

Parish Ministers' Rota  
12<sup>th</sup> August 2018 (Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B)

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
5 pm Vigil St Aidan's	D.Chalmers, P.McCafferty, S.Corr	K.Cassidy*, M.McCardie
9.30am St Mary's	B.Devlin, C. Cairns	J.Smyth
11 am St Aidan's	J.Fox, J.Burton, J.Slavin	C.Varguese, B.Varguese*
4.30 pm St Mary's		A.Welsh

**TODAY'S READINGS**

In today's Gospel, there are four exchanges between Jesus and the crowd. In the first, the crowd, having followed Jesus to Capernaum, asks a very matter of fact question: "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus replies by naming their motivation in pursuing him. They have been fed. Jesus acknowledges this, yet challenges them to see beyond the fulfilment of their material needs. The crowds have followed Jesus because they have been fed. They ought to be seeking out Jesus because he can give them eternal life.

As the second dialogue begins, it seems that the crowd might be on their way to accepting Jesus and his mission. They ask: "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus replies that they must have faith in the one sent from God. But in the third dialogue, the crowd reveals their inability to see Jesus' true identity. They ask Jesus for a sign so that they might know that Jesus is from God. How strange this sounds since Jesus has just fed more than 5000 people. What more is expected?

But the crowd cannot see beyond the surface of the sign. They show this in their interpretation of the sign that came from Moses. In their description, they identify Jesus with Moses, as if to say, as Moses gave the people manna in the desert, give us a sign so that we will know that you are from God. They are looking to identify a prophet without realising that God is standing before them. Jesus corrects their misinterpretation, saying that the manna received by their ancestors came from God. As God fulfilled their ancestors' needs in the desert, so God has provided them with food for eternal life. In the bread that they have received from Jesus, they have received physical nourishment and also spiritual nourishment. Jesus wants the crowd to see beyond the surface to the One who provides true nourishment.

The conclusion of the dialogue reveals the crowd's blindness. They ask for what Jesus has just told them they have found: "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus answers plainly that he himself is the Bread of Life they seek. Jesus himself is the Bread of Life who will satisfy every hunger and thirst. This is the first of several such statements found in John's Gospel. We understand these better when we remember that God revealed his name to the people of Israel as "I am," as Yahweh. Jesus is now claiming this name for himself. In the weeks ahead, we will see the offence that this gives to the people.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

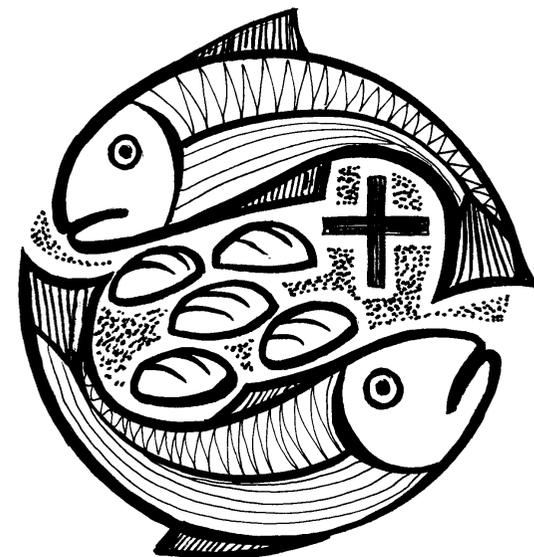
<b>First Reading:</b>	Exodus 16:2-4.12-15
<b>Response to the Psalm:</b>	<b>The Lord gave them bread from heaven.</b>
<b>Second Reading:</b>	Ephesians 4: 17.20-24
<b>Gospel Acclamation:</b>	<b>Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!</b>
<b>Gospel:</b>	John 6:24-35

# St Mary's and St Aidan's

Year B

## Eighteenth Sunday of the Year

5<sup>th</sup> August 2018



*"He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst."*

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## EIGHTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR 2

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> August, Feast of the Transfiguration of The Lord.** This feast celebrates the revelation of Christ's divine glory on Mount Tabor in Galilee. After revealing to His disciples that He would be put to death in Jerusalem, Christ, along with Ss. Peter, James, and John, went up the mountain. There, St. Matthew writes, "he was transfigured before them. And his face did shine as the sun: and his garments became white as snow."

