

St Aidan's Parish Mass Times

Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday 10.00am and 12 noon

Holyday of Obligation: Vigil 7.30pm, 10.00am and 7.30pm

Weekdays: 10.00am

Confessions: After all Saturday Masses

Parish Ministers' Rota 24th June 2012

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Vigil	Attending Eucharistic Ministers	P.Devine
10.00am	P.McGinley, J.Kane, P.O'Donnell	K.McGinley, J.Sneddon
12 noon	J.Slavin, W.O'Neill, J.Fox	P.Allison, E.Pearson

Today's Mass

The gospel consists of two parables—the seed growing secretly and the mustard seed—and a conclusion to the collection of parables in Mark 4. This collection of parables was concerned with seed and sowing. They are strung together with the words, "He also said."

Each parable contains one main point that is its basic message. The parable of the seed growing secretly seeks to implant trust on the part of Jesus' disciples that the kingdom, already at work in Jesus' ministry, will, in God's good time, become manifest and be accomplished. It is most important to avoid interpreting this parable by emphasising the idea of growth, appealing though that may be to modern botanical knowledge and modern evolutionary ideology. The ancients did not understand the process of growth as we do; they thought only of the contrast between the seed and the grown plant or tree. The basic point of the parable is the contrast between the insignificant beginnings of Jesus' ministry and the final event of the coming of the kingdom of God.

In interpreting the second parable, that of the mustard seed, the same applies. It does not speak of the evolutionary growth of the kingdom or the church. The only difference between the two parables is that the first emphasises that the farmer can do nothing to produce or hasten the end of the process, whereas the second emphasises exclusively the contrast between the small beginnings and the final consummation.

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Response to the Psalm: **It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Mark 4:26 - 34

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Year B

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

17th June 2012



THE
CHURCH
GOD'S
TREE

"It is the smallest of all the seeds; yet it grows into the biggest shrub of all."

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11th Week of Ordinary Time, Year 2

Thurs 21st June: Memorial of St Aloysius Gonzaga. Aloysius was an Italian Jesuit seminarian. In his fourth year of theology study a famine and pestilence broke out in Italy. Though in delicate health, he devoted himself to the care of the sick, but on March 3 he fell ill and died 21 June, 1591 aged 23. He was beatified by Gregory XV in 1621 and canonized by Benedict XIII in 1726.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Luke Devine who is sick

Anne O'Donnell who has died.

The Month's Minds and Anniversaries of:
**Catherine Feenan, Kathleen Good,
Charles McCrossan and Cardinal
Winning**

WISHAW HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY COVER

Fri 15th June- Fri 22nd June
Fr. Stephen Reilly, St. Bernadette's
(01698 263945)
Fri 22nd June – Fri 29th June
Fr. Alex Stewart, St Brendan's
(01698 264448)

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Please give your name and phone number to **Canon Clements** or
e-mail: aidanswishaw@gmail.com

MAKE WISHAW A FAIR TRADE TOWN

Are you interested in Fair Trade and tackling global poverty? Come along to a public information meeting to find out about the campaign to make Scotland a Fair Trade Nation, and how you can help Wishaw become an official Fairtrade town.

Wed 20 June 2012 7pm – 8 pm
Pather Community Centre
Scottish Fair Trade Forum
www.sftf.org.uk 0131 226 6162#

ST AIDAN'S WALKING GROUP

Our next walk will take place on **Sun 24th June**, leaving the church car park at **1pm**. The walk will be around the Douglas Estate.
Car sharing will be possible.
All are welcome.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

The next Diocesan course will be held on **Sat 8th and 15th September**
St Mary's Whifflet

Applications to: Michael & Norah Hartley
tel: 01355 229694 or
email: familylife@rcdom.org.uk

INVOCATION 2012 6th - 8th July

**St. Mary's College, Oscott
Birmingham**

Invocation 2012 is a national discernment festival for young adults. This weekend event is aimed at young men and women aged 16-35, who are looking to deepen their relationship with Christ and who are searching for the knowledge and tools to develop their own personal formation, discernment and understanding of God's will for their lives, for some this may mean being open to the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. To find out more visit:
<http://www.invocation.org.uk>

SVDP CAFÉ

Today the SVDP group will serve tea, coffee, toast and cakes after 10am and 12 noon Mass.

SVDP

OVER 60's SUMMER OUTING

A bus outing to **Ayr** with lunch included has been organised for **Saturday 11th August 2012** by the SVDP for parishioners who are 60 and over. The bus will leave the Church Car Park at 9.30am and leave Ayr at approx 6pm. There is no cost for the outing. Names should be handed in to the **SVDP Café** (after 10am and 12 noon Mass) as soon as possible. This outing has been made possible as a result of the Parishioners who are supporting the SVDP Sunday Café.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE/LOURDES HOSPITALITE PILGRIMAGE

will take place at

**The National Shrine of Our Lady
of Lourdes, Carfin**

on

Sunday 24th June 2012 at 3pm
**Concelebrated Mass followed by
the Blessing of the Sick**
All are welcome to attend.

HALL REFURBISHMENT

The next stage of the programme will begin on **Mon 25th June**. Another two walls will be renovated and the floor will be repaired and varnished.

As this work will take two weeks there will be no access to the Hall for anyone, apart from the team involved in the work. This is **absolutely** necessary as the repair work to the floor could be undone unintentionally and the varnishing of the floor requires forty eight hours after each application to dry properly.

In line with Food preparation regulations, a separate hand washing sink is required in the kitchen and will be added shortly.

The Hall should re-open on **Mon 9th July**. **The hourly charge for hiring the hall will need to be increased** to take account of increased costs of heating and lighting.

CARFIN GROTTTO EVENTS

Sun 24th June 2012
Diocesan Day/Lourdes Hospitalite Day
Mon 9th July 2012
St Aidan's Day in Carfin
Sun 9th September 2012
National Pilgrimage

All notices for the Bulletin should be received in the Chapel House by Thursday lunchtime or e-mail: aidanswishaw@gmail.com by Thursday 6pm. This applies also to intimations for the sick, the dead and anniversaries to be included in the bulletin.

PARISH NOTICES

The Stall is open in the hall after both Sunday Masses.
The Café is open in the hall after both Sunday Masses and after all weekday Masses.
Bingo in the hall on Sundays at 7.30pm.
Indoor Bowling Club in the hall on Tuesdays 1.30 - 3pm. **New Members welcome!**
The Men's Club meets in the hall every Thursday at 7.30pm. The Men's Club monthly Mass is held in the side chapel on 1st Thursday of every month (except for July and August). **New members are always welcome.**
Hall Bookings: Phone Cathy McCallum on **01698 383553**