

Parish Ministers' Rota
2nd April 2017 (Fifth Sunday of Lent Year A)

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
5 pm Vigil St Aidan's	M.McKenna, E.Campbell, G.Traynor	N.Welsh
9.30am St Mary's	C.Nicol (A), G.Brawley (B)	H.Bradley
11 am St Aidan's	J.Fox, A.McCrossan, E.Grattan	J.Sneddon, R.Fox*
4.30 pm St Mary's	E.Briody	L.Higgins

TODAY'S GOSPEL

In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of the Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man.

The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. He challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when he encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks him out and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

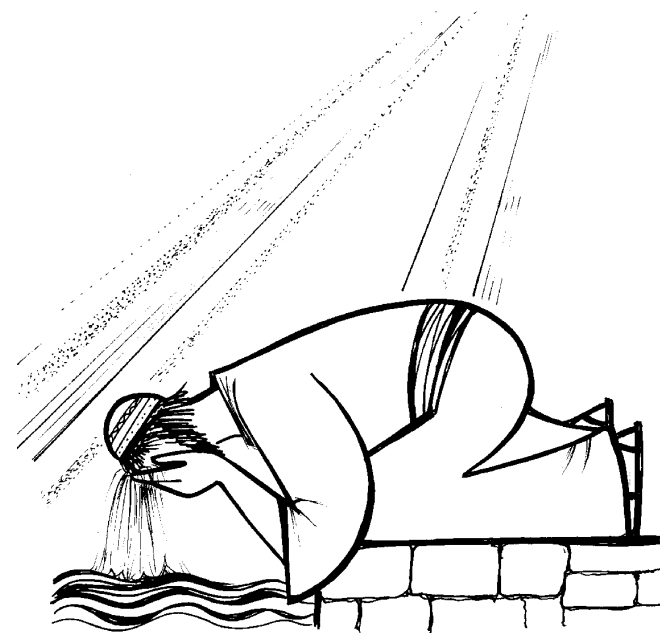
As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:	1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13
Response to the Psalm:	The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Second Reading:	Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel Acclamation:	Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
Gospel:	John 9:1, 6-9,13-17,34-38

St Mary's and St Aidan's
Year A
Fourth Sunday of Lent

26th March 2017



“I who am speaking to you, I am he.”

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FOURTH WEEK OF LENT YEAR 1

There are no Feasts, Solemnities or Memorials this week.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mgr Jack Burns, Gerard O'Neill, Jim Nolan, David Beck, Mary Theresa McCormick, Cathie McConnachie, Cathie Bryce, Cecilia Moore, Patrick Miller, Lynne Watters, Mary Kelly, John Lochrie, Anne Roarty, Ellen Dunn, Bernard Gallacher, John Friary, Catherine Grant, Marie Tress McGhee, Nan Devine, George McKinney and Manus O'Donnell who are sick.

Manus O'Donnell, Catherine Penman, Jane Ryan and Hugh Reilly who have died.

The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of:
Mary McCrossan, Cathie Docherty, James O'Kane, Bessie & James Blaney, Edward Pearson, Patricia McLean, Charles Miller, Patrick Miller, Jimmy Duffy and Cathie Docherty.

PRAYER AND CONTEMPLATION IN THE CATHOLIC TRADITION

Final session in the Xavier Centre, Carfin on 29th March from 11.15am-12.45pm.

Sessions led by **Anne Moore** and **Fr Magill**.
No need to book. No cost. Just come along.

RACE NIGHT

The Men's Club is once again holding a race night to raise funds for Canon Clements' H.C.P.T. group going to Lourdes at Easter. It will be held on **Friday March 31st** starting at 7.30 pm till 11 pm.

Sponsorship, raffle prizes etc all welcome. Become a jockey for £2.

Free entry on the night, licensed bar.

For further information or to donate prizes contact any member of the Men's Club or phone Pat O'Connor on 384440.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

As you continue your Spring Cleaning, you may want to know that Mary's Meal's Rags to Riches collection will be on **8th/9th July**.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

Each Diocese needs to educate and prepare its future priests and permanent deacons. A special collection is taken up on one Sunday each year to help towards the costs of this essential need. We are blessed with a good number of seminarians in Motherwell at present but it is expensive to prepare them for priesthood. In 2014 the cost for seminarians was **£190,000**. The annual collection raised **£42,000, £42,000** was also donated and **£24,945** was raised from the parishes who donated their Gift Aid Small Donations. That meant a shortfall of **£82,416**. Motherwell Diocese will hopefully have five priests ordained next year. Please help the Diocese to support our seminarians. **Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of both Churches.**

ST AIDAN'S GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Gift Aid Envelopes are available for collection in the Hall after both Masses this weekend. If you have not yet signed up for Gift Aid, why not start now?
Every £1 Gift Aided gains an additional 25p for the Parish at no cost to you.

BOWLING CLUB DONATION

A big **THANK YOU** to St Aidan's Bowling Club for the donation of **£500** to **St Aidan's Church**.
The Indoor Bowling Club meets in the Church Hall every Tuesday from 1.30pm- 3pm.
New members will be welcomed!

200 CLUB WINNERS

February

No:	011 J. Brown	£70
	086 T. Martin	£20
	170 M. Higgins	£10

WISHAW GENERAL CHAPLAINCY

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

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.

Rosary and Benediction St Mary's every Sunday at 5.30pm.

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.**

LENT

Early Mass St Aidan's
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8.15am
Early Mass St Mary's
Tuesday & Thursday 8.20am
Stations of the Cross
St Mary's: Mon 7pm St Aidan's: Tues 7pm

SPORTS' FORUM

St Aidan's Hall
Friday 7th April 2017
Licensed Bar

Panel **Tam McManus, Derek Ferguson, Chick Young and John Higgins**
Tickets £5 can be obtained by phoning **Carole (356134) or Bridie (385506)** or in the **Hall after 11am Mass**.
Proceeds to the refurbishment of St Aidan's Church Hall.

ST AUGUSTINE'S CHOIR
LENTEN CHORAL CONCERT
Wednesday 12th April 2017 7.30pm
St Augustine's Church, Coatbridge

The evening will consist of some traditional and contemporary choral music, hymns and readings, all in preparation for the great celebration of Easter.
Tickets costing £4 are available from the church shop, Kairos Cafe, or pay at the door on the night. There is no cost for under 16's.

LINDISFARNE CAFÉ

The café will be serving Rolls n Sausage, bacon butties, toast & jam and homebaking after 11am Mass today.
All welcome!

POPE FRANCIS' MISSION INTENTION

March 2017

Pope Francis asks us to join with him this month in praying:
That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

ST AIDAN'S CHURCH HALL

The hall will be closed from **Sunday 2nd April** and will reopen on **Sunday 9th April** to enable the hall to be painted.

JOINT SERVICE

Wednesday 12th April in St Aidan's Church.
More information next week.

INTIMATIONS FOR THE BULLETIN

Please ensure names are submitted by Wednesday for inclusion, that the intention is noted and that handwriting is as clear as possible. Notices for the Bulletin should also be submitted or emailed by that time.
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