

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

| Mass                  | Eucharistic Ministers             | Readers                  |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 5 pm Vigil St Aidan's | M.McKenna, D.Chalmers, S.Corr     | A.M. O'Neill*, N.Carroll |
| 9.30am St Mary's      | P Gorrell, B Devlin               | J.Smyth                  |
| 11 am St Aidan's      | M.McDowell, P.O'Donnell, C.Irvine | J.Fox, P.Boyle*          |
| 4.30 pm St Mary's     |                                   | H.Law                    |

**TODAY'S READINGS**

In today's Gospel, Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. This is a story about Jesus' healing power, and in it we find clues about our understanding of sacrament. We are struck by the physical means used to heal the man, the use of spittle and touch. The Church continues to celebrate the sacraments using physical means. In the Sacrament of Baptism, water and oil are used to show the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are anointed with holy oil on the forehead and the hands. In the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. We are a sacramental people who believe that God's grace is given to us through these physical signs.

Some, however, see in this Gospel an image of the proclamation of the good news of Jesus to the Gentiles. The geographic references tell us that Jesus is journeying through Gentile territory. Jesus had previously visited this region and healed a person possessed by a demon. Jesus was already famous there, which explains why people brought the deaf man to him. The story that precedes this reading in Mark's Gospel sets the stage. Jesus encounters a Gentile, a woman from Phoenicia when it was part of the Roman province of Syria, who asks him to heal her demon-possessed daughter. Jesus engages her in a dialogue about not feeding to dogs the food intended for children. Jesus is struck by the woman's great faith when she replies that even dogs eat the food that falls from the table, and he heals her daughter immediately. The faith of this Greek woman compels Jesus to respond to her plea.

Mark shows that Jesus' own mission affirms the early Church's mission to the Gentiles. This was a significant issue to the early Christian community, which found that the good news of Jesus took root and spread quickly among the Gentiles. Yet there is an irony in the story of healing that Mark tells. Jesus gives the man the gift of speech, but then tells him not to use it. Jesus asks that the news of his healing power, which is evidence of his identity as the Messiah, not be spread. This is a recurring motif in Mark's Gospel and is sometimes called the "messianic secret."

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

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| <b>First Reading:</b>         | Isaiah 35:4-7  |
| <b>Response to the Psalm:</b> | <b>My soul, give praise to the Lord.</b>   |
| <b>Second Reading:</b>        | James 2:1-5  |
| <b>Gospel Acclamation:</b>    | <b>Alleluia, Alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!</b> |
| <b>Gospel:</b>                | Mark 7:31-37   |

# St Mary's and St Aidan's

Year B

## Twenty Third Sunday of the Year (Vocations Awareness Week)

9<sup>th</sup> September 2018



*"He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak."*

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## TWENTY THIRD WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR 2

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> September, Memorial of St John Chrysostom.** John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople, was an important Early Church Father. He is known for his eloquence in preaching and public speaking and his denunciation of abuse of authority by both Church and political leaders. After his death in 407 (or, according to some sources, during his life) he was given the Greek epithet *chrysostomos*, meaning "golden mouthed" in English, and anglicised to Chrysostom.

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> September, Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross.** This feast celebrates three historical events: the finding of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the emperor Constantine; the dedication of churches built by Constantine on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and Mount Calvary; and the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem by the emperor Heraclius II. But in a deeper sense, the feast also celebrates the Holy Cross as the instrument of our salvation. This instrument of torture, designed to degrade the worst of criminals, became the life-giving tree that reversed Adam's Original Sin when he ate from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the Garden of Eden.

**Sat 13<sup>th</sup> September, Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows.** In 1727, Pope Benedict XIII placed the feast on the Roman Calendar, to be celebrated on the Friday before Palm Sunday. In 1913, Pope Pius X set the date as September 15<sup>th</sup>. The Catholic Church celebrates the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on the day after the feast of the Holy Cross to show the close connection between Jesus' Passion and Mary's Sorrows.

### 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

**Pat Quinn** who has died.

The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of:  
**Mick Lynn , Patrick (Packy) Cassidy & Susie Cassidy, Eleanor McAllister, George, Elizabeth & John O'Kane, Mary & Hugh Mallaghan, Peter Cairns Snr & Jnr and Martha McKenna.**

### 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**

This also applies to intimations for the sick, the dead and anniversaries to be included in the bulletin.

### 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.

### CANON CLEMENTS' 80<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY

St Aidan's Men's Club is organising a birthday dinner to celebrate **Canon Clements' 80<sup>th</sup> birthday**.

This will take place in the church hall on **Saturday 20th October 7pm** for 7:30pm start. Tickets will be available soon at a cost of £20.

This will include a three course meal, with one glass of wine or soft drink, followed by tea/coffee with biscuits and a contribution towards a monetary gift for Canon Clements. There will be a licensed bar on the night. If you wish to purchase tickets please add your name to the list at the back of the church. All parishioners are welcome but as the number of tickets are limited they will be sold on a first come first served basis.

### MASS FOR MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Bishop Toal will celebrate a special Mass in the Cathedral on 19<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm to celebrate Marriage & Family life.

A special invitation is extended to all newly married couples, and those celebrating special anniversaries this year, e.g. 10,25,40,50,60 years of marriage.

If you plan to attend this Mass and are celebrating a special anniversary please inform Fr. O'Connor, so he can pass on this information to those who are organising the Mass.

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

| Sunday  | Weekday  |
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| <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<br>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>                              |
| <b>First Friday of the Month (during term time)</b> |  |
| <b>Confessions:</b>                                 | After weekday Masses in relevant church.                           |
| <b>Saturday:</b>                                    | 4.30pm – 4.50pm and after Vigil Mass in St Aidan's.                |
| <b>Thursday Evening:</b>                            | 6.30pm – 7pm in St Mary's before Latin Mass                        |
|   | <b>Baptisms</b>  |
| <b>St Aidan's Church</b>                            | 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 12 noon |
| <b>St Mary's Church</b>                             | 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 12.30pm |
| To arrange please contact:                          | <b>Fr O'Connor Tel: (01698) 860254.</b>                            |

### VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

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

During this week we pray especially for those who are considering the possibility of a vocation to priesthood, permanent diaconate, religious or consecrated life - that they may follow in Our Lord's footsteps and answer His call to serve His people in ministry.

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK** ..... is for Ecclesiastical Students' Fund within our Diocese.

Each Diocese needs to educate and prepare its future priests and permanent deacons. A special collection is taken up on one Sunday each year to help towards the costs of this essential need. We were blessed with a good number of ordinations in Motherwell this year but it is expensive to prepare them for priesthood.

Gift Aid Envelopes are available.

### 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.

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

### 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.

### 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.

### WISHAW GENERAL CHAPLAINCY

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