

Parish Ministers' Rota
21st January 2018 (Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B)

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
5 pm Vigil St Aidan's	S.Corr, M.McKenna, D.Chalmers	K.Cassidy*, M.McCardie
9.30am St Mary's	C.Nicol (A), G.Brawley (B)	J.Smyth
11 am St Aidan's	P.O'Donnell, E.Hamilton, A.McCrossan	B.Moulds*, L.McCrum
4.30 pm St Mary's		L.Higgins

TODAY'S READINGS

Although we are in Ordinary Time, today's reading continues with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the Christmas season. Today's reading from the Gospel according to John immediately follows John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus and his identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God. Having been baptised by John, Jesus begins to gather followers. The first followers sought out Jesus because of the testimony and witness of John the Baptist.

We are familiar with the title that John the Baptist uses for Jesus—the Lamb of God. For those who heard John the Baptist, however, this title recalled key themes from the Old Testament. It alludes to the paschal lamb offered as a sacrifice when God freed the Israelites from slavery, the event that is commemorated by the Jewish Passover celebration. The designation also recalls the prophet Isaiah's description of the suffering servant of Israel. In using this name for Jesus, John the Baptist predicts Jesus' passion and death and the new interpretation of Passover that will begin with Jesus' Last Supper. We learn in today's reading how Jesus' first followers were gathered. The first two, Andrew and another man, were followers of John the Baptist. After hearing John's testimony, they became followers of Jesus. During their time with Jesus, the details of which are not specified, Andrew and the other follower came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. Andrew then brings his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Immediately, Jesus gave Simon a new name, calling him Peter, which means "rock" in Greek. The renaming of Simon to Peter is reported in all four of the Gospels.

In the exchange between Andrew, the other disciple, and Jesus, we see an example of the usual pattern for first-century Jewish rabbinical schools. Jews sought out rabbis and established themselves as disciples of a particular rabbi. Jesus appears to have been unique in that he sought out individuals, inviting them to be his followers. In the passage that follows, John's Gospel tells us how Jesus took the initiative in calling Philip and Nathanael.

Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, "What are you looking for?" This is a telling question, and one that we might often ask of ourselves. John the Baptist testified to Jesus' identity, the Lamb of God, using the framework of the Old Testament. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do we look for and what do we find in Jesus?

LITURGY OF THE WORD

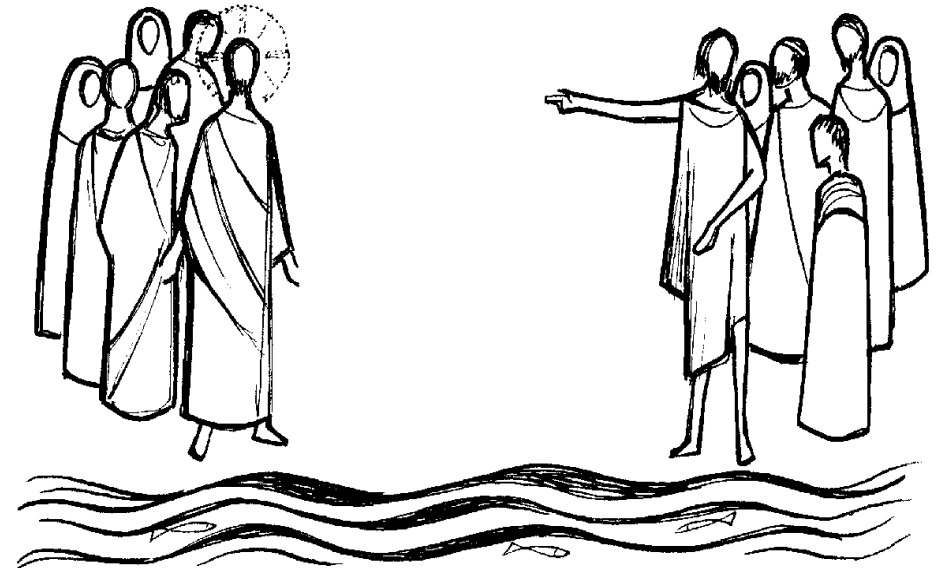
First Reading:	1 Samuel 3:3-10.19
Response to the Psalm:	Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.
Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 6:13-15.17-20
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, Alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!
Gospel:	John 1:35-42

St Mary's and St Aidan's

Year B

Second Sunday of the Year

14th January 2018



"Look, there is the lamb of God."

