his silent ways and huge size, but he was really a brilliant student. He was one of the greatest and most influential theologians of all time. He was canonised in 1323 and declared Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius V.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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.

Thomas McManus and **Annie McGowan** (Nolan) who have died.

The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of:

Mary Ferguson, Milly Pearson, Marian Bradley, Mary Crilley, Winifred Diver, Annie Conway and **Barbara Molloy.**

WISHAW GENERAL CHAPLAINCY

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

200 CLUB WINNERS

January

No:	102 P. Feenan	£70
	198 M. Quigley	£20
	038 J. Devanny	£10

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS MEETINGS AND ENROLMENT MASSES

St Aidan's Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Meeting: Monday 23rd January 6.30pm
Enrolment Mass: Tuesday 7th February 7pm

St Mary's Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Meeting: Tuesday 24th January 6.30pm

Enrolment Mass for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Monday 6th February 6.30pm

Enrolment Mass for Confirmation

Monday 27th February 7pm

FAMILY FUN/RACE NIGHT

Fri 27th January 7pm-10.30pm

St Aidan's Primary & Nursery Class Parent Council are holding this event to support the children and also to bring families together for a family fun night out.

Tickets are on sale from the school office.

£4 per adult £1 per child.

Please come along and support this event – you do not need to be a parent or grandparent.

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 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 12 noon

St Mary's Church 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 12.30pm

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

SUNDAY DEVOTIONS AND BENEDICTION

There will be no Sunday Devotions and Benediction at 5.30pm on a Sunday in St Mary's until the beginning of Lent.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES 2017

Those wishing to marry should try to give at least six month's notice. Some parishioners marrying in other churches have requested information about the diocesan led Marriage Preparation Course. The Marriage Preparation Courses are held in the following:
St Mary's Church Hall, Hozier Street, Whifflet, Coatbridge, ML5 4DB
St Mary's Church Hall, Cadzow Street, Hamilton, ML3 6HP (Car park entrance from Muir Street).

FEBRUARY: St Mary's, Coatbridge Saturday 18th, Part 1 and Saturday 25th, Part 2

MARCH: St Mary's, Coatbridge Saturday 18th, Part 1 and Saturday 25th, Part 2

SEPTEMBER: St Mary's, Hamilton Saturday 2nd, Part 1 and Saturday 9th, Part 2

JAMES DIVERS

The family of the late James Divers thank all friends and relatives for messages of sympathy and Mass Cards.

Contact for SVDP furniture uplift tel. 07773731123 and 07749467335

LINDISFARNE CAFÉ

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

Come in, meet new friends and enjoy the ambience of our Lindisfarne Café.

CATHOLIC APPROVAL FOR TEACHERS

Those taking up new positions to teach in Catholic Schools require approval from their Parish Priest to confirm that they attend Mass. If you are expecting to require this in 2017 please make yourself known to Fr O'Connor.

CONGRATULATIONS

The children in **Room13 (P6)** must be congratulated on their outstanding presentation of Catholic Education in Scotland.

On Thursday they represented their school and the church of St Aidan at an Ecumenical service in South Wishaw Church as part of the Week of Christian Unity.

The children fully participated in reading and leading responses. They sang beautifully as a response to the meditation on the Gospel.

As a Parish, we are very proud of them. Credit must be given to their parents and to the school who must also be very, very proud of these young people.

**WELL DONE ROOM 13 !
(and Miss Jones)**