

**Parish Ministers' Rota**

24<sup>th</sup> June 2018 (Solemnity of the Birth Of St John the Baptist Ordinary Time Year B)

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
5 pm Vigil St Aidan's	P.McCafferty, S.Corr, M.McKenna	K.Cassidy*, M.McCardie
9.30am St Mary's	E.Briody, J.McLeish	H.Bradley
11 am St Aidan's	E.Hamilton, J.Fox, A.McCrossan	C.Varghese, B.Varghese*
4.30 pm St Mary's		H.Law

**TODAY'S READINGS**

This Sunday's Gospel from Mark carries a significant message regarding faith and the Kingdom of God.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus appears reluctant to reveal his identity as the Son of God. After performing miracles of healing, he warns those cured to tell no one. When preaching, Jesus chooses to speak to the crowds in parables, leaving them to discern his message. Only to his disciples does he explain the parable's meaning, and he does this in private at a later time. Today's Gospel consists of two parables about seeds. In the first, Jesus tells those gathered that this is "how it is with the kingdom of God." A man scatters seed which over time sprouts and develops. Then when the grain is ripe, the man harvests his crop. The emphasis in the parable is on the seed, which seemingly has the power to grow on its own. In this it is like the Kingdom of God. While on earth, Jesus planted the seeds of the kingdom by his life, miracles, teaching, and suffering. However, the kingdom is not yet fully established. Although already present in Jesus and his group of twelve, it has yet to come to fruition; just as the seed in the parable needs time to grow, so does God's kingdom.

The second parable focuses on the tiny mustard seed. Though not the smallest of all seeds, it is most likely the smallest that a first-century farmer in Jesus' part of the world would have sown. Small as the mustard seed is, it develops into a tree. Though the mustard tree generally averages only nine to twelve feet in height, it has a wide expanse and provides a nesting place for birds. Just as the tree welcomes the birds, so is God's kingdom welcoming and open to many.

These parables help us discern something about the kingdom of God and our own faith. In God we live and move and have our being, but God is a mystery and his kingdom, though present, has not yet come into its fullness. Today, the Kingdom of God is present in the Church. The mission of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom given to the Apostles is now given to us. But, just as seeds need time to come to fruition, so does the Kingdom of God. That is why in the Lord's Prayer, we pray, "thy kingdom come." We know that it will come in its fullness at the end of time. All we need is faith.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

<b>First Reading:</b>	Ezekiel 17:22-24
<b>Response to the Psalm:</b>	<b>It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.</b>
<b>Second Reading:</b>	2 Corinthians 5:6-10
<b>Gospel Acclamation:</b>	<b>Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!</b>
<b>Gospel:</b>	Mark 4:26-34

# St Mary's and St Aidan's

Year B

## Eleventh Sunday of the Year

17<sup>th</sup> June 2018



*"It is the smallest of all the seeds; yet it grows into the biggest shrub of them all."*

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## ELEVENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR 2

**Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> June, Memorial of St Aloysius Gonzala.** He is an Italian Jesuit saint of the 16th century. As the first born son of his father, Ferrante, and his mother, Marta, he was in line to inherit his father's title of Marquis. Aloysius decided he wanted to join the newly founded religious order, The Society of Jesus, against his father's wishes. During his early studies in Rome, he would regularly go out into the streets of the city to care for victims of the plague. He himself contracted the disease as a result and died on June 21<sup>st</sup> 1591, at the age of twenty-three, six years short of his ordination as a Jesuit priest.

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

**Jack Quinn** who has died.

The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of:  
**Anne Kelly, Isobel Coyle, Sandy Ferrier, Catherine McKenna, Agnes & Edward Slavin, Slavin Family, William & Mary Hogan, Terence & Geraldine Currie, Betty Barrett, John Lochrie Snr, Ann Meharry, Catherine Feenan, James Crilley** and **Kathleen Good.**

### ANNUAL SCALAN MASS

The annual Mass at Scalan takes place on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 4pm. The homilist is the Rt. Rev. William Nolan, Bishop of Galloway. Scalan is signposted on the B9008 (Tomintoul - Dufftown) at Auchnarrow. AB337 9JS is the most local postcode. Cars and minibuses can park close to Scalan. Coach parties have a mile to walk but car drivers will happily give lifts to walking pilgrims.

### SVDP HELPLINE 07561843580

Helpline Box is available at back of St Aidan's Church.

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

### LAST WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION for Apostolate for Life came to £780

**Thank You.**

### CADALBA

This week CADALBA has passed on 70 blankets to local good causes - the Simon Community, Wishaw neo-natal unit, St. Andrew's Hospice and the ambulance service.

The Cadalba Group has organised a bus trip to Largs on Wednesday 20th June, leaving from St. Aidan's church at 9am. Seats are available on this bus trip and it is open to anyone who wishes to go. Cost £6. Tel. 01698 293442

CADALBA will finish up for a summer break on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July and resume on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August.

**New members are always welcome.**

### The BIG Maxim FUN DAY

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018 11am-3pm

Maxim Park

Adults £5 Kids go free

Book [online@www.st-andrews-hospice.com](mailto:online@www.st-andrews-hospice.com)  
Funds raised go to the St Andrew's Hospice Capital Appeal.

### MARY'S MEALS

Marys Meals will be here the weekend **23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> June.**

Place in a black bag your unwanted textiles—shoes, clothes, bags, curtains, bedding (but no pillows or duvets) etc. Raffle tickets will also be on sale. Last collection will be after 11am Mass.

## 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** 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.**

### COLLECTION FOR WISHAW FOODBANK

A collection will be available in St Aidan's church hall after the weekend Masses this weekend.

Items suggested are dry foodstuffs, pasta, rice, tins of veg, fruit, pasta sauces and toiletries such as soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, disposable nappies, ladies sanitary wear etc.

### POPE FRANCIS' MISSION INTENTION

June 2018

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

*That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.*

### WISHAW GENERAL CHAPLAINCY

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

### CAFÉ LINDISFARNE

The Café will be serving Rolls n Sausage/bacon, toast, homebaking, biscuits, tea/coffee and juice after 11am Mass today.

**All Welcome!**

### WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING

Please come along to the weekly coffee morning after 10am Mass in St Mary's. The proceeds go to the renovation work of the church.

**All Welcome!**

### MONTHLY PRO-LIFE MASS

This month's Pro-Life Mass is on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> June in Blessed John Duns Scotus, 270 Ballater St, Gorbals G5 0YT.

There will be Adoration at 6pm, followed by Rosary at 7pm and Mass at 7.30pm. All welcome.

The celebrant will be Bishop Joseph Toal.

### 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 and in St Mary's after 10am Mass on Wednesdays. **Everyone is welcome!**

**Indoor Bowling Club** meets in St Aidan's Hall 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. **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).** All Parish Groups must also book with Cathy to ensure that the hall is not double booked.