

Parish Ministers' Rota  
25<sup>th</sup> February 2018 (Second Sunday of Lent. Year B)

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
5 pm Vigil St Aidan's	S.Corr, M.McKenna, D.Chalmers	A.McCrorie
9.30am St Mary's	G.Brawley(B), C.Nicol (A)	J.Smyth
11 am St Aidan's	A.McCrossan, J.Slavin, J.Pearson	C.Varghese*, B.Varghese
4.30 pm St Mary's		A.Welsh

**TODAY'S READINGS**

On the first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading in each Lectionary cycle is about Jesus' temptation in the desert. This event in the life of Jesus is reported only in the Gospel's Matthew, Mark, and Luke but it is not found in John's Gospel.

Compared to the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, the details throughout Mark's narrative are sparse. This is evident in Mark's account of Jesus' temptation in the desert. Mark tells us only that Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and that for 40 days he was tempted by Satan. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke explain that Jesus fasted while in the desert, that Satan presented him with three temptations, and that Jesus refused each one, quoting Scripture. Matthew and Mark report that angels ministered to Jesus at the end of his time in the desert. In Mark's Gospel, we are told that Jesus went into the desert immediately after his baptism, led by the Spirit. Jesus' public ministry in Galilee begins after his temptation in the desert. Mark's Gospel makes a connection between the arrest of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom of God is in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist, but it is also something new. As Jesus announces it, the Kingdom of God is beginning; the time of the fulfilment of God's promises is here. The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent.

In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

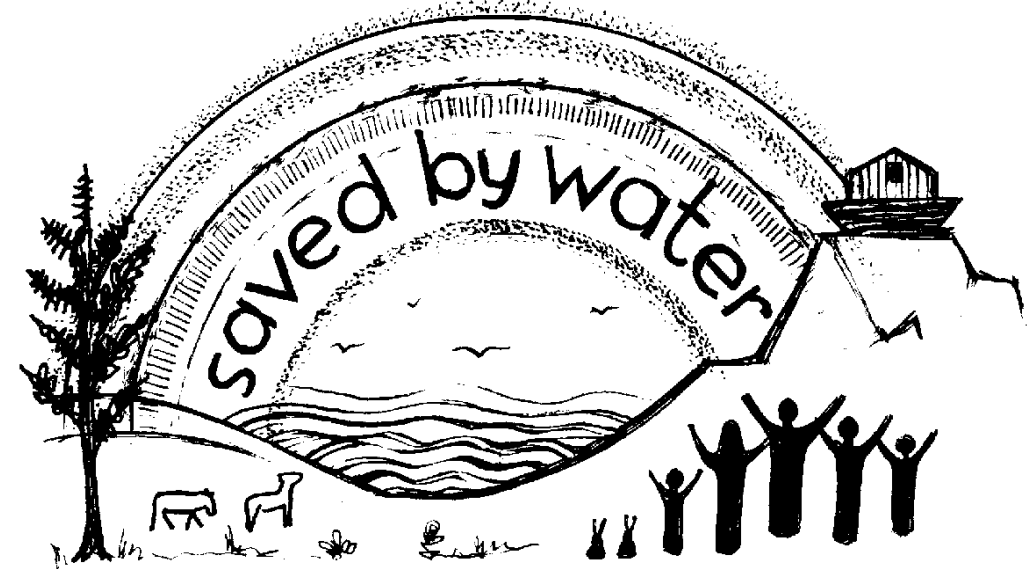
**First Reading:** Genesis 9:8-15  
**Response to the Psalm:** **Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.**  
**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 3:18-22  
**Gospel Acclamation:** **Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**  
**Gospel:** Mark 1:12-15

# St Mary's and St Aidan's

Year B

## First Sunday of Lent

18<sup>th</sup> February 2018



*"That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now."*

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**FIRST WEEK OF LENT YEAR 2.**

**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. Feast of The Chair of St Peter the Apostle.** This feast brings to mind the mission of teacher and pastor conferred by Christ on Peter, and continues in an unbroken line down to the present Pope. We celebrate the unity of the Church, founded upon the Apostle, and renew our assent to the Magisterium of the Roman Pontiff, extended both to truths which are solemnly defined *ex cathedra*, and to all the acts of the ordinary Magisterium.

