

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
5 pm Vigil St Aidan's	E.Campbell, P.Devine, G.Traynor	K.Cassidy*
9.30am St Mary's	E.McBride (B), R.Heaney (A)	J.Canning
11 am St Aidan's	E.Grattan, J.Burton, A.McCrossan	B.Moulds*, L.McCrum
4.30 pm St Mary's	E.Briody	H.Law

#### TODAY'S READINGS

We read today's Gospel in the context of last week's Gospel in which Jesus sent the twelve disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. In between last week's reading and today's reading, Jesus has predicted that the disciples will face difficulties in their mission. Many people will not receive them well, even within the land of Israel. Even family members will turn away from the disciples because of the disciples' commitment to Jesus and the kingdom. Today's Gospel offers the disciples consolation against this difficult truth.

This section of Matthew's Gospel should be read in the context of Matthew's intended audience, a Jewish-Christian community. The Gospel alludes to the dangers and persecutions that this community has most likely already faced and will continue to face. To reassure this community, Matthew recalls for them the encouraging words of Jesus that we read today.

In this Gospel passage, Jesus might be understood as putting suffering in perspective. The disciples of Jesus are called upon to keep their focus on God. Those who can harm the body do not have ultimate power; God does. Still persecution and suffering cannot be avoided or prevented. But Jesus reassures his disciples that God knows and cares about what happens to his children.

We might not face the same type of persecution, but we do experience difficulties as we endeavour to live a Christian life. Sometimes we let the opinions of others prevent us from doing what we know to be right. We need the reminder that what God thinks about us is more important. We are reassured by the promise that God cares for us and protects us.

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

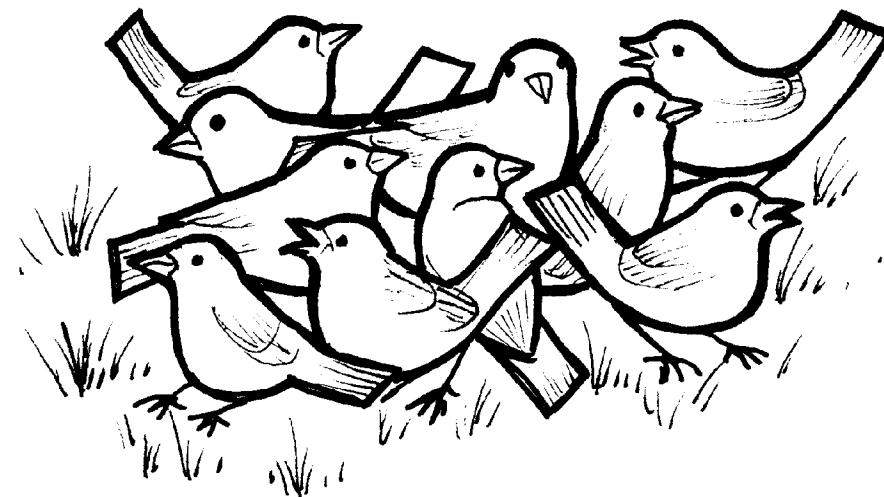
<b>First Reading:</b>	Jeremiah 20:10-13
<b>Response to the Psalm:</b>	<b>In your great love, answer me, O God.</b>
<b>Second Reading:</b>	Romans 5:12-15
<b>Gospel Acclamation:</b>	<b>Alleluia, Alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!</b>
<b>Gospel:</b>	Matthew 10:26-33

# St Mary's and St Aidan's

Year A

## Twelfth Sunday of the Year

25<sup>th</sup> June 2017



*'Do Not Be Afraid.'*

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**TWELFTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR 1**

**Wed 28<sup>th</sup> June, Memorial of St Irenaeus.** He was probably born about the year 125, in one of those maritime provinces of Asia Minor where the memory of the apostles was still cherished and where Christians were numerous. He was most influenced by St.

Polycarp who had known the apostles or their immediate disciples.

**Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> June, Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul.** St. Peter suffered martyrdom under Nero, in A.D. 66 or 67. He was buried on the hill of the Vatican where recent excavations have revealed his tomb on the very site of the basilica of St. Peter's. St. Paul was beheaded in the Via Ostia on the spot where now stands the basilica bearing his name.

**SOLEMNITY OF STS PETER AND PAUL IS A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION**

**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, Pat McGoldrick and Christine Muir** who are sick.

**Phil Haverstock, James Sneddon and Bill Perkins** who have died.

The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of:

**Elizabeth Cain, Charles McCrossan, Elizabeth McGuinness, Danny Muldoon, Patricia McLean and Etta McGhee.**

**SVDP THANKS**

The members of St Aidan's SVDP Group would like to say a special thanks to **Lorraine Cunningham** from SPRED for the very interesting talk she gave at their meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> May.

SPRED (**S**pecial **R**eligious **D**evelopment), based at St Mary's is desperate for helpers and learning disabled friends to join.

Contact Lorraine (07891297716) or email: [spredmotherwell@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:spredmotherwell@rcdom.org.uk)

**ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD**

Please remember in your prayers **Deacon Bernard Mournian** who will be ordained in his home parish of St. Mary's, Hamilton on **Friday 30th June.** He will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving in St. Mary's on Saturday 1st July at 12 noon.

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK**

The second collection **NEXT WEEK** is for **PETER'S PENCE.**

Each Diocese in the world takes up this collection each year as an act of solidarity with and support for Our Holy Father. It supports the administration of the Universal Church and the Holy See's own charitable work.

**Please be generous. Gift Aid envelopes will be available at the end of the pews.**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ABORTION RESTRICTIONS**

On Tuesday 27th June the BMA Annual Representative Meeting will be voting on whether they will back ending all legal restriction on abortion.

This is a very big threat as a win here for the abortion lobby would give much momentum to the BPAS campaign to 'decriminalise' abortion. A group of doctors and medical students have launched an open letter to Dr Anthea Mowat, BMA Representative Body chair, calling for all delegates at the conference to reject the motion seeking to end all legal restriction on abortion (Motion 50).

<http://rejectmotion50.org/>

The letter is only for doctors and medical students to sign, but if the public want to show their opposition to Motion 50, they can do so by signing the petition that we have launched with CitizenGo here:

<http://citizengo.org/en-gb/1f/71407-bma-must-not-support-abortion-birth>

A few weeks ago, on the Sunday after the Feast of the Visitation, a special collection was held to support life. Please continue that support through signing the petition or get someone to do it on your behalf.

**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.**

**SOLEMNITY OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**St. Aidan's:** Vigil, Wednesday 7pm  
Thursday 10am

**St. Mary's:** Thursday 11am Thursday 7pm (Latin Mass)

**SUMMER HOLIDAYS ARE HERE!**

We wish all the pupils and staff from St Mary's Pr., St Aidan's Pr., Taylor HS and St Aidan's HS a very enjoyable and safe summer holiday and look forward to them returning in August.

**MOTHERWELL DIOCESAN LOURDES DAY**

The Diocesan Lourdes Day will take place at Carfin Grotto on Sunday 25th June at 3pm. During the celebration of Holy Mass, the Sacrament of the Sick will be offered. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will conclude the afternoon. Light refreshments in the Xavier Centre afterwards. A special invitation is extended to all those who have a connection with Lourdes especially: the sick and elderly, Hospitalité members and youth helpers from past pilgrimages.

**FURNITURE COLLECTION DIOCESAN SVDP 07773731123 or 07749467335**

**LINDISFARNE CAFE**

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

**All are very welcome.**

**NEXT SUNDAY IS..... Roll n Sausage Sunday.**

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>/Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July**

Mary's Meal's Rags to Riches collection  
**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July**  
Parish day at Carfin Grotto.

**ST AIDAN'S CHURCH CLEANERS**

The next cleaning date is **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 10am.** Your help would really be appreciated.

**WISHAW GENERAL CHAPLAINCY**

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

