

Parish Ministers' Rota
4th February 2018 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 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	E.Briody (A), J.McLeish (B)	J.Canning
11 am St Aidan's	J.Slavin, J.Pearson, J. Devanny	E.Pearson*, A.M.O'Neill
4.30 pm St Mary's		H.Law

TODAY'S READINGS

Today's Gospel continues our reading from Mark and describes what some believe was likely to have been a typical day in Jesus' ministry. Jesus and the disciples who chose to follow him in in last week's gospel, arrive at Capernaum, a small village on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus teaches in the synagogue on the Sabbath. Mark reports that the people respond to Jesus' teaching with astonishment, noting Jesus' authority and contrasting it with the scribes'. Early in Mark's Gospel we already find evidence of the tension that will manifest itself fully in Jerusalem.

After Jesus had preached, an even more astonishing thing happens. A man possessed with an unclean spirit calls out to Jesus. As we see in this example and throughout Mark's Gospel, the spirits and demons seem to know Jesus and are often fearful of him. In fact, they seem to understand Jesus' identity better than his disciples. Jesus orders the spirit to be quiet and drives the unclean spirit out of the man. Jesus' ability to heal those possessed by demons is an indication of his power over evil.

In the prescientific age of Jesus' time, all illnesses were understood to be manifestations of evil and sinfulness. Our modern understanding of illness is very different. Possession by unclean spirits may have been a way to describe what we might call mental illness today. It may have even been a way of describing certain kinds of physical conditions. There is evidence that there were many kinds of exorcists and healers in first-century Palestine. Jesus appears to be like these healers, but he heals with unique authority and connects his healing activities with the words of his preaching.

We are missing the point that Mark is trying to make in this Gospel, however, if we try to explain away the healing work of Jesus. The crowds see in Jesus' cure of the possessed man further affirmation of his authority. Jesus' power to heal gives greater credence to his teaching. Jesus impresses the crowds through his words, which are manifested with power in his deeds. Mark's Gospel tells us that because of the authority with which he healed, Jesus' fame spread throughout all of Galilee.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Response to the Psalm: **O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

St Mary's and St Aidan's

Year B

Fourth Sunday of the Year

EDUCATION SUNDAY

28th January 2018



“He taught them with authority.”

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FOURTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR 2.

Wed 31st Jan, Memorial of St John Bosco. John was born on a poor farm near Turin, Italy in 1815. He founded the Salesian Order. His life's work was consecrated to the care and education of young boys and girls.

Fri 2nd Feb, Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, (commonly known as Candlemas). Forty days after His birth, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple of Jerusalem to present him to the Lord as the Law of Moses prescribed. They carried with them the usual offering of the poor, a pair of turtledoves. At the time of the presentation, a man named Simeon, recognised the infant Messiah and taking him in his arms declared him the Saviour, the Light of the Gentiles and the Glory of Israel.

Sat 3rd Feb, Memorial of St Blaise, patron of those with throat diseases. Fr O'Connor will bless the throats in St Aidan's during morning Mass.

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, Rose O'Donnell, Elaine Farrell Cleary, Margaret Whelan and Beth who are sick.

The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of: **Gerald Ferrie, Margaret Fagan, Ellen Gillies, Marian Bradley, Diver Family, Andrew, Rose Ann, Peter, Robert, John, Annie & James McCready and Bridget Brennan.**

JUSTICE & PEACE COLLECTION

The second collection taken up on 7th **January** for the work of **Justice & Peace** came to **£924.31** **Thank You!**

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

Today starts the beginning of Catholic Education Week. The second collection **NEXT WEEK** will go to the Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES). The money from this collection provides the salaries for those employed and the services and RE resources provided to support Catholic Education in our Primary and Secondary Schools.

ANNUAL EDUCATION MASS

The Annual Education Mass will take place in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral on Wed 31st January at 7pm.

Particular focus this year will be on the 100th anniversary of the Education (Scotland) Act 1918, which established the framework for Catholic Education in Scotland.

The majority of us has benefited from this Act. Please try to participate in this Mass to thank God for the benefits it has brought us but also to pray for our present Catholic schools and the education of our young people in the future.

WORK OF JUSTICE & PEACE TALK

A speaker from Justice and Peace Scotland will be giving a talk in **St Aidan's** church hall on **Wednesday 31st January at 12noon.** All are very welcome to come along and hear about Justice and Peace's work with refugees.

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.**

CONCERT MARTIN AELRED

Saint Mary's Sunday 28th January 7pm

An evening of music and family entertainment in aid of renovation work at Saint Mary's. Martin sings both classical and sacred music. There is no charge for the concert but there will be collection baskets on leaving the Church for those who wish to support the renovation work.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

We work in partnership with Saint Aidan's Primary School & High School, with Saint Mary's Primary School and Taylor High School, and they will be sending representatives to the Masses this weekend to read, take part in the offertory, and also to address a few words

Please keep in touch with and see what's happening at Taylor HS using following link: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/taylor/files/2018/01/Catholic-Education-Week-2018.pdf>

SACRAMENTAL MEETING SAINT MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parents with children in Primary 3&4 who are preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion are invited to attend the Preparatory Meeting in Saint Mary's Primary School on Monday 29th January at 6:30pm.

WISHAW GENERAL CHAPLAINCY

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

CAFÉ LINDISFARNE

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children **from age 3 until they make their First Holy Communion** celebrate the Liturgy of the Word appropriate to their age, hearing the Gospel in a text they can understand and do some activities related to the Gospel in the hall. They return to the Church and join their parents/carers at the Offertory. If you would like your child to participate (whether you are from St Mary's, St Aidan's or indeed any other Parish), but are unsure if he/she will settle, you could accompany him/her for their first time.

WHITE MASS FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS & THE WORK OF HEALTHCARE IN SCOTLAND

12pm Sunday 11th February
St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh.
Reception afterwards in the Diocesan Offices on Clyde Street.. Edinburgh.
To book places and & for more information email: scottishcma@gmail.com

NOTICES FOR THE BULLETIN: including intimations, should be received by Wednesday evening.

HALL BOOKINGS for St Aidan's Hall:
Phone Cathy McCallum (01698 383553)

INVITATION FROM REV GRAHAM AUSTIN

I would like to extend an invitation to the congregation of St Aidan's to a special service on the **2nd March 2018 at 7pm** to mark the dedication of St Mark's church by the Presbytery of Hamilton in 1963.
Rev Graham Austin

DIOCESAN MUSIC GROUP

Seventeen people attended the inaugural meeting of the proposed new Diocesan Music Group. They agreed to meet fortnightly in Holy Family Parish Centre, Mossend and would like to extend an invitation to others to join them.
The next practice will be on **Monday 29th January at 7.30pm.**