

Parish Ministers' Rota
18th 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	K.Cassidy
9.30am St Mary's	C.Cairns, B.Devlin	P.Gorrell
11 am St Aidan's	E.Hamilton, E.Grattan, J.Burton	J.Fox, P.Boyle*
4.30 pm St Mary's		L.Higgins

TODAY'S READINGS

Today's gospel begins with Jesus healing a man with leprosy, a disfiguring, infectious skin disease that has been surrounded by many social and religious taboos throughout history.

In Jesus' time, religious and social taboos dictated the behaviour of those with leprosy and other skin diseases. The Law of Moses provided for the examination of skin diseases by the priests, and if leprosy was identified, the person was declared unclean. People with leprosy lived in isolation from the community. They were instructed to rip their clothes and to announce their presence with loud cries when moving in the community. If the sores of leprosy healed, the Law of Moses provided a purification rite that permitted the person to return to the community.

In today's Gospel, the man with leprosy took the initiative, approaching Jesus and asking for healing. In doing so, the leper violated the religious customs of the day by approaching a person who was clean. His request to Jesus can be interpreted as a courageous and daring act. The confidence of the leper in Jesus' ability to heal him is evident in the words of his request. But his words can also be read as a challenge to Jesus, asking just how far Jesus was willing to extend himself in order to heal someone. While healing the man, Jesus touched him, which also violated established social norms. This is an important sign of the depth of Jesus' compassion for the man and an important statement about Jesus' interpretation of the Law of Moses.

Although Jesus touched the leper, he did not break completely with the Law of Moses. He instructed the man not to tell anyone about the cure and told him to present himself to the priests as prescribed by the Law of Moses. The first instruction sounds nearly impossible to honour. Certainly, the man would want to share the good news of his healing, and his quick improvement would require an explanation. The second instruction honours the Law of Moses.

Mark's Gospel tells us that after this healing, it became difficult for Jesus to travel freely. There are several possible explanations for this. There might have been concern about the repercussions of Jesus' breach of social and religious norms. In touching the man with leprosy, Jesus made himself unclean. Mark's narrative, however, leads to the conclusion that Jesus' movement was hampered by his popularity. Despite his instructions, the cured man spread the word about Jesus' healing power. Even when Jesus was in deserted places, people sought him out in search of his healing.

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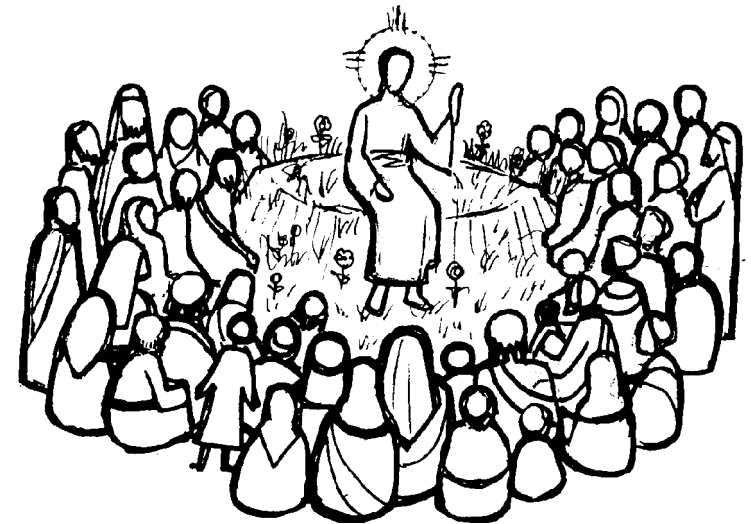
First Reading:	Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46
Response to the Psalm:	You are my refuge O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.
Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, Alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!
Gospel:	Mark 1:40-45

St Mary's and St Aidan's

Year B

Sixth Sunday of the Year

11th February 2018



“The leprosy left him at once and he was cured.”

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SIXTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR 2.

Wed 14th Feb. ASH WEDNESDAY and a day of **FASTING & ABSTINENCE.**

MASS TIMES: St. Mary's 10am St. Aidan's 11am and 7pm.

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 and Margaret Whelan who are sick.

James Devine, David Wilson and Margaret Henderson who have died.

The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of:
Betty Taylor, Eleanor Cassidy, Joseph McGuinness, John McCallum Jnr, Patricia Mooty (Holytown), **Christine O'Reilly** (Ireland), **Anthony Crumley and Joseph Crumley.**

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.

THANK YOU

Jacqueline Daly would like to thank all her family and friends for helping to celebrate her 50th birthday. Holy Mass will be offered up for the intentions of all.

WISHAW GENERAL CHAPLAINCY

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

LAST WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION for the Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES) came to **£1158.83. Thank You!**

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 22nd February, 1st, 8th & 15th March** from **7.30-9pm**.

Please see the poster for more details.

SCIAF FILM SCREENING

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

Free Entry.

ST AIDAN'S BROWNIE PACK

St. Aidan's Brownies are away to camp from Friday to Sunday. Please pray for the children and leaders as they are away on their adventures, that the weather will be kind to them, that they will be safe and that they have a great time!

SCIAF WEE BOX BIG CHANGE

Boxes are available at back of Church. SCIAF Sunday collection will be taken up on 4th Sunday of Lent.

The UK Government is matching pound for pound all donations received by 8th May so please return your boxes to the Parish by Easter Sunday.

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
Wednesday: St Mary's 10am
Thursday: St Aidan's 10am
St Mary's 7pm (*Latin Mass*)
Friday: St Mary's 10am
Saturday: St Aidan's 10am
St Mary's 10am St Aidan'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 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 12 noon
St Mary's Church 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 12.30pm
To arrange please contact: **Fr O'Connor Tel: (01698) 860254.**

LENTEN PROGRAMME

ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass: St Mary's 10am.
St Aidan's. 11am & 7pm.

Note, this is not a Holyday of Obligation, but you are encouraged to attend as we begin this holy season.

EARLY MASS:

St. Aidan's: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:20am
St. Mary's: Tuesday & Thursday 8:30am (note these early Masses begin on Thursday 15th February, we encourage school children to attend.)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

St. Aidan's: Tuesday 6:30pm
St. Mary's Thursday 6:30pm

ROSARY & BENEDICTION:

Saint Mary's from First Sunday of Lent 5:15pm approx., immediately after the 4:30pm Mass.

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 16th 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/bacon and homebaking in the hall after Mass this morning.
EVERYONE WELCOME!

NEW PARISH PRAYER & CONTEMPLATION GROUP

We are hoping to start a new prayer group in the parish. We would meet fortnightly in **Saint Aidan's Chapel House.** We will pray with a scriptural passage and use it as a basis for contemplation. The first meeting will take place on **Tuesday 13th February** at **7:15pm.** Group open to all parishioners from both Saint Aidan's and Saint Mary's.

HONOURING OUR LADY OF LOURDES
Sunday 11th February begins a year of celebrations to mark the **160th 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 12th 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.**