**Wed 8<sup>th</sup> August, Memorial of St Dominic.** He founded the Dominican Order. The spread of the Rosary is attributed to the preaching of St. Dominic. The Rosary has for centuries been at the heart of the Dominican Order. Pope Pius XI stated that: "*The Rosary of Mary is the principle and foundation on which the very Order of Saint Dominic rests for making perfect the life of its members and obtaining the salvation of others.*"

**Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> August, Feast of St Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein).** Born into an observant Jewish family she was atheist by her teenage years. Moved by the war tragedies, in 1915 she took lessons to become a nursing assistant, and worked in a hospital for outbreak prevention; Edith was baptised on January 1, 1922 into the Roman Catholic Church. She became a Carmelite nun and was canonised on 11<sup>th</sup> October 1998.

**Fri 10<sup>th</sup> August, Feast of St Lawrence,** arrested under the Emperor Valerian in 258, laid upon a gridiron and slowly roasted to death. Lawrence rejoiced in his awful martyrdom and died praying for the conversion of the city of Rome, in the hope that from it the faith of Christ might spread throughout the world. From that time idolatry began to decline in Rome.

**Sat 4<sup>th</sup> August, Memorial of St Clare,** who became a follower of Saint Francis of Assisi and founded the Poor Clare's. On Feb 17th 1958, Pope Pius XI designated her as the patron saint of TV.

### 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**

**Agnes Conor, Margaret Shea** (Slavin) and **John Lavery** who have died.

The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of:  
**Bridie Higgins, David McKendrick, John McConnachie, Frankie Smith, Agnes Connolly, Elizabeth Wilkie, Mary Connolly, Henry Hughes, Ade McGuire, Peter McGhee** (Snr), **John McAllister** and **Pat McCourt.**

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MASS**  
**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm**  
**Motherwell Cathedral**

Please try to attend this Mass to pray for vocations.

### PARISH OUTING TO WHITHORN

We are running a coach to the annual **St Ninian's Pilgrimage Mass in Whithorn** on **Sunday, 26th August.**

The coach will leave **St Aidan's at 10am** and **St Mary's at 10.15 am**, after 9.30 Mass, returning at about 10pm.

We will stop in Girvan on the way down for lunch, and stop at Girvan Sacred Heart church hall for fish suppers on the return journey. Mass at St Ninian's cave on the beach is at 4pm, celebrated by Bishop Nolan of Galloway. The cave is reached by a walk of about a mile on difficult terrain. For those who cannot manage the walk, there is Mass in the village church at 4.45 pm.

The cost of the trip, including fish suppers, is £22 for adults and £15 for children.

There will be lists at the back of each church from Sunday to sign up. Alternatively, contact Jim McKelvie on 07957 847290 or Anne McCrossan on 01698 385292.

**A deposit of £10 per person will be required by Sunday 12th August. Either Jim or Anne will be at back of Church after each Sunday mass on 12<sup>th</sup> August. The balance will be paid on the bus.**

## 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.**

### A BIG THANK YOU!

Many thanks to **Fr Hilary** who has been serving the needs of the **Parish of St Mary's and St Aidan's** during **Fr O'Connor's** well deserved holidays.

He brought the joy of the Gospel from Nigeria via Dublin to Wishaw and Cleland.

We hope that we will see him again and wish him every success when he goes to Boston for the next five years to continue his studies.

**Thank you Fr Hilary!**

### KEEP TO THE BEAT

Please remember to ask for a Tesco Bags of Help Initiative token whenever you are in Tesco and help KEEP TO THE BEAT (a volunteer team of nurses) to teach all primary school children in Lanarkshire the lifesaving skill of **CPR** (cardiopulmonary resuscitation).

**CPR** is a method used to keep someone alive in a medical emergency.

**Every token counts.**

### CAFÉ LINDISFARNE

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

**Everyone welcome!**

### POPE FRANCIS' MISSION INTENTION

**August 2018**

Pope Francis asks us to join with him this month in praying:

*That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.*

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**FURNITURE COLLECTION SVDP**  
**07864502874 or 07749467335**

### WISHAW GENERAL CHAPLAINCY

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

### PARISH NOTICES

**The Stall** is open in St Aidan's Hall after 11am Mass.

**The Morning Café** is open in St Aidan's Hall after 10am Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the year and in St Mary's after 10am Mass on Wednesdays during term time. **Everyone is welcome!**

**Indoor Bowling Club** meets in St Aidan's Hall on Tuesdays 1.30pm. **New members welcome!**

**St Mary's Rosary Group** meets in St Mary's every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm. **All welcome!**

**The CADALBA Group** meets in St Aidan's Hall on Wed 11.15am. **New members welcome!**

**The Men's Club** meets in St Aidan's Hall every Thursday at 7.30pm. **New members welcome.**

**Hall Bookings for St Aidan's Hall: Phone Cathy McCallum (01698 383553).** All Parish Groups must also book with Cathy to ensure that the hall is not double booked.