

Parish Ministers' Rota
26th August 2018 (Twenty first Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B)

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
5 pm Vigil St Aidan's	S.Corr, M.McKenna, D.Chalmers	A.M.O'Neill*, N.Carroll
9.30am St Mary's	R.Heaney, R.Smith	J.Canning
11 am St Aidan's	P.O'Donnell, E.Hamilton, C.Irvine	A.McCrossan*,M.Clark
4.30 pm St Mary's		J.McCall

TODAY'S READINGS

Today we continue to read from the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John. Today's Gospel elaborates further on the teaching that Jesus began in our liturgy last week. In that reading, the crowds wondered about how Jesus could say that he had come down from heaven because they knew Jesus to be the son of Joseph. In this Gospel, some have difficulty with Jesus' teaching that he is the living bread sent from God. Jesus had told them that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent new manna that will give eternal life. We hear the concluding verse of last week's Gospel repeated in today's reading: Jesus himself is the bread sent by God; Jesus' flesh is the bread that is given for the life of the world.

Among the stumbling blocks for those who heard but did not understand Jesus is the teaching that the bread that Jesus will give is his own flesh. In response to the people who quarrelled over his words, Jesus teaches with even greater emphasis that salvation comes to those who eat his Body and Blood. Jesus doesn't seem to answer the question posed about how salvation will come about, perhaps because this reality can only be understood after his death and Resurrection. Instead, Jesus teaches about the life that he will give to the world.

To many ears, Jesus' words are jarring and difficult to hear. Many who heard Jesus could not accept what he said. Many today continue to struggle to accept these words. They are, however, important words because they reveal our intimate connection with Jesus.

This is the mystery that is at the heart of our Eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus' Body and Blood are made truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's body for the life of the world.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:	Proverbs 9:1-6
Response to the Psalm:	Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Second Reading:	Ephesians 5:15-20
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, Alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!
Gospel:	John 6:51-58

St Mary's and St Aidan's
Year B
Twentieth Sunday of the Year

19th August 2018



"My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink."

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TWENTIETH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR 2

Mon 20th August, Memorial of St Bernard. (1090 – August 20, 1153). He was a French abbot and the primary builder of the reforming Cistercian order. In 1830 Pope Pius VIII bestowed upon Bernard the title "Doctor of the Church".

Tues 21st August, Memorial of St Pius X. Born Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto, he was the head of the Catholic Church from 4th August 1903 to his death in 1914. Pope Pius X is best remembered for his encouragement of the frequent reception of Holy Communion, especially by children. Ever mindful of his humble origin, he stated, "I was born poor, I lived poor, I will die poor."

Wed 22nd August, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This Liturgical Feast was proclaimed by Pope Pius XII on October 11, 1954 through his Encyclical Letter "Ad Caeli Reginam." This proclamation based upon the fact that whether in time of peace or in time of war, the faithful have incessantly offered prayers of petition and hymns of praise and veneration to the Queen of Heaven. Following the tremendous destruction that occurred during World War II and considering the reality that the threat of a similar catastrophe filled the faithful with a great anguish, the Church turned its eyes towards Mary, the Heavenly Queen, in the hope of her protection. Mary has never failed those who have sought her intercession in prayer, placing their total trust in her.

Fri 24th August, Feast of St Bartholomew. He was an apostle, named only in the list of apostles and always in the company of Philip.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:
THE SICK**

God our Father, we lift up all those who are facing illness today.

We ask that You would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies.

Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen

Pat O'Donnell who has died.

The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of:
**Margaret & Patrick Dunn, Rose Maguire,
Hugh & Pat Dunn, Elizabeth & John McCool,
Edward & Ellen Gillies, Patrick & Sadie
Gillies, Nicola Baxter and John Duffy.**

200 CLUB WINNERS

No:	078	D.Gallagher	£70
	046	C. Irvine	£20
	061	M. McDowell	£10

Numbers available!

**ECCLESIASTICAL STUDENTS AND
CARING FOR RETIRED PRIESTS**

We are coming up to the time when you will be asked to hand in your Student Priest box. There are envelopes available at the back of the Church to enable you to Gift Aid the money you have saved up.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

Today we welcome the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary. The second collection will be taken up to help support them in their work.

**PARISH OUTING TO WHITHORN
Sunday, 26th August.**

The coach will leave **St Aidan's at 10am** and **St Mary's at 10.15 am**, returning about 10pm. We will stop in Girvan on the way down for lunch, and stop at Girvan Sacred Heart church hall for fish suppers on the return journey. Mass at St Ninian's cave on the beach is at 4pm, celebrated by Bishop Nolan of Galloway. The cave is reached by a walk of about a mile on difficult terrain. **Please ensure that you are wearing suitable footwear and clothing should you wish to participate in the Mass at the cave.** For those who cannot manage the walk, there is Mass in the village church at 4.45 pm.

(Both masses fulfil Sunday Obligation)

The cost of the trip, including fish suppers, is £22 for adults and £15 for children.

There are still places available on the bus. Should you wish take up a place then please contact Jim McKelvie on 07957 847290 or Anne McCrossan on 01698 385292.

WISHAW GENERAL CHAPLAINCY

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

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.**

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

Dublin, Ireland has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the next **World Meeting of Families** from 21st -26th August, guided by the theme "**The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World.**"

The diocesan agency for Marriage and the Family has produced a prayer card and a Novena Prayer for our use in the lead up to the visit of the Holy Father. These will be made available at the back of the Church. We will take up the invitation from our Bishop to pray the novena at the end of Mass, this will begin **from 18th of August.**

ST AIDAN'S YOUTH CLUB

St Aidan's Youth Club registration will be 21st August from 7pm – 8pm.
Cost £3 to register to cover cost of Insurance.
Club will start 28th August from 7pm - 9pm.
Cost £1.50 each week.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MASS

**Motherwell Cathedral
Tuesday 28th August at 7pm**

**SVDP HELPLINE 07561843580
FURNITURE COLLECTION SVDP
07864502874 or 07749467335**

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.

CAFÉ LINDISFARNE

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

WEDNESDAY CAFÉ

The Café after 10am Mass each Wednesday in **St Mary's** is back this Wednesday after the summer break. Everyone is welcome to come in after Mass. Proceeds go to the Renovation of the Church

**ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE FOR
GRANDPARENTS**

The annual pilgrimage will take place **TODAY** in **Saint Francis Xavier Church, Carfin** beginning at 3pm with Holy Mass, celebrated by Bishop Brian McGee of Argyll and the Isles. At the conclusion of Mass a Rosary Procession will take place in the Grotto. Light refreshments will be served in the Xavier Centre. A special invitation is extended to grandparents, their children and grandchildren to attend.

**POPE FRANCIS'
MISSION INTENTION
August 2018**

Pope Francis asks us to join with him this month in praying:
That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.