

Parish Ministers' Rota
3rd December 2017 (First Sunday of Advent Year B)

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
5 pm Vigil St Aidan's	G.Traynor, M.McKenna, S.Corr	P.Devine
9.30am St Mary's	B.Lynch (A), E.McBride (B)	H.Bradley
11 am St Aidan's	E.Hamilton, J.Fox, A.McCrossan	J.Sneddon, R.Fox*
4.30 pm St Mary's		A.Welsh

TODAY'S READINGS

Today's Gospel passage is the conclusion of Jesus' discourse with his disciples. It is about the end of time, the coming of the Son of Man, and the final judgment. We hear this description of the final judgment at the conclusion of our liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. In the context of Matthew's Gospel, this passage might also be read as a conclusion of Matthew's report on Jesus' life and ministry; the remaining chapters report the events of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection.

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes to his disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. All the nations will be assembled before him, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgments made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the least ones—the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identifies himself with the least ones.

Last week's gospel of the talents taught us that the gifts that we have been given are intended to be used for the service of others, especially the least among us. Our judgment before God will be based not only on how we have used these gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service to these least ones. Indeed, Jesus tells us that whenever we have served these least ones, we have served Christ himself.

When we read today's Gospel in the context of the chapters that follow in Matthew's Gospel, we learn the extent to which Jesus identifies with the least ones. In accepting death on the cross, Jesus shows himself to be one of the hungry, the naked, the ill and the imprisoned. To accept Jesus is to accept him who suffered and died on the Cross as one of the least ones.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12.15-17
Response to the Psalm: **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26.28
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!**
Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

St Mary's and St Aidan's

Year A

Solemnity of Christ the King

26th November 2017



"He will take his seat on his throne of glory."

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THIRTY FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR 1.

Thurs 30th Nov, Solemnity of St Andrew. Andrew was the brother of St Peter, was a native of the town of Bethsaida in Galilee and a fisherman. He suffered martyrdom in Greece by crucifixion on a cross in the form of an X. He is the Patron Saint of Fishermen, Scotland and Russia.

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.

Florence McCrory (retired St Aidan's Pr. teacher) who has died.

The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of:
Hugh & Marie Devlin, George McQuade, Eddie & Eleanor Whyte, Hugh McGinley, Mary King, Tom McFeely, Brenda O'Donnell, Marie Devlin, Hugh Devlin, John Campbell, May Collins, Marie Collins, Eddie Brennan, Brennan Family and Bryce Family

THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone in the parish for supporting Jennifer and Niamh's afternoon Tea in the Church hall. For everyone who came and enjoyed the afternoon your generosity has raised a fantastic **£740.**

A **huge thank you** to everyone.

By enabling Niamh and Jennifer to take part in the APD Programme you are helping to transform the lives of many, many physically disabled children and adults in urban and rural areas of Bangalore in India.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

When the real meaning of Christmas is so often ignored, why not send religious Christmas cards? Cards for sale in St. Aidan's Hall after 11am Mass and at the back of Church in St Mary's. Keep Christ in Christmas stickers in aid of **Let the Children Live** are also available.

AMALGAMATION CONSULTATION MEETING

The meeting last Monday night was very successful. Copies of the minutes are available at the back of each church.

SCIAF ADVENT APPEAL

Celebrate the Gift of Hope this Advent SCIAF's Advent Appeal this year aims to provide much needed help to the disabled citizens of El Salvador.

Your support can help some of the poorest and most neglected people in El Salvador and throughout the world.

To give to this appeal you can go to www.sciaf.org.uk or call 0141 354 5555.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY CRIB APPEAL

This year we are collecting new warm clothing such as 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 Thursday 28th December when they will be uplifted by the Children's Liturgy and given to Wishaw Social Work Dept.

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

Martin Aelred has agreed to perform at SPRED's Christmas reflection service on **29th November at 7pm in St Mary's Church.** It promises to be a beautiful, quiet reflective service.

Tea and coffee in the SPRED hall afterwards. All welcome!

ALL NIGHT VIGIL

St Gerard's Parish, Bellshill invites you to join for an **All-Night Vigil on Friday 1st - Saturday 2nd December** to lead into the **Season of Advent.**

Holy Mass at 8pm on Friday and Vigil concludes with Holy Mass at 8am on Saturday. During the night there will be Adoration, Silent prayer, music and hourly Rosary. Visiting priests will be available to hear confessions on Friday evening.

Refreshments available throughout the night. **All are most welcome to attend.**

NOTICES FOR THE BULLETIN

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

PARISH OF ST MARY'S AND ST AIDAN'S MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday		Weekday	
St Aidan's:	5pm Vigil Mass	Monday:	St Mary's 10am
St Mary's:	9.30am Mass	Tuesday:	St Aidan's 10am
St Aidan's:	11am Mass	Wednesday:	St Mary's 10am
St Mary's:	4.30pm Mass	Thursday:	St Aidan's 10am
			St Mary's 7pm (<i>Latin Mass</i>)
		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.**

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

Please join our Primary schools at Mass this Friday - 10am St Mary's, 11am St Aidan's.

ST AIDAN'S CHURCH CLEANERS

The next date for cleaning is **Fri 1st December.** The cleaning will take be at **9.30am as it is the First Friday.**

Volunteers would really be appreciated.
(Many hands make light work)

COFFEE MORNING IN ST MARY'S

Join us for tea/coffee and refreshments after Mass **EACH WEDNESDAY** in **St Mary's Parochial Hall.**

ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE

St Ignatius Church Tues 28th Nov at 12 noon. Main celebrant –Bishop Toal..

CADALBA CHARITY BINGO
30th November

Houldsworth Bowling Club
Doors open 7pm Eyes Down 7.30pm
Pie and Peas Tea and Coffee Entrance £2

WISHAW GENERAL CHAPLAINCY

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

SVDP HELPLINE

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

LINDISFARNE CAFÉ

Tea, Coffee and biscuits after 11am Mass today.

Volunteers are needed to ensure that hot rolls can be provided again. If there are sufficient names, then a rota could be drawn up.

Please give your name to Fr O'Connor.

The Parishioners of St Aidan's would like to thank **Janette and Ellen** for the **tremendous** work they have done over the last decade in building up the Lindisfarne Café and also for the activities they organised for the Pensioners. They put in a powerful amount of work and it is greatly appreciated.

NEXT SUNDAY IS ROLL n SAUSAGE SUNDAY

Ladies from CADALBA will be in the church hall at the Roll n Sausage Sunday (3rd Dec after 11am mass) displaying their work some of which will be available to buy. Proceeds from sales will go to Mary's Meals.

POPE FRANCIS' MISSION INTENTION
November 2017

Pope Francis asks us to join with him this month in praying:
That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

ST AIDAN'S SUNDAY READERS

Books for readings for Year B Part 1 are available in Sacristy for those who need a copy.