

**Parish Ministers' Rota**  
15<sup>th</sup> April 2018 (Third Sunday of Easter Year B)

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
5 pm Vigil St Aidan's	M.McKenna,D.Chalmers, P.McCafferty	A.McCrorie
9.30am St Mary's	E.Briody(A), J.McLeish (B)	H.Bradley
11 am St Aidan's	J.Devanny, E.Grattan, J.Pearson	J.Fox*, P.Boyle
4.30 pm St Mary's		L.Higgins

**TODAY'S READINGS**

Today's gospel is proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter in each of the lectionary cycles. This fact alone should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus that are described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit, but in bodily form. We do not know, however, exactly what this form looked like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognise him until he spoke to her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking along the road to Emmaus did not recognise Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected form, Jesus was not bound by matter; he appeared to the disciples inside a home even though the door was locked. Yet the disciples could still touch the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

Thomas, the doubting disciple, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading:** Acts 4:32-35  
**Response to the Psalm:** **Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.**  
**Second Reading:** 1 John 5 :1-6  
**Gospel Acclamation:** **Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe." Alleluia!**  
**Gospel:** John 20:19-31

# *St Mary's and St Aidan's*

*Year B*

## *Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday*

*8<sup>th</sup> April 2018*



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## SECOND WEEK OF EASTERTIDE YEAR 2

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> April, Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.** The Annunciation of the Lord celebrates the angel Gabriel's appearance to the Virgin Mary, announcing that she had been chosen to be the Mother of Our Lord. The Annunciation always falls on March 25<sup>th</sup>, exactly nine months before the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas. However, the celebration of the feast is transferred to a different date if it falls on a Sunday of Lent, during Holy Week, or during the octave of Easter. The Church considers Masses for the Sundays of Lent, any time in Holy Week, and any time from Easter through the Sunday after Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) to be so important that even this Marian feast cannot replace one of them. So, when the Annunciation falls on a Sunday in Lent (before Palm Sunday), it is transferred to the following Monday. If it falls on Palm Sunday or on any day in Holy Week, it is transferred to Low Monday, the Monday after the Sunday after Easter.

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> April, Memorial of St Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr.** He became bishop of Krakow, Poland in 1072. His outspoken condemnation of corruption resulted in his murder in 1097.

### 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, Elaine Farrell Cleary, Rose O'Donnell, Margaret Whelan, Mary T. Stones (McKinney) Henry Hughes and Patsy Murphy** who are sick.

**John McAllister and James Cairns** who have died.

**The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of: Susan King, Anna Delaney, Peter Delaney, Vera Lafferty, Andrew Duffy, Elizabeth George, John O'Kane and Janina Zolkiewska-Kotowska.**

### POPE FRANCIS' MISSION INTENTION

April 2018

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

*That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.*

### DIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES

(take place over two consecutive Saturdays 9.45am until 1.30pm)

**8<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018 St Mary's, H/ton**

**Further information is also available at**  
<http://www.rcdom.org.uk/marriageprep1.html>

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

During the course of Jesus' revelations to Saint Faustina on the Divine Mercy, He asked on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. The liturgical texts of that day, the 2nd Sunday of Easter, concern the institution of the Sacrament of Penance, the Tribunal of the Divine Mercy, and are thus already suited to the request of Our Lord. This Feast, which had already been granted to the nation of Poland and been celebrated within Vatican City, was granted to the Universal Church by Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the canonisation of Sr. Faustina on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2000. In a decree dated 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments stated that "throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come." These papal acts represent the highest endorsement that the Church can give to a private revelation, an act of papal infallibility proclaiming the certain sanctity of the mystic, and the granting of a universal feast, as requested by Our Lord to St. Faustina.

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

## 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.**

### SCIAF WEE BOX APPEAL

Please return your **WEE BOX** as soon as possible **but no later than today Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April** to ensure that we can send donations and Gift Aid signatures to SCIAF in time. The UK Government is once again matching your donations.

**WEE BOX Big change £1 =£2**

### ST AIDAN'S GIFT AID ENVELOPES

**Gift Aid Envelopes** are available for collection. If you have not yet signed up for Gift Aid, why not start now.

**Every £1 Gift Aided gains an additional 25p for the Parish at no cost to you.**

### WISHAW GENERAL CHAPLAINCY

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

### SVDP HELPLINE

If you require the services of the SVDP you can contact a member by phoning

### CAFÉ LINDISFARNE

The Café will be serving Rolls n Sausage and scones after 11am Mass today.

### ROSARY ON THE COAST OF THE BRITISH ISLES

**Sunday 29th April 2018 at 3pm.**

We are organising a bus to take parishioners to the coast to pray the rosary and join thousands making a ring around Scotland, England and Wales to pray for faith life and peace. The intention is to join with St Margaret's Parish in South Queensferry. After the Rosary, there will be some free time to enable everyone to have a walk along the front, and have something to eat. There will be no cost for the bus but we need to know numbers by **next Sunday (15<sup>th</sup>)**. There are lists at the back of each Church.

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

### 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. Café open in St Mary's Hall after 10am Mass on Wednesday.

**Indoor Bowling Club** meets in St Aidan's on Tuesdays 1.30pm - 3pm. **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 Wednesdays 11.15am. This group meets to raise funds for Third World countries. A large number of the members crotchet or knit blankets and baby clothes but others just enjoy the blether. **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)**