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SECOND WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR 2.

Wed 17th Jan, Memorial of St Anthony, born in 251AD of rich and good living Christian parents. After dividing all his possessions among the poor while still a young man, he retired into the desert. Here he lived the life of a hermit for many years devoting himself to silence, prayer and manual labour. He died at the age of 105 in 356AD. He is known as the 'Father of monasticism'.

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.

Very Rev. Noel Canon Carey, Luke Henderson, Mary Duncan and Tress Winning who have died

The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of:
Mary Crumley, Bernard Crumley, Robert Gallagher, John McCallum Snr and Philomena McMahon.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY SENIORS' DINNER

ST AIDAN'S CHURCH HALL
FRIDAY 19th JANUARY 2018 at 7pm

Should you no longer be able to attend after booking your place, please phone Michael (07519284489) as soon as possible.

Please remember to bring your own bottle. Glasses will be provided.

UNWANTED CHRISTMAS GIFTS?

Prizes for the free raffle would be gratefully accepted and should be handed to a member of the SVDP or leave in box at back of Church.

CONCERT MARTIN AELRED

Saint Mary's Sunday 28th January 7pm

An evening of music and family entertainment in aid of renovation work at Saint Mary's. 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.

200 CLUB WINNERS

No:	049	L. Feenan	£70
	002	M. Lavery	£20
	098	C. Strathearn	£10

Numbers available!

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

The Second Collection in St Mary's is for the Church Renovation.

BISHOP TOAL'S PASTORAL VISIT

20th/21st January

Bishop Toal will celebrate at all four Masses during the weekend of 20th/21st January.

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

Last year we welcomed five new priests to Motherwell Diocese and we look forward to four diaconate ordinations from those in seminary in 2018. This week, two young men set out for Salamanca for their propaedeutic period and will hopefully proceed to seminary in October. With a view to starting the propaedeutic period in January 2019, you are asked to contact Fr Brian Lamb (01698 823896) to join an informal group which will meet on a monthly basis, starting on Thursday 25th January.

REGISTRATION OF INFANT BEGINNERS FOR AUGUST 2018

Children who attain the age of 5 years between 1st March 2018 and 28th February 2019 should be registered at their catchment school from Monday 15th to Friday 19th January.

St Aidan's Registration Times:

Monday 15 th Jan	1.30pm – 4pm
Tuesday 16 th Jan	9.30am – 12.30pm
Wednesday 17 th Jan	1.30pm – 4pm
Thursday 18 th Jan	9.30am – 12.30pm
Friday 19 th Jan	1.30pm – 4pm

St Mary's Registration Times:

Monday 15 th Jan	11am and 1pm
Tuesday 16 th Jan	11am and 1pm
Wednesday 17 th Jan	11am and 1pm

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 requested if available.

ANNUAL EDUCATION MASS

Wed 31st January 7pm Motherwell Cathedral

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

Sunday	Weekday
St Aidan's: 5pm Vigil Mass	Monday: St Mary's 10am
St Mary's: 9.30am Mass	Tuesday: St Aidan's 10am
St Aidan's: 11am Mass	Wednesday: St Mary's 10am
St Mary's: 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
	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.**

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 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.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY SOUTH WISHAW PARISH CHURCH

EAST ACADEMY STREET

Mon 15th – Sat 20th January 2018

Each service lasting 20-30 mins followed by light refreshments will be held each day in the above church but will be led by a different church.

Monday	Cambusnethan North
Tuesday	St Thomas'
Wednesday	Methodist Church
Thursday	Baptist Church
Friday	Overtown
Saturday	Craigneuk Belhaven/ Moderator of Hamilton Presbytery

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service in South Wishaw Parish Church on Sun 21st Jan at 6.30pm.

YOUTH CLUB DONATION

Thank you to the **Youth Club** for the donation of **£375** to **St Aidan's Church** for use of the Church Hall.

CAFÉ LINDISFARNE

Today is **Rolls n Sausage Sunday**. The Café will be serving Rolls n Sausage in the hall after Mass this morning.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING SAINT MARY'S

Everyone welcome after 10am Mass.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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 will settle, you could accompany him/her for their first time.

A BIG THANK YOU!

The Children's Liturgy Group would like to thank all who gave generously to the appeal for warm clothing. These gifts have been passed on to Wishaw Social Work and they are distributing them appropriately.

WISHAW GENERAL CHAPLAINCY

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