

Parish Ministers' Rota  
11<sup>th</sup> February 2018 (Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year B)

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
5 pm Vigil St Aidan's	S.Corr, M.McKenna, D.Chalmers	N.Welsh*, N.Carroll
9.30am St Mary's	B.Lynch (A), E.McBride (B)	H.Bradley
11 am St Aidan's	M.McDowell, P.O'Donnell, C.Irvine	J.Sneddon*, R.Fox
4.30 pm St Mary's		J.McCall

TODAY'S READINGS

Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, learning more about the ministry of Jesus. Jesus cured Simon's mother-in-law and she immediately began to serve Jesus and his disciples. Jesus also cured many others who were brought to him, healing their illnesses and driving out demons. As we will see throughout Mark's Gospel, Jesus did not permit the demons to speak because they knew his identity and would have revealed it to those who were present.

On the morning after this busy day, Jesus retreated in prayer, but was pursued by Simon and others who brought news that many people were looking for him. At this point in Mark's Gospel, we begin to see a distinct role for the inner circle of Jesus' disciples—they act as intermediaries between Jesus and the people. Jesus reports to his disciples that they need to leave Capernaum to preach in other places.

Today's Gospel completes a picture of Jesus' ministry: preaching, curing the sick, driving out demons and then moving on to continue this work in another place. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus did this throughout Galilee.

Jesus' compassion and healing of the sick is a sign of the Kingdom of God. The Church continues to extend Christ's healing presence to others in its ministry to the sick. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church prays for spiritual and physical healing, forgiveness of sins and comfort for those who are suffering from illness.

In today's Gospel we also notice the importance of prayer in Jesus' daily life. Jesus rose early in the morning, removed himself from the crowds, and went to a deserted place to pray. When the disciples found him, he told them that it was time to move on. We believe that in his prayers Jesus found guidance and direction from God. We also bring our decision-making to God in prayer, asking for his guidance and direction in our lives.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

<b>First Reading:</b>	Job 7:1-4.6-7
<b>Response to the Psalm:</b>	<b>Praise the Lord who heals the broken hearted.</b>
<b>Second Reading:</b>	1 Corinthians 9:16-19.22-23
<b>Gospel Acclamation:</b>	<b>Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!</b>
<b>Gospel:</b>	Mark 1:29-39

# St Mary's and St Aidan's

Year B

## Fifth Sunday of the Year

4<sup>th</sup> February 2018



*"He taught them with authority."*

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**FIFTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR 2.**

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Feb, Memorial of St Agatha.** She was born at Catania, Sicily, and martyred in approximately 251. She is one of seven women, excluding the Blessed Virgin Mary, commemorated by name in the Canon of the Mass

**Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Feb, Memorial of St Paul Miki and Companions.** St Paul Mika was the son of a Japanese military leader. He became a Jesuit in 1859 and was known for his eloquent preaching. He and 25 other catholics were crucified during the persecution of Christians in the name of the Japanese emperor. They were all canonised as the Martyrs of Japan in 1862.

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Feb, Memorial of St Scolastica,** born in Nursia about 480, the twin sister of St Benedict. She was dedicated to God from an early age and followed her brother to Cassino, where she died in about 547.

**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, Elaine Farrell Cleary, Margaret Whelan and Beth** who are sick.

**Sandy Ferrier, Tom O'Connor and Isabel McAdam** who have died.

The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of: **William & Margaret Colston, Thomas, Annie McGinn & Family, Peter & Catherine Dunn & Family and John Higgins.**

**SPUC EVENT**

There is a real and growing danger of abortion law being extended in Scotland and the UK. The loss of life and emotional hurt caused by abortion is a key concern for the church and there is a need for us to work effectively to uphold the right to life. To that aim I would like parishes to support the forthcoming meeting being held by SPUC Scotland in **St Bride's Hall, Motherwell,** at **7pm on 19th February.** At the meeting SPUC Scotland staff will explain the challenge and the possible responses. The meeting is open to all who want to attend but if parishes can each nominate two representatives to attend on behalf of the parish that will help provide a strong network for making a firm response to the danger we face.

**TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION**

The second collection will go to the Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES). The money from this collection provides the salaries for those employed and the services and RE resources provided to support Catholic Education in our Primary and Secondary Schools. Please use the Gift Aid envelopes at the end of the pews if you can.

**DIOCESE OF MOTHERWELL CONTEMPLATIVE THEOLOGY**

During Lent, you are invited to experience "Contemplative Theology", our response to Pope Francis' call to "do theology on our knees." Contemplative Theology is simply reflecting on our faith in a prayer-filled environment, bearing fruit in action. We will meet in the **Xavier Centre, Carfin** on **Thursdays 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 1st, 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> March** from **7.30-9pm.** Please see the poster for more details.

**SCIAF FILM SCREENING**

SCIAF wishes to announce the screening of the compelling film *The Claim – Blessed Oscar Romero, His People and Pope Francis'* on Tuesday 20th February 2018 in St Bride's Parish Hall, 21 Greenlees Rd, Cambuslang, Glasgow G72 8JB. Tea and Coffee will be available in the hall from 7pm and a prompt 7.30pm start for the film. Please contact [tmcgoldrick@sciaf.org.uk](mailto:tmcgoldrick@sciaf.org.uk) or 0141 354 5555 to confirm your place. We look forward to welcoming you. Open to all. Free Entry.

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

<b>Sunday</b>		<b>Weekday</b>	
<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
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**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.**

**BISHOP TOAL'S PRE CONFIRMATION VISIT**

Bishop Toal will visit the Confimandi of St Aidan's Primary on Tuesday afternoon. Please remember these children in your prayers as they prepare to receive their final Sacrament of Initiation, making them full members of the Catholic Church.

**THANK YOU**

**The Pensioners of St Aidan's** would like to thank **the members of SVDP** who provided them with a most enjoyable evening recently. **They appreciate the work that Cathy and Michael put in to ensuring that the evening was a huge success.** The SVDP would like to thank all the Pensioners who despite the dreadful weather came along on the evening. They would also like to thank the parishioners who were very generous in donating raffle prizes.

**RACE NIGHT FOR HCPT**

Once again the **Men's Club** is holding a race night to raise funds for **Canon Clements' HCPT group.** This will take place at **7.30pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March** in **St Aidan's Church Hall.** There will be a licensed bar. If you or your company or business wish to sponsor a race, buy a horse, donate raffle prizes or support us in any other way, please contact a member of the Men's Club or **phone Pat O'Connor (384440).**

**CAFÉ LINDISFARNE**

The Café will be serving Rolls n Sausage in the hall after Mass this morning.  
**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

**HONOURING OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February** begins a year of celebrations to mark the **160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady at Lourdes.** At **6pm** we will have a Torchlight Rosary Procession, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, in Saint Francis Xavier's Parish Church. On **Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Feb** at **1pm** there will be a Solemn Mass, during which the Sacrament of the Sick will be offered. Light refreshments will be served in the Xavier Centre afterwards. **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** will take place in the **Glass Chapel from 10.30am until 4pm.** All welcome.

**MARTIN AELRED CONCERT**

Thanks to everyone who supported the concert with Martin Aelred. **£972.80** was raised for the renovation fund.

**CADALBA** will not meet on **7<sup>th</sup> February** Next meeting is on **14<sup>th</sup> February.**

**WISHAW GENERAL CHAPLAINCY**

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