

Parish Ministers' Rota
2nd September 2018 (Twenty second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B)

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
5 pm Vigil St Aidan's	M.McKenna, D.Chalmers, S.Corr	K.Cassidy*, M.McCardie
9.30am St Mary's	E.Briody, J.McLeish	H.Bradley
11 am St Aidan's	J.Fox, E.Grattan, J.Burton	E.Pearson*, J.McKelvie
4.30 pm St Mary's		L.Higgins

TODAY'S READINGS

Today we hear the conclusion of the "Bread of Life discourse" in the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. In the preceding verses, which we have heard proclaimed in our liturgy over the past few weeks, we have heard Jesus explain that he is the Bread of Life, given so that those who believe may have eternal life. This discourse follows the miracle in which Jesus fed more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish. As Jesus has been teaching these things, John's Gospel describes a murmuring crowd unable to accept Jesus' words. In today's Gospel, the crowd has dwindled in number, and John no longer references them, or the Jews. Instead John describes the questioning of those considered to be Jesus' own disciples.

Today's Gospel first records the response of those in the crowd who are described as Jesus' disciples. Just as the larger crowd had struggled with Jesus' teaching, these disciples also cannot accept Jesus' words. Jesus is said to know about their murmuring. He responds by acknowledging their unbelief and by reiterating that only those chosen by the Father will follow Jesus to the end. John's Gospel reports that many of those who had been Jesus' disciples ceased to follow him at this point. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people and it is to these Twelve that Jesus now turns his attention.

Simon Peter's response to Jesus' question as to whether those closest to him will also leave, reminds us of the reports of Peter's confession of faith in the Synoptic Gospels. Peter announces, on behalf of all the Twelve, that they have come to believe all that Jesus has taught about himself: Jesus is the one from God in whom they have found the path to eternal life. This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God's grace invites us to be Jesus' disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:	Joshua 24:1-2.15-18
Response to the Psalm:	Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Second Reading:	Ephesians 5:21-32
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, Alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!
Gospel:	John 6:60-69

St Mary's and St Aidan's

Year B

Twenty First Sunday of the Year

26th August 2018



"Whom shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life."

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TWENTY FIRST WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR 2

Mon 27th August, Memorial of St Monica. Patroness of Mothers. Monica is a model of patience. Her long years of prayer, coupled with a strong, well-disciplined character, finally led to the conversion of her hot-tempered husband, her cantankerous mother-in-law and her brilliant but wayward son, Augustine.

Tues 28th August, Memorial of St Augustine. Bishop and Doctor of the Church. Augustine was a heretic but by God's grace and the prayers of his mother he gave himself completely to God, was baptised at the age of 33 by St Ambrose and eventually became a Bishop and Doctor of the Church.

Wed 29th August, Memorial of The Passion of St John the Baptist. John was imprisoned and decapitated by Herod about a year before the death of Our Lord.

Fri 31st August, Memorial of St Aidan of Lindisfarne. Today is an optional Memorial for the Diocese of Argyll & the Isles but it is not held as a Memorial in the other Dioceses in Scotland. The Parish of St Mary's and St Aidan's, however, celebrates this Memorial as he is one of our Patron Saints. **Saint Aidan of Lindisfarne** (died 651) was the founder and first bishop of the monastery on the island of Lindisfarne in England. A Christian missionary, he is credited with restoring Christianity to Northumbria.

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

David McIndoe who has died.

The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of:
Rosemary Groome, Nan Devine, Alex Sanders, John Easton, Kathleen O'Neill, Patrick Higgins and Ruby Mimnaugh.

CONTEMPLATIVE THEOLOGY MEETINGS

Below please find the autumn dates for Contemplative Theology Meetings at Carfin. Everyone is welcome, regardless of whether or not you have attended before, and no need to book, just turn up on the night. Please note the amended start time of **7.15pm**.

Thursdays 27th Sept, 4th, 11th, 25th October.

If you can manage along, we'd be delighted to welcome you there.

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DEANERY APPEAL

Thank you to all who supported the annual deanery appeal for the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary from Sister Alberta Fosson last weekend. **£1,574.50** was raised for their work.

PARISH FACEBOOK & THE CATHOLIC APP

Modern communications help us to keep up to date with what's going on in the parish and diocese. Please like our parish Facebook Page, **'Saint Mary's Cleland & Saint Aidan's Wishaw.'**

Motherwell Diocese has recently launched a mobile app to give information about times of Holy Mass and Confession, it is a useful resource. Please download the app to your phone. You can download the Catholic App for iPhone/iPad iOS 10+ (<http://apple.co/2JxIHkt>) and Android 4.4+ smartphone and tablets (<http://bit.ly/2mrYHvD>)

Perhaps you have already seen the centenary video from St. Mary's in 1977 posted on our parish Facebook page. This could be of interest especially to older members of the parish who might not use Facebook, so please let family members have a watch!

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.

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.**

MEMORIAL OF ST AIDAN

Friday 31st August 2018

Mass will be celebrated in St Aidan's this **Friday at 11am** to celebrate the **Feast Day of St Aidan.**

The children from our Primary school will attend. It is hoped that as many parishioners as possible can join with the children in celebrating our Patronal Saint.

There will not be a First Friday Mass on 7th September in St Aidan's as the children will be unable to attend.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MASS

Motherwell Cathedral

Tuesday 28th August at 7pm

Please try to attend this Mass to pray for an increase of Vocations to the Priesthood and the Religious Life and for those young men who are preparing for the Priesthood or the Permanent Diaconate.

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.

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, toast, homebaking, biscuits, tea/coffee/juice after 11am Mass.

Everyone welcome!

WEDNESDAY CAFÉ

The Café is after 10am Mass each Wednesday in **St Mary's**.

Everyone is welcome to come in after Mass. **Proceeds go to the Renovation of St Mary's Church.**

TINY TOTS

There are still a few available places for both **the Monday Session and the Thursday Session.**

Both sessions run from 1pm until 2.45pm. Should you wish to enrol your toddler (or baby), for one or both sessions, pop in to St Aidan's Hall on either **Monday or Thursday this week.**

This gives your child an opportunity to mix with other children of the same age as well as giving you the **opportunity to meet other mums and dads.**

THANK YOU!

Bridie Moulds and Family would like to thank all friends and parishioners who sent Get Well cards and Mass Bouquets. Very much appreciated and I am sure this ensured her on the road to recovery. Mass will be offered for the intentions of all.