**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 and Mary T. Stones (McKinney)** who are sick.

**The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of: Fr. Charles Vallely, Tom Grant, Mary & William Brady, James King, William Johnstone, John Kerr, Susan Gallacher, John Smith (Ian), Edward & Catherine Mooney, James & Moira Mooney, Sam & Mary Crawford, Bernard & Jean Smith, Ella Quinn, John & Brian Murphy, Patrick & Mary Mooty, Catherine McIntyre (Mooney), Patrick Mooney, Jimmy Murray, Lynne Carr, Frank Ledwidge, Mary Brophy, Billy Smith, Nan Linnecor (Smith), Antonella Molloy, Agnes Higgins, Hugh Higgins, Louise Cullion, James Mimnaugh, Thomas & Margaret Ryce, Ryce & McKenna Families, Kathleen McConnachie, John Doolan and Hugh Millar**

**SPUC EVENT**

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. In response to the proposed changes to the law, a meeting is 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.

**NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION**

Lenten Collection to Support the Bishop and His Administration of the Diocese. **Gift Aid envelopes will be available.**

**DIOCESE OF MOTHERWELL CONTEMPLATIVE THEOLOGY**

During Lent, you are invited to experience "Contemplative Theology". Contemplative Theology is simply reflecting on our faith in a prayer-filled environment, bearing fruit in action.

**Xavier Centre, Carfin**  
**Thursdays 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb, 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> March**  
**7.30pm -9pm.**

**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 16<sup>th</sup> 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).**

**200 CLUB WINNERS**

<b>No:</b>	<b>070</b>	<b>J. Murphy</b>	<b>£70</b>
	<b>099</b>	<b>J. Docherty</b>	<b>£20</b>
	<b>122</b>	<b>B. Moulds</b>	<b>£10</b>

**Numbers available!**

**POPE FRANCIS' MISSION INTENTION February 2018**

Pope Francis asks us to join with him this month in praying: *That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.*

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

<b>Sunday</b>		<b>Weekday</b>	
<b>St Aidan's:</b>	5pm Vigil Mass	<b>Monday:</b>	St Mary's 10am
<b>St Mary's:</b>	9.30am Mass	<b>Tuesday:</b>	St Aidan's 10am
<b>St Aidan's:</b>	11am Mass	<b>Wednesday:</b>	St Mary's 10am
<b>St Mary's:</b>	4.30pm Mass	<b>Thursday:</b>	St Aidan's 10am St Mary's 7pm ( <i>Latin Mass</i> )
		<b>Friday:</b>	St Mary's 10am
		<b>Saturday:</b>	St Aidan's 10am
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**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.**

**LENTEN PROGRAMME**

**EARLY MASS:**  
**St. Aidan's:** Mon, Wed & Fri 8:20am  
**St. Mary's:** Tues & Thurs 8:30am  
(please 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.

**WISHAW GENERAL CHAPLAINCY**

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

**FURNITURE COLLECTION**

**DIOCESAN SVDP**  
**07864502874 or 07749467335.**

**SVDP HELPLINE**

If you require the services of the SVDP you can contact a member by phoning **07561843580**

**CAFÉ LINDISFARNE**

The Café will be serving Rolls n Sausage/bacon and homebaking in the hall after Mass this morning.  
**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

**PREPARATORY MEETING**

There is a meeting for the parents of children who are due to make their First Reconciliation and First Communion in St. Aidan's Church. The meeting takes place in the **Primary School on Tuesday 20th February.**

Sacrament of Reconciliation 6pm.  
Sacrament of the Eucharist 7pm.

**PARISH PRAYER & CONTEMPLATION GROUP**

The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7:15pm in Saint Aidan's Chapel House**  
Group open to all parishioners from both Saint Aidan's and Saint Mary's.

**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)**