

Parish Ministers' Rota

31st December 2017 (Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Year B)

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
5 pm Vigil St Aidan's	S.Corr, M.McKenna, P.Devine	P.Devine
9.30am St Mary's	J.McLeish (B), E.Briody (A)	J.Canning
11 am St Aidan's	J.Devanny, E.Grattan, J.Pearson	J.Fox*, P.Boyle
4.30 pm St Mary's		A.Welsh

TODAY'S READINGS

This Sunday we read the story of the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary about the birth of Jesus. This story is found only in Luke's Gospel. On this fourth Sunday of Advent, the liturgy shifts our attention from John the Baptist to Mary, the mother of Jesus. Both John and Mary serve as important figures for our reflection during the season of Advent; they both played instrumental roles in preparing the way for Jesus. Last week we reflected on John the Baptist's announcement that the Saviour was among us, although not yet recognised. This week we reflect upon Mary's example of faith and obedience to God, traits which permitted her to receive the angel's message that God's Son would be born as a human person, as one of us.

We are familiar with the story of the Annunciation, and it is fitting that we recall how God announced the birth of Jesus as we make our final preparations for our celebration of the Incarnation. The angel Gabriel visited Mary, a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph. Mary greeted the angel's news with awe and wonder and asked how it could be possible that she could give birth to a child. In his reply, the angel Gabriel announced the seemingly impossible reality: the child to be born would be conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and would be God's own Son. The angel reported to Mary another miracle; her relative Elizabeth was also pregnant despite having been thought to be unable to have a child. Mary's response to the angel, which is called her *fiat*, is an example of complete faith and obedience to God.

The story of the Annunciation calls to our attention God's wondrous action in human history. God chose a human person to give birth to his Son so that all humanity would know God's salvation. Mary, already full of God's grace, was able to cooperate in this great plan for our salvation. Thus Jesus was born as one of us, fully human and also fully divine. This is the mystery we prepare to celebrate at Christmas, the mystery of the Incarnation. In the model of Mary, we pray that we will be people of faith who recognise God's saving plan for us and are able respond with obedience.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:	2 Samuel 7:1-5.8-12.14-16
Response to the Psalm:	I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.
Second Reading:	Romans 16:25-27
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord; let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!
Gospel:	Luke 1:26-38

St Mary's and St Aidan's

Year B

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

17th December 2017



“Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son.”

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OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS YEAR 2.

Tues 26th Dec, Feast of St Stephen. He was the first martyr and was stoned to death.

Wed 27th Dec, Feast of St John. John is identified as 'The disciple whom Jesus loved' and the one to whom Jesus entrusted the care of Mary at the foot of the Cross.

Thurs 28th Dec, Feast of the Holy Innocents. On realising that the Wise Men had not returned to say where the Christ Child was, Herod ordered that all baby boys in Bethlehem and the surrounding area who were two years or younger be killed.

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, Catherine Grant, George McKinney, Bridget McNally, Mary Lambert, Peter McGhee, Rose O'Donnell and Elaine Farrell Cleary who are sick.

Catherine McKenna and Gerry Hart who have died.

The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of:

John Flaherty, Charles Nolan, John Ferrie, Peter & Anna Delaney, Vera Lafferty, Briody Family, Smith Family, Hunter Family, Murphy Family, William O'Kane, Patrick Mitchell, William Devlin, Agnes & Andrew McGlinchey, McGlinchey Family, James & Mary Crilley, John & Catherine Fitzpatrick, Annie Diver, Pat Donnelly, Willie McCulloch, McCulloch and Tonner Family, Frank Kelly, William Lochrie, Thomas Mooty, William & Elizabeth Brophy, Mary Brophy, Nolan Family, Mary Hughes, Etta Docherty and Patricia Hughes.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY CRIB APPEAL

New warm clothing (jackets, gloves, hats and socks for families in need, children and adults) in our local area. Any gift is greatly appreciated. Please leave your gift at the crib anytime up to Thurs 28th Dec when they will be uplifted by the Children's Liturgy and given to Wishaw Social Work Dept.

SVDP HELPLINE

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

NOTICES FOR THE BULLETIN

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

THANK YOU

'Today a Saviour has been born for us, he is Christ the Lord,'

There are so many people to thank, who help in the parish throughout the year. Your work, dedication and commitment is so important, and helps to make us all what we are called to be, a strong community of believers following the Lord.

As we celebrate this holy season of Christmas, where we rejoice in the birth of our Saviour, I would like to wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas.

Fr. O'Connor.

BISHOP TOAL'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

The Christmas message from Bishop Toal is available at the back of each Church.

POST OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ESTATES DEPARTMENT

The Diocese is seeking to recruit an Administrative Assistant to be responsible to the Estates Manager for the provision of a comprehensive, confidential and professional service to assist in the efficient operation of the department, based in the Diocesan Office in Motherwell.

This is a full-time post of 35 hours per week and an annual salary of £18375.

To request an application form and job description for the post, please email vicechancellor@rcdom.org.uk.

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is **Monday 15th January 2018.**

ST MARGARET'S CHILDREN & FAMILY CARE SOCIETY

The practice in all our parishes is that monetary donations are collected at the crib each year for the above society. St Margaret's has been in existence since 1955 working with birth mothers who have placed their child for adoption.

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 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.**

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Sunday 24th December

4.30pm Mass at St. Mary's is cancelled.

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASSES

St. Aidan's 7.30pm St. Mary's 10pm
There will be a Carol Service at 7pm in St Aidan's and 9.30pm in St Mary's.

Monday 25th December

St. Mary's 09.30am St. Aidan's 11am
Catholics are obliged to go to Mass on both the 4th Sunday of Advent (24th December) and on Christmas Day (25th December).

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY SENIORS' DINNER

ST AIDAN'S CHURCH HALL FRIDAY 19th JANUARY 2018 at 7pm

The SVDP is organising a 3 course meal followed by entertainment for the Senior Parishioners on the above date. Please add your name and choice of main meal on the poster at the back of the Church. Should you no longer be able to attend after booking your place, please phone Michael (07519284489) as soon as possible as all meals ordered must be paid for by the SVDP.

HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS RECEIVING EUCHARIST AT HOME

Would all Eucharistic Ministers at St Aidan's who take the Eucharist to housebound parishioners please supply a note to Fr O'Connor (or email:aidanswishaw@gmail.com) giving details of the Mass after which they make their visit and the name and address of the parishioner(s) visited.

CAFÉ LINDISFARNE

CAFÉ LINDISFARNE after 11am Mass this morning will be serving tea/coffee, mincemeat pies and shortbread.
EVERYONE WELCOME!
The Café will resume on **Sunday 7th January** and will be serving Rolls n Sausage and bacon, toast, tea/coffee and homebaking.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING SAINT MARY'S

The coffee morning will resume in the new year, thanks to all who have helped and supported this new parish social initiative.

200 CLUB

Subscriptions are now due for 2018. £12 per year or £1 per month for each number you have. £100 in prize money is paid out each month. The more numbers taken, the more the Parish receives. Stuart and Andrew collect the money during the Café each Sunday but many people prefer to pay on an annual basis.
Numbers are available.

SOCIETY OF THE INNOCENTS

The Society is holding its annual Mass on Thursday 28th December 2017 in St Patrick's Church in Coatbridge at 10 am.

WISHAW GENERAL CHAPLAINCY

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