

Parish Ministers' Rota

25<sup>th</sup> March 2018 (Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Sunday of Lent. Year B)

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
5 pm Vigil St Aidan's	See sheet at back of Church	See sheet at back of Church
9.30am St Mary's	B.Devlin (A), C.Cairns (B)	P.Gorrell, J.Smyth
11 am St Aidan's	See sheet at back of Church	See sheet at back of Church
4.30 pm St Mary's		H.Law, L.Higgins, A.Welsh

TODAY'S READINGS

Chapter 12 of John's Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead—an important sign in John's Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities. John's Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus. In the 12th chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus is anointed at Bethany and enters Jerusalem in triumph. We again see evidence of the significance of the raising of Lazarus to this event; John reports that the crowds also gathered to see Lazarus.

Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted his suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared his disciples to believe in the salvation that his death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be his disciples must follow his example of sacrifice. This theme will be repeated in John's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as an example of how they must serve one another.

The final section of today's Gospel might be read as John's parallel to the agony in the garden. The Gospel of John does not record Jesus' anguished prayer in the garden of Gethsemane before his arrest. Although comparable words are found in today's reading, Jesus gives a confident response to the question he raises when asking God to save him from his impending death. After announcing his conviction that it is for this purpose that he came, a voice from heaven speaks, as if in answer to Jesus' prayer. This voice, like the one heard at Jesus' baptism and at Jesus' Transfiguration (events reported in the Synoptic Gospels but not in John's Gospel) affirms that God welcomes the sacrifice that Jesus will make on behalf of others. In John's Gospel, Jesus teaches that this voice was sent for the sake of those who would believe in him.

In today's Gospel, we also hear Jesus speak about the cosmic framework against which we are to understand his passion, death, and Resurrection. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan. In this way the world is judged, but the judgment is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Response to the Psalm:

**A pure heart create for me, O God.**

Second Reading:

Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel Acclamation:

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

*11am Mass sung*

*Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!*

**If a man serves me, says the lord, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

*11am Mass sung*

*Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!*

Gospel:

John 12:20-30

# St Mary's and St Aidan's

Year B

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

18<sup>th</sup> March 2018



*"If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest."*

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**FIFTH WEEK OF LENT YEAR 2.**

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> March, Solemnity of St Joseph**, husband of Our Blessed Lady and foster father of the Child Jesus. Joseph is the patron of the dying because, assuming he died before Jesus' public life, he died with Jesus and Mary close to him, the way we all would like to leave this earth.

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

**The Very Reverend Timothy Canon Brosnan** (Retired Parish Priest Saint Gerard's Bellshill), **Peter Molloy** and **John Ness** who have died

**The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of: Hugh McKenna, Mary Robertson, Charles & Nora Kelly, Bridget Jackson, Jim Carroll, Rena Campbell, Jimmy Devine, John Carlin, Anne Jane Briody, Briody Family, Roseann Brunton and Brunton Family.**

**FURNITURE COLLECTION  
DIOCESAN SVDP  
07864502874 or 07749467335**

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

**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 crochet 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)**

**ST AIDAN'S READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Please check Sheet requesting additional readers and Eucharistic ministers for Palm Sunday and Easter Triduum at back of Church and add your name.

**200 CLUB WINNERS**

<b>No:</b>	<b>018</b>	<b>A. McCole</b>	<b>£70</b>
	<b>062</b>	<b>J. Docherty</b>	<b>£20</b>
	<b>108</b>	<b>M. Devine</b>	<b>£10</b>

**Numbers available!**

**NOTICE TO ALL GROUPS**

Please note that the floor in St Aidan's Church Hall is being refurbished. This work will commence on **MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH** and will take one week to complete. Thereafter the Hall will require a "deep clean" and will remain closed for a further week. During this time there will be no access to the Church Hall. Groups will be able to recommence from **TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL**. Thank you for your patience during this time.

**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.

**SVDP HELPLINE**

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

**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
		<b>St Mary's 10am</b>	<b>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</b>	<b>Tel: (01698) 860254.</b>	

**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.

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TRIDUUM**

**SPY WEDNESDAY**  
7.30pm. Ecumenical Service in St Mark's Church of Scotland Coltness.  
**MAUNDAY THURSDAY**  
11.30am Chrism Mass in Cathedral.  
7pm. Mass of the Lord's Supper St Mary's  
10pm. Night Prayer of the Church. St Mary's

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
3pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord. St Aidan's  
7pm. Stations of the Cross and Veneration of the Cross. St Mary's.

**HOLY SATURDAY**  
8pm. Easter Vigil in the Holy Night. St Aidan's

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
9.30am Holy Mass St Mary's  
11am. Holy Mass St Aidan's

**Information cards containing all the services are available from the back of both churches.**

**CAFÉ LINDISFARNE**

The Café will be serving Rolls n Sausage, bacon, toast and home baking in the hall after Mass this morning. **EVERYONE WELCOME!**  
**There will be no Café after today until 8<sup>th</sup> April.**

**COFFEE MORNING**

Coffee morning each **WEDNESDAY** after Mass in **St Mary's Parochial Hall.**

**POPE FRANCIS' MISSION INTENTION  
March 2018**

Pope Francis asks us to join with him this month in praying:  
*That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.*

**ELECTRICAL UPGRADE**

We hope to upgrade the light fittings in both churches, in the near future, and also carry out an upgrade to the exterior lighting on both church premises.

**ST ANDREW'S HOSPICE  
Make a Will Month – March 2018**

Several Lanarkshire Legal Firms have agreed to write a basic Will and waive their legal fee, in return for a donation to St Andrew's Hospice. For further information please contact Lorna McCafferty, Trust Fundraising Officer at St Andrew's Hospice on 01236 772087 or email [lorna.mccafferty@standrews.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:lorna.mccafferty@standrews.scot.nhs.uk)