

Parish Ministers' Rota  
9<sup>th</sup> September 2018 (Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B)

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
5 pm Vigil St Aidan's	M.McKenna, D.Chalmers, S.Corr	A.McCrorie
9.30am St Mary's	B.Lynch, E.McBride	P.Gorrell
11 am St Aidan's	J.Slavin, J.Pearson, J.Devanny	J.Sneddon*, R.Fox
4.30 pm St Mary's		A.Welsh

**TODAY'S READINGS**

In today's Gospel, Mark provides a significant amount of information about the Jewish observance of ritual-purity laws. Most scholars believe that Mark includes this information because his audience includes Gentile Christians who have no knowledge or experience of these laws. We can infer, therefore, that many in Mark's community were not Jewish Christians.

Mark addresses the question of which Jewish practices would also be observed in the newly emerging Christian community. This was a significant question for the early Christian Church, especially in communities that included both Jewish and Gentile converts to Christianity. In Gospel passages such as the one today, we see the Gospel evangelists finding justification for a Christian practice distinct from Judaism in the remembrances of Jesus' teaching and the practice of his first disciples.

Jesus first criticises the Pharisees for putting human tradition above God's Law. Here, Jesus is referring to the tradition of the elders, the teachings of the Pharisees, which extended the ritual-purity laws of Temple worship to everyday Jewish life. Jesus criticises the Pharisees for making this tradition equal to and as binding as the Law of Moses.

Jesus comments on the meaning behind the Pharisees' language of holiness—clean and unclean. Jesus teaches that a person is not defiled by the food that enters his or her body, but rather by sin that emerges from his or her words and actions. In this teaching, Jesus unmask a deeper question behind the one posed to him by the Pharisees. The real issue is holiness, which is not found in external acts alone. Holiness comes from within and is evidenced in the actions and attitudes that emerge from a person's life.

As we see in this reading, the words to the Pharisees are often words of challenge. The teaching to the crowds is often a general, sometimes cryptic, message. With the disciples, who often misunderstand Jesus' words, further explanation is offered about his message and its meaning. Jesus' words challenge us as well. In our desire to show that we are holy, we might also give too much credence to externals, following rules without thinking about the intention behind them. Jesus reminds us that we do not make ourselves holy by our actions. Rather, we become holy when we allow God's Spirit to transform us. Our actions should be an expression of the conversion of our heart to God and to God's ways.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading:**

Deuteronomy 4:1-2.6-8

**Response to the Psalm:**

**The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

**Second Reading:**

James 1:17-18.21-22.27

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

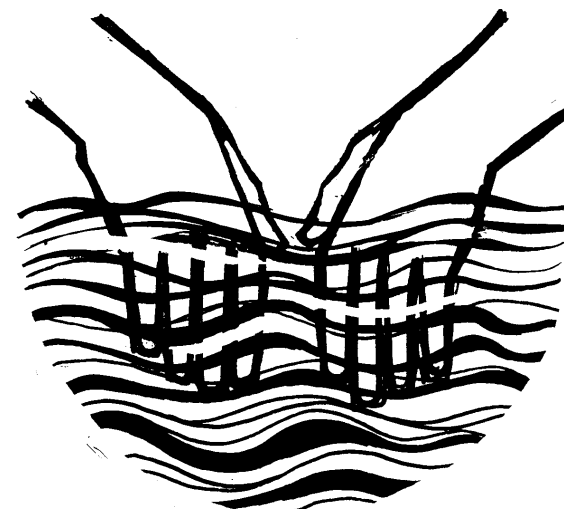
Mark 7:1-8.14-15.21-23

# St Mary's and St Aidan's

Year B

## Twenty Second Sunday of the Year

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2018



*“You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.”*

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## TWENTY SECOND WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR 2

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> September, Memorial of St Gregory the Great.** St. Gregory was born at Rome about the year 540. He is known above all for his magnificent contributions to the Liturgy of the Mass and Office. He is one of the four great Doctors of the Latin Church. He died March 12, 604.

**Sat 8<sup>th</sup> September, Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** The Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated exactly nine months after the Feast of her Immaculate Conception (she was conceived without Original Sin on her soul) on 8<sup>th</sup> December and has been celebrated in the Church at least since the 8th Century. The Church's calendar observes the birthdays of only two saints: **Saint John the Baptist** (June 24), and **Mary, Mother of Jesus.**

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

#### THE SICK

God our Father, we lift up all those who are facing illness today.  
We ask that You would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies.  
Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love.  
We ask this in Jesus' name.

