

## ONLINE BULLETIN- Twenty Second Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Today's First Reading catches the prophet Jeremiah in a moment of weakness. His intimate lamentation contains some of the strongest language of doubt found in the Bible. Following God's call, he feels abandoned. Preaching His Word has brought him only derision and reproach.

But God does not deceive—and Jeremiah knows this. He tests the just, and disciplines His children through their sufferings and trials.

What Jeremiah learns Jesus states explicitly in today's Gospel. To follow Him is to take up a cross, to deny yourself— your priorities, preferences, and comforts. It is to be willing to give it all up, even life itself, for the sake of His gospel. As Paul says in today's Epistle, we have to join ourselves to the Passion of Christ, to offer our bodies—our whole beings—as living sacrifices to God.

By His Cross, Jesus has shown us what Israel's sacrifices of animals were meant to teach—that we owe to God all that we have.

Peter doesn't yet get this in today's Gospel. As it was for Jeremiah, the cross is a stumbling block for Peter. This too is our natural temptation—to refuse to believe that our sufferings play a necessary part in God's plan.

That's how people think, Jesus tells us today. But we are called to the renewal of our minds—to think as God thinks, to will what He wills.

In the Mass, we once again offer ourselves as perfect and pleasing sacrifices of praise. We bless Him as we live, confident that we will find our lives in losing them, that with the riches of His banquet, our souls will be satisfied.

**PLEASE NOTE - THE SATURDAY MORNING MASS IN SAINT AIDAN'S WILL BE CANCELLED FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER**

- THURSDAY EVENING LATIN MASS AT 7PM IN SAINT MARY'S WILL BE CANCELLED FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER (SUNDAY 8AM LATIN MASS WILL CONTINUE AS NORMAL)

Happy Feast of Saint Aidan, on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> of August, we pray that as a parish we will embrace a missionary spirit to hand on the faith, especially to the young, and give witness to the hope that we have within.

Sacrament of Confession- before and after Saturday Vigil Mass in Saint Aidan's and from 6:30pm on Thursday evening in St Mary's before Mass.

Throughout this 'Phase 3' time we continue with restricted number of a maximum of 50 faithful present at each Mass.

Please bear in mind that there will be some who work during the week and cannot attend weekday Mass, workers should have priority for weekend Masses, especially as there is no Sunday Obligation.

Requiem Masses can be celebrated in the Church, with a limited number of 20 people present.

This Sunday Holy Mass will be streamed live on Facebook at 9.30am from Saint Mary's.

Recently dead: Kevin Barrett, Peter Allen, Isobel Dillon, Trish Barragan

Anniversary & Months Mind: Catherine Moulds, Joseph Harkin, Cathy O'Neill, McGinn & Barrett families, Peter Cairns Snr & Jnr, Margaret & Gerry McKenna, McKenna & Ryce families, Peter McGhee

Names for the Bulletin - If you would like Holy Mass offered for a loved one, please email the parish or post a note through the door of the house. These should be handed-in by Saturday morning at the latest.

For St Mary's the Covid co-ordinator is John Nolan and for St Aidan's, Jacqueline and Stuart Burton.

**KEY POINTS WHEN IN CHURCH FOR PRAYER**

- You should carefully consider your own health to decide when it is safe for you to return to church.
- You should wear a face-covering (not required for children under 5 or those with respiratory conditions.)
- You should use a hand-sanitiser when you enter and exit the church.
- Make efforts to prevent your hands touching flat surfaces such as doors, pews etc.
- Please observe two metre distancing spaces on the floor and in the pews.
- You must sit alone or in your household group.
- Each place can only be occupied once before being sanitised, so you will be directed to a particular seat. Please follow the directions.
- On exiting, you must avoid crossing over other people.
- You must exit by the side door.
- The church will be cleaned immediately after this time of prayer.

We are living through troubled times, but our parishes still have bills and expenses to pay, so it important that we continue to support them financially.

One way of maintaining your support is to start a monthly Standing Order for the benefit of your parish. You can do this through your internet banking. If you do not have internet banking, please contact Jim McKelvie on 07957 847290, and a Standing Order form will be emailed to you.

The bank details for the parishes are as follows:

St Mary's:

Account Name: RC Mission St Mary

Sort Code: 83-17-09

Account No.: 00245194

St Aidan's:

Account Name: Parish of St Aidan

Sort Code: 83-28-08

Account No.: 00235008

If you would like to sign up for Gift Aid, we will get in touch after the crisis is over, as this can be done retrospectively.

If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to call Jim on the above number.

Parish offerings - If you can, please continue to support the parish while we are unable to take up a collection. If you're out for your daily walk, you can put your offering through the door of the house in an envelope. God bless you.

If you are aware of anyone who requires some help please email the parish: [stmaryandstaidan@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:stmaryandstaidan@rcdom.org.uk)

### SAINT MARY'S CHURCH

#### HOLY MASS:

SUNDAY: 08:00 09.30 & 4:30

MONDAY: 10.00AM

WEDNESDAY: 10.00AM

THURSDAY: 7.00PM

FRIDAY 10.00AM

### SAINT AIDAN'S CHURCH

#### HOLY MASS:

SUNDAY: 11.00AM

TUESDAY: 10.00AM

THURSDAY 10.00AM

SATURDAY 10.00AM VIGIL 5PM

