

Parish Ministers' Rota  
7<sup>th</sup> October 2018 (Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B)

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
5 pm Vigil St Aidan's	D.Chalmers,P.McCafferty,S.Corr	A.M.O'Neill*,N.Carroll
9.30am St Mary's	J.McLeish, E.Briody	H.Bradley
11 am St Aidan's	J.Devanny, M.McDowell, P.O'Donnell	A.McCrossan*, M.Clark
4.30 pm St Mary's		A.Welsh

**TODAY'S READINGS**

Today we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Last week we heard Jesus chastise his disciples for their argument about who among them was the greatest. Jesus taught them that the greatest among them will be those who serve the least ones. In today's Gospel, the disciple John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was driving out demons in Jesus' name. John's question might have been motivated by jealousy. Previously in Mark's Gospel, Jesus healed a boy whom the disciples had been unable to heal. John's question is further evidence that the disciples have not yet grasped Jesus' words to them. They continue to compare themselves to others who seem to have greater healing powers, and they do not want to share the power of Jesus' name with others.

Today the demon possession described in the Gospels might be seen as a form of mental illness, but the need for healing these syndromes was as real then as it is now. Exorcism was a common practice in first-century Palestine. Some people had the power to heal the symptoms of possession. One of the strategies used was to invoke the name of a person or figure who was believed to have the power to heal.

The disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus' name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognised the power of Jesus' name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply to his disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus' healing powers with others.

Later in this Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith. The Greek word used here for sin also connotes "stumbling" or "causing scandal." In vivid terms Jesus teaches his disciples the consequences to those who would put obstacles before people who are on the road to faith.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

<b>First Reading:</b>	Numbers 11: 25-29
<b>Response to the Psalm:</b>	<b>The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.</b>
<b>Second Reading:</b>	James 5:1-6
<b>Gospel Acclamation:</b>	<b>Alleluia, Alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!</b>
<b>Gospel:</b>	Mark 9:38-43.45.47-48

*St Mary's and St Aidan's*  
*Year B*  
*Twenty Sixth Sunday of the Year*

30<sup>th</sup> September 2018



*"Anyone who is not against us is for us."*

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## TWENTY SIXTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR 2

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> October, Memorial of St Therese of the Child Jesus**, more commonly known as 'The Little Flower' or St Therese of Lisieux. She is the patroness of all foreign missions and was declared a doctor of the Church by Pope John Paul II in 1997.

**Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> October, Memorial of The Holy Guardian Angels.** This feast is based on the belief that God assigns an angel to guard body and soul, an expression of God's personal care for each individual.

**Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> October, Memorial of St Francis of Assisi.** The son of a wealthy merchant, Francis responded to the Lord's call, embraced poverty and preached the love of God to all. He founded the Order of Franciscans and also helped St Clare establish the Poor Clares. He carried the wounds of the crucified Lord (the stigmata).

### 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**

**John Donnachie, Anne Durnian and Frank O'Connor** who have died.

The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of:  
**Rebecca Louise Naules, Joe Gibson, Margaret Gibson, Kathleen Kennah, Catherine and Frank Moulds and Philip Fallan** (50th anniversary).

#### THANK YOU

**St Aidan's SVDP** would like to thank the family of a very well known parishioner, who is recently deceased, for the kind donation to the SVDP funds.

#### THANK YOU

Many thanks to the Cadalba group for their donation of £150.

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

#### WISHAW GENERAL CHAPLAINCY

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

### HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

The Bishops Conference of Scotland has issued a decree, authorised by the Holy See regarding Holy Days of Obligation. These will remain unchanged from previous years, namely; every Sunday, the Nativity of the Lord, the Ascension of the Lord, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saints Peter and Paul, and All Saints. The change that will come into effect is basically that when a Holy day of Obligation falls on a Monday, it will no longer be transferred to the Sunday, but will be observed on that day. When a Holy Day falls on a Saturday, it will continue to be transferred to the Sunday.

Bishop Toal has prepared an accompanying letter, which is available to be read and taken home with your bulletin.

I feel this letter is of great importance, as it addresses some serious matters for reflection for ourselves as the People of God. His Lordship emphasises the importance of observing Holy Days of Obligation, and also addresses the worldwide scandal of sexual abuse by clergy and other members of the Church. He encourages us all to pray for the Church, particularly on a Friday, through fast and abstinence and spending more time in prayer, particularly meditation on the Stations of the Cross. With this in mind, I propose that we begin having Stations of the Cross after Mass each Friday morning, except for First Friday. I will return to the sacristy to take off the Mass vestments. Parishioners who wish to remain are invited to take part in this public prayer for the Church. His Lordship also encourages recitation of the Holy Rosary in the month of October. Family prayer is also so much encouraged in our times, as ever, to pass on the faith to the younger generations.

## PARISH OF ST MARY'S AND ST AIDAN'S MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday	Weekday
<b>St Aidan's:</b> 5pm Vigil Mass	Monday: St Mary's 10am
<b>St Mary's:</b> 9.30am Mass	Tuesday: St Aidan's 10am
<b>St Aidan's:</b> 11am Mass	Wednesday: St Mary's 10am
<b>St Mary's:</b> 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
	<b>St Mary's 10am St Aidan's 11am</b>

#### 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** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 12 noon

**St Mary's Church** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 12.30pm

To arrange please contact: **Fr O'Connor Tel: (01698) 860254.**

### OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

Each Thursday in October the Holy Rosary and Litany of Loreto will be prayed in Saint Mary's Church at 6:30pm on a Thursday evening. Sacrament of Confession available during this time.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 6pm followed by Rosary.

### FIRST FRIDAY MASS

**5<sup>th</sup> October**

10am St Mary's 11am St Aidan's

### POPE FRANCIS' MISSION INTENTION

**October 2018**

Pope Francis asks us to join with him this month in praying:

*That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.*

### AFTERNOON TEA FOR MCMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Afternoon tea is being served in St Aidan's Hall after the 11am Mass today. If you do not already have a ticket, you can pay at the door. The Parish recognises the invaluable work carried out by the McMillan nurses and would urge you to support this very worthy cause.

If you go to a different Mass then please try to come along.

There will be no rolls n sausage or bacon, nor toast but there will be plenty sandwiches, scones and cakes.

Donations of homebaking and raffle prizes will be gratefully accepted.

**Next week will be Roll n Sausage Sunday.**

### WEDNESDAY CAFÉ

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

### 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. 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)**