

Parish Ministers' Rota
2nd December 2018 (First Sunday of Advent Year C)

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
5 pm Vigil St Aidan's	D.Chalmers,P.McCafferty, M.McKenna	A.McCrorie*
9.30am St Mary's	C.Cairns	C.Cairns
11 am St Aidan's	E.Grattan, J.Pearson, J.Fox	J.McKelvie*, N.McKenna
4.30 pm St Mary's		H.Law

TODAY'S READINGS

This Sunday is the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year. On this Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King.

In John's Gospel, Pilate is shown in a more favourable light than in the other Gospels. We hear one of two dialogues between Jesus and Pilate that are reported in John's Gospel. Pilate questions Jesus about the charges brought against him. Caiaphas and the high priests have charged Jesus with a political crime, one that would require a punishment of death. Pilate distances himself from the Jewish leaders who accuse Jesus; he is not a Jew, and he seems to want little to do with this Jewish affair.

In his responses to Pilate's questions, Jesus distinguishes his kingdom from the political powers of this world. King and kingdom may be appropriate terms for Jesus' mission and promise, but only by analogy. Jesus is king, but not the kind of king we imagine or expect. He was certainly not the kind of king Pilate feared he might be.

Jesus refers to a kingdom that does not belong to this world. This has been mentioned earlier in John's Gospel. In his prayer during the Last Supper discourse, Jesus prayed for his disciples who are in the world but do not belong to the world. Yet like Jesus, they are sent into the world for the world's salvation. In today's reading, we see Jesus identify the final proof that his kingdom is not of this world: If his kingdom were of this world, then there would be people fighting to save him.. It is helpful to return to the first chapter of John's Gospel to understand the context for Jesus' words to Pilate. Jesus came into the world, but the world did not know him. In John's language, the world prefers the darkness, and yet the light will not be overcome by the darkness.

Truth has been another important theme in John's Gospel. We see it emphasised in the conclusion of the dialogue between Jesus and Pilate. Those who know the truth will recognise Jesus as king and will know how to interpret this insight. Yet Jesus' kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries. Only those chosen, those who have the eyes of faith, are able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we also struggle at times to recognise Jesus as king. Today's Gospel invites us to see with eyes of faith that we might recognise that Jesus, through his crucifixion and death, is indeed king and Saviour of all.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:	Daniel 7: 13-14
Response to the Psalm:	The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.
Second Reading:	Apocalypse 1:5-8
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David. Alleluia!
Gospel:	John 18:33-37

St Mary's and St Aidan's

Year B

Solemnity of Christ the King

25th November 2018



"It is you who say that I am a king."

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THIRTY FOURTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR 2

Fri 30th Nov, Solemnity of St Andrew. Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist and brother of St Peter whom he introduced to Jesus. He was a native of the town of Bethsaida in Galilee and a fisherman. He suffered martyrdom in Greece by crucifixion on a cross in the form of an X. He is the Patron Saint of Fishermen, Scotland and Russia.

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

Gerry Traynor and **Jean Devine** who have died.

The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of:
Mary King, Eddie Brennan, Brennan Family, John Devlin, Mulhearn Family, Dunn Family, Isobel & John McStay, John Campbell, May Collins, William Hattie, Annie Diver, Eddie & Eleanor Whyte and **Tom McFeely**.

TAYLOR'S FASHION SHOW
Fashion Show on Friday 30th November, 7pm for a prompt start at 7.30pm.
Tickets £2 from Janet Doherty (357756) or just turn up on the night. Ticket cost includes tea/coffee and homebaking.
Donations of raffle prizes/homebaking will be gratefully accepted.

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
Holy Michael, the archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, Oh prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast down into hell Satan and all the wicked spirits, who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. **Amen.**

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

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK

The collection is for St Andrew's Hospice. The annual running cost is approx.. £7.3 million, of which nearly £4.6 million has to be raised each year from public donations. Bishop Toal asks all Parishes in the Diocese to support their local Hospice. We take up the collection on the Sunday before the Solemnity of St Andrew.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Each time we participate in the Sacrifice of Mass, as long as we are without Mortal sin, and have kept the Fast requirements of one hour for all solid and liquid food (except plain water and medication), we should receive Holy Communion.

Holy Communion is the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ and we should be aware of this in our preparation to receive Him.

Having asked forgiveness for our Venial sins, we should approach the Altar respectfully. Before receiving Holy Communion, we should bow our head (a good time to do this is while the person in front is receiving Holy Communion). We should receive the Consecrated Host on our tongue or by respectfully making a throne with our hands to receive our Lord. We do this by placing our right hand under our left hand and then lift the Host with our right hand. The Body of Christ must be placed in our mouth before leaving the Priest (or Eucharistic Minister) to go to our seat or to receive the Precious Blood from the Chalice. **WE MUST ALWAYS RECEIVE, NOT TAKE, EITHER THE BODY OR THE PRECIOUS BLOOD.**

For that reason taking the Host into our hand and dipping the Host into the Chalice is not allowed.

We should then return to our seat to give thanks through prayer and singing the hymn.

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)	After weekday Masses in relevant church.
Confessions:	4.30pm – 4.50pm and after Vigil Mass in St Aidan's.
Saturday:	6.30pm – 7pm in St Mary's before Latin Mass
Thursday Evening:	
	Baptisms
St Aidan's Church	2 nd and 4 th Sunday of the month at 12 noon
St Mary's Church	1 st and 3 rd Sunday of the month at 12.30pm
To arrange please contact:	Fr O'Connor Tel: (01698) 860254.

OPENING MASS

We plan to celebrate an **Opening Mass** of the newly renovated Church in **Saint Mary's** on **Saturday 8th December at 12 noon**. This is also the Feast Day of the Church, which is named in honour of the Mother of God. There will be a Tea served in the Parochial Hall after the Mass.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Monday 24th December:
St. Aidan's 7.30pm St. Mary's 10pm
Tuesday 25th December
St. Mary's 09.30am St. Aidan's 11am
Mass on Saint Stephen's Day will be celebrated at 11am in St Mary's
ADVENT CONFESSIONS
St Mary's Monday 17th December 7pm-8pm.
St Aidan's Tuesday 18th December 7pm-8pm.

CHRISTMAS CARDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE STALL.

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.
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-1.15pm. 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)

CAFÉ LINDISFARNE

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

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

SPRED will host a Christmas Reflection Service in the SPRED hall behind St Mary's, Cleland on 3rd December at 7pm. This will be a quiet reflective service and will provide a bit of calm before the commercial mayhem of Christmas begins. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. **Everyone is welcome.**

INNOCENTS RAFFLE

Raffle tickets for the annual draw available at the back of the Church. All stubs should be returned to Fr O'Connor by Sunday 2nd December.

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