

Parish Ministers' Rota
5th February 2017 (Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A)

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
5 pm Vigil St Aidan's	G.Traynor,P.Devine, M.McKenna	N.Welsh
9.30am St Mary's	C.Nicol (A), G.Brawley (B)	H.Bradley
11 am St Aidan's	J.Devanny,M.McDowell, P.O'Donnell	A.McCrossan*, M.Clark
4.30 pm St Mary's	E.McBride	L.Higgins

TODAY'S GOSPEL

Today's reading is the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew's Gospel. The form of the Beatitudes found here is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, in the psalms, and in wisdom literature, for example. They are a way to teach about who will find favour with God.

We quickly note in this reading that the people whom Jesus calls "blessed" and "happy" are not people we think of as blessed or happy - the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

"Blessed" is sometimes translated as happy, fortunate, or favoured. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favour is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. This news might have been welcome, and surprising, to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:	Zephaniah 2:3;3:12-13
Response to the Psalm:	How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!
Gospel:	Matthew 5: 1-12

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

29th January 2017



"How happy are the poor in spirit."

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FOURTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR 1

Tues 31st Jan, Memorial of St John Bosco, born 16th Aug 1815. From a very early age he decided to dedicate his life to helping young people. He wanted to become a priest to help them morally and educationally by assisting them to cope with the world around them. Ordained in 1841 he began his work for the poor youth of the city of Turin. John Bosco is remembered as a man who dedicated his life to the service of abandoned young people.

Over 150 years ago he challenged the way young people were treated in the desperate poverty that existed at that time in Turin. Driven by first-hand experience of the effects of dreadful poverty and hunger on the young people he came across, he was determined to change their condition. Others were inspired to follow him in responding to the needs of the young. John Bosco created an order called the Salesians. He is regarded as the patron of all involved in educating and caring for young people.

Thurs 2nd Feb, Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, (commonly known as Candlemas). Forty days after His birth, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple of Jerusalem to present him to the Lord as the Law of Moses prescribed. They carried with them the usual offering of the poor, a pair of turtledoves. At the time of the presentation, a man named Simeon, recognised the infant Messiah and taking him in his arms declared him the Saviour, the Light of the Gentiles and the Glory of Israel.

Fri 3rd Feb, Memorial of St Blaise, patron of those with throat diseases. Fr O'Connor will bless the throats in St Aidan's on Thursday after Exposition.

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.

Ellen Murphy, Thomas McManus and Arthur Welsh (America) who have died.

The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of: James & Bessie Blaney, Mary Keatings, Elizabeth Smith, Bill McIntyre, May Brady, George & Jane Nelson, Patricia McLean, Ellen Gillies and Joe Campbell.

WISHAW GENERAL CHAPLAINCY

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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION ENROLMENT MASSES

St Aidan's Reconciliation and First Holy Communion
Enrolment Mass: Tuesday 7th Feb 7pm

St Mary's Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation
Enrolment Mass for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion
Monday 6th February 6.30pm

Enrolment Mass for Confirmation
Monday 27th February 7pm

PARISH ENROLMENT FOR SACRAMENTS

Thanks to all the parents who came to the Sacraments meetings last week. Parents who have still to enrol their children for the Sacraments with the Parish can fill out the form after Masses this weekend.

Contact for SVDP furniture uplift tel. 07773731123 and 07749467335

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 10.30am (<i>Requiem Mass for Thomas McManus</i>)
St Mary's:	4.30pm Mass		St Mary's 7pm (<i>Latin Mass</i>)
Thursday:	St Aidan's 10am	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.**

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

Friday 3rd February is the First Friday. Please come along to support our young people in celebrating the Eucharist.
St Mary's 10am. St Aidan's 11am.

PRIESTS FOR SCOTLAND

A very interesting and informative newsletter is available at the back of the Church. A number of Scottish seminarians describe their call to the Priesthood. We continue to pray that many young men will respond to God's call. Please take a copy home and share it with as many people as possible.

WHITE MASS FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS & THE WORK OF HEALTHCARE IN SCOTLAND

12pm Sunday 12th February
St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh.
Reception afterwards in the Camino Café within the Cathedral.
To book places and & for more information email: scottishema@gmail.com

ST AIDAN'S SALAMANCA GROUP

An article on the Group has been posted by Fr Tom Kilbride on the website of the Scots' College. To view article and picture visit:

<http://scots-college-salamanca.org/coltness-cleland-visit-2016/>

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.

NEXT WEEK IS.....

ROLLS n SAUSAGE SUNDAY.

Everyone is welcome. Please come in and enjoy, knowing that all proceeds go to the renovation and upkeep of the Hall. Funds are needed to enable the hall to be painted. Every Roll and Sausage you buy helps the upkeep of our hall.

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to the Cadalba Group who knit and crochet for the Third World every Wednesday in St Aidan's Hall (and probably most evenings in their own homes). In addition they raise money for many worthwhile Third World projects.

The group has donated **£100** to **St Aidan's Church** in appreciation of the support given from the Parish.