#### Amen

**Rose Doris** and **Michael Docherty** who have died.

The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of:  
**Eileen Lynn, Peter & Etta McGhee, James O'Neill, Alister Miller, Nan Devine, Margaret & Gerry McKenna, McKenna & Ryce families, Jackie McAllister, Rose Ann Larkin and Catherine & Bernard Millar**

### CONTEMPLATIVE THEOLOGY MEETINGS

Autumn dates for Contemplative Theology Meetings at Carfin. Everyone is welcome, regardless of whether or not you have attended before, and no need to book, just turn up on the night. **Thursdays 27<sup>th</sup> Sept, 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October 7.15pm**

If you can manage along, we'd be delighted to welcome you there.

### OUTING

Trip to Moffat and Gretna Retail Outlet on Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Sept, leaving St Aidan's at 9am. Cost £6. If interested phone Pam 01698 293442.

**SVDP HELPLINE 07561843580**  
**FURNITURE COLLECTION SVDP**  
**07864502874 or 07749467335**

### VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

You should now return your **ECCLESIASTICAL STUDENTS AND CARING FOR RETIRED PRIESTS** Box. There are envelopes available at the back of the Church to enable you to Gift Aid the money you have saved up. Fill in your details on envelope and place in your box. A collection box is at the back of the Church.

Please do not write on or sellotape your box as they were made to be reused.

You may pick up a new box for use during the coming year.

### PARISH FACEBOOK & THE CATHOLIC APP

Modern communications help us to keep up to date with what's going on in the parish and diocese. Please like our parish Facebook Page, **'Saint Mary's Cleland & Saint Aidan's Wishaw.'**

Motherwell Diocese has recently launched a mobile app to give information about times of Holy Mass and Confession, it is a useful resource. Please download the app to your phone. You can download the Catholic App for iPhone/iPad iOS 10+ (<http://apple.co/2JxIHkt>) and Android 4.4+ smartphone and tablets (<http://bit.ly/2mrYHvD>)

Perhaps you have already seen the centenary video from St. Mary's in 1977 posted on our parish Facebook page. This could be of interest especially to older members of the parish who might not use Facebook, so please let family members have a watch!

### WISHAW GENERAL CHAPLAINCY

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

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

Sunday	Weekday
<b>St Aidan's:</b> 5pm Vigil Mass	Monday: St Mary's 10am
<b>St Mary's:</b> 9.30am Mass	Tuesday: St Aidan's 10am
<b>St Aidan's:</b> 11am Mass	Wednesday: St Mary's 10am
<b>St Mary's:</b> 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
	<b>St Mary's 10am St Aidan's 11am</b>

### 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** 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.**

### FIRST FRIDAY MASS

There will **not** be an 11am Mass this Friday in St Aidan's.

### THE NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE IN HONOUR OF SAINT JOHN OGILVIE AT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES, CARFIN

**SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER AT 3pm**

Confessions before Mass, beginning at 1pm and concluding at 2.30pm.

Please be aware that the area is mainly residential and there is very limited parking for private cars. Inconsiderate parking may result in increased traffic congestion adding to your inconvenience and impact on local residents. There will be very limited parking for private cars in the Grotto, in the car park of the Holy Ghost Fathers property and Our Lady and Saint Francis Primary School, both of which are directly across the road from the main entrance to the Grotto.

The Mass will be celebrated outside. The Rosary Procession and Benediction will begin at 5.15pm.

Hot and cold food will be on sale in the Xavier Centre and the Pilgrimage Centre **but** space is limited in both venues.

### HALL BOOKINGS

Please remember that all bookings for the Church Hall **must** be made through **Cathy McCallum**. This applies whether the let is for a private function or for a Parish committee or group.

### CAFÉ LINDISFARNE

The Café will be serving Rolls n Sausage/bacon, toast, homebaking, biscuits, tea/coffee/juice after 11am Mass.  
**Everyone welcome!**

### WEDNESDAY CAFÉ

Everyone welcome after Mass to the Wednesday Café in **St Mary's**. **Proceeds go to the Renovation of St Mary's Church.**

### POPE FRANCIS' MISSION INTENTION September 2018

Pope Francis asks us to join with him this month in praying:  
***That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.***

### CAN YOU HELP US?

**St Mary's Primary School** has been chosen for the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme. They hope to create a new garden area for the children. Please support them by asking for a blue token when you visit any local Tesco store during September and October.

### NOTICES FOR THE BULLETIN

All notices for the Bulletin should be received in the Chapel House or by e-mail by Wednesday evening.  
**e-mail: [aidanswishaw@gmail.com](mailto:aidanswishaw@gmail.com)**  
This also applies to intimations for the sick, the dead and anniversaries to be included in the bulletin.