

Parish Ministers' Rota  
14<sup>th</sup> January 2018 (Second 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.Devlin (A), C.Cairns (B)	P.Gorrell
11 am St Aidan's	J.Devanny, M.McDowell, C.Irvine	J.McKelvie
4.30 pm St Mary's		J.McCall

**TODAY'S READINGS**

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a saviour. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

<b>First Reading:</b>	Isaiah 6:1-6
<b>Response to the Psalm:</b>	<b>All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.</b>
<b>Second Reading:</b>	Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6
<b>Gospel Acclamation:</b>	<b>Alleluia, Alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!</b>
<b>Gospel:</b>	Matthew 2:1-12

# St Mary's and St Aidan's

Year B

## Solemnity of the Epiphany

7<sup>th</sup> January 2018



*"We saw his star and have come to do homage."*

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**CHRISTMAS SEASON /FIRST WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR 2.**

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Jan, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.** Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism by John in the Jordan.  
**Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Jan, feast of St Kentigern,** also known as St Mungo (meaning dear one). Kentigern was a missionary to the Britons in Strathclyde and was consecrated their Bishop. Driven out by persecution, he preached in north-west England and Wales, but eventually returned to Scotland. He died in 603 and was buried in Glasgow.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**Very Rev. Noel Canon Carey who is very ill, 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.

**Pat Gillies** who has died.

The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of:

**Thomas Quinn, Joseph Donnelly, Brunton Family, Green Family, James Briody, James & Catherine Brunton, Joe & Wilma Brunton, Mary Spence, Elizabeth Coyle, Thomas McAloon, Ellen & Michael McConnachie, Arthur Cairns, Michael Brennan & Martin Brennan.**

**CONFIRMATION MEETING**

**St. Aidan's Primary School**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 6pm.**

There will be a meeting in Saint Aidan's P.S. for parents/guardians of children in P6/7 who are making their Confirmation in February.

**200 CLUB**

**Subscriptions are now due for 2018.**

£12 per year or £1 per month for each number you have. £100 in prize money is paid out each month. The more numbers taken, the more the Parish receives.

Stuart and Andrew collect the money during the Café each Sunday but many people prefer to pay on an annual basis. **Numbers are available.**

**WESTERN CATHOLIC CALENDAR**

Copies of the Western Catholic Calendar are available from the Stall in the Hall or from the back of St Marv's.

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY**

Today, a collection is taken up in all the Scottish Dioceses to support the work of the Scottish Churches' Justice and Peace Commission and local justice and peace initiatives in Motherwell Diocese.

**Gift Aid envelopes are available at the end of the pews.**

The Second Collection in St Mary's for the Church Renovation will be taken up on 14<sup>th</sup> January.

**CONCERT MARTIN AELRED**

**Saint Mary's Sunday 28th January 7pm**

Martin Aelred will perform an evening of music in aid of renovation work at Saint Mary's. This is an evening of entertainment for families, Martin sings both classical and sacred music. There is no charge for the concert but there will be collection baskets on leaving the Church for those who wish to support the renovation work.

**ST AIDAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**REGISTRATION OF INFANT**

**BEGINNERS FOR AUGUST 2018**

Children who attain the age of 5 years between **1<sup>st</sup> March 2018 and 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019** should be registered at St. Aidan's Primary School from **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January.**

**Registration Times:**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 1.30pm – 4pm**  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Jan 9.30am – 12.30pm**  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 1.30pm – 4pm**  
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 9.30am – 12.30pm**  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 1.30pm -4pm**

**Parents must bring with them their child's birth certificate and a Council Tax bill to ensure proof of address.**

Certificate of baptism, although not required for registration purposes, is also requested if available.

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

**Sunday**

**St Aidan's:** 5pm Vigil Mass  
**St Mary's:** 9.30am Mass  
**St Aidan's:** 11am Mass  
**St Mary's:** 4.30pm Mass

**Weekday**

**Monday:** St Mary's 10am  
**Tuesday:** St Aidan's 10am  
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St Mary's 7pm (*Latin Mass*)  
**Friday:** St Mary's 10am  
**Saturday:** St Aidan's 10am  
St Mary'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** 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.**

**NEW VESTMENTS FOR ST AIDAN'S**

It has been a while since vestments have been purchased for Saint Aidan's Church. I have ordered some new vestments from a company in Madrid, in the four liturgical colours, green, white, red, and violet. To obtain quality vestments that will last for many years to come these will cost £500 each. I would like to invite individuals/families, to sponsor the price of a vestment in honour of a loved one. The name of the person would be sewn on the inside of the vestment in memory of that person. If you would like to sponsor one or for more information please speak to Fr O'Connor.

**CAFÉ LINDISFARNE**

The Café will be serving Rolls n Sausage and bacon, toast, tea/coffee and homebaking in the hall after Mass this morning.  
**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

**WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING  
SAINT MARY'S**

The coffee morning will resume this Wednesday after 10am Mass.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

The children's liturgy takes place each Sunday (during term time) at the beginning of the 11am Mass and will resume next week. Children from age 3 until they make their First Holy Communion are invited at the beginning of Mass to go to the hall where they celebrate the Liturgy of the Word appropriate to their age. They hear the Gospel story in a text they can understand and do some activities related to the Gospel passage. They return to the Church and join their parents/carers at the Offertory. If you would like your child to participate, but are unsure if he/she would take part, you could go out with go with him/her on the first week.

**CADALBA**

The Group resumes in St Aidan's church hall on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 11.15am.**

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY  
SENIORS' DINNER**

**ST AIDAN'S CHURCH HALL  
FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2018 at 7pm**

Last week to add your name and choice of main meal on the poster at the back of the Church. **Should you no longer be able to attend after booking your place, please phone Michael (07519284489) as soon as possible.**

**UNWANTED CHRISTMAS GIFTS?**

During the evening of the Seniors' dinner, there will be a free raffle draw. Prizes would be gratefully accepted for this raffle and should be handed to a member of the SVDP after Mass or leave at back of the Church.

**WISHAW GENERAL CHAPLAINCY**

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