



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

30th December 2018

Feast of the Holy Family

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Our Lady Star of the Sea
Saltcoats

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Sr Marie Monique & Sr Ursula : Pastoral Assistants to the Three Towns
Canon Matt McManus (Retired)

Sunday Masses: **St Mary's 4.30pm Vigil and 10am**
 St John's 11.30am

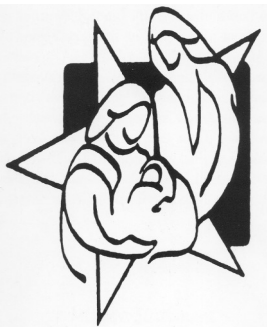
WEEKDAY MASS / SERVICE TIMES

	St John's	St Mary's	St Peter's
Monday	10am Mass	10am Mass	10am Mass
Tuesday	11am Mass	11am Mass	12 Noon Mass
Wednesday	11am Mass		10am Mass
Thursday	10am Mass	10am Service	10am Mass
Friday	10am Service	10am Mass	10am Mass
Saturday			10am Mass

RECONCILIATION. St John's — Saturday at 10.30am
St Mary's — Saturday at 3.45pm

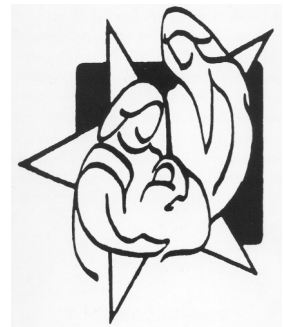
Sr Ursula, Sr Marie Monique and Canon Martin thank you for your greetings, cards and gifts at Christmas. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Thank you to all who helped prepare the churches for Christmas and assisted in the liturgies. Special thanks to Canon Matt for his help — he will celebrate the 11.30am Mass this weekend in St. John's and the 11am Mass in St Mary's on New Year's Day.



*A Very Happy
New Year to all.*

*New Year Greetings from Canon Martin and
Canon Matt, Sr Ursula and
Sr Marie Monique*



THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:



Birthday Anniversary: Kathleen McGuirk

Christmas Remembrance: George Kearney, Arthur Smyth, Deceased members of the McCarney & Murphy families, Fr James Hughes, Kane & Murchie families, Joe & Sarah Murray, John & Janet Collins & Collins family, Derrick Whitehead, James & Mary McEvoy and Jim Moffat, Jimmy & Ina Kelly, Margaret McGee, Patrick Cambridge, Gerard Monaghan, Hamilton & McGarvey families, Sadie & Jos Brayford.

Anniversary: Jessie Burns, Frances Kelly, Mary Fraser, Tom Garvey, Michael Boylan & deceased members of the Dillon & Boylan families, Margaret Burns(Peggy), Mary Biggins, Owen Biggins, Peter Biggins.

Recently Deceased: Philomena Yelverton, Jean Stuart, Ina del Greco, Anne Evans, Laura Cambridge.

Masses are celebrated also by Priests in country parishes in our Diocese, retired priests, Fr Keith, Fr Gerard McCabe & Mission

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK. 6th January 2019; 2nd Sunday of Christmas Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2,8-12; Psalm 147; Ephesians 1:3-6.15-18; John 1:1-18.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS.

St Mary's: £733.08(Envelopes £421.98; Cash; £311.10).

Christmas Collection: £1191.71.

St John's: £710.33 (Envelopes £576.02 Cash £134.31).

SCIAF: £51.57. Building & Renovations; £110.12

Christmas Collection £497.07.

Collection envelopes will be returned to the parish of issue and added into the following weeks figures.

SPECIAL COLLECTION. Next week for Justice & Peace.

PARISH HALLS. To book any of our halls please call Trina on 467468 for St Mary's and Michael Lafferty on 461234 for St John's. Please note booking form has to be completed to confirm your booking.

ST. JOHN'S FUNERAL TEAS. Further information from Christina Harnett on 07562360517 or 01294 466084.

SUNDAY TEAS. After 10am Mass in St Mary's. After 11.30am Mass in St John's.

RCIA. Will reconvene in January 2019.

ST MARY'S TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB. Is now closed until Tuesday 15th January 2019.

MARY'S MEALS. A box is available in both Church porches for donations.

CHURCH CLEANERS. Tuesday's at 7.30pm in St John's and Thursdays after 10am Mass in St Mary's.

GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP. Will reconvene in January 2019.

S.V.D.P. Please call 07379400568 (please note new number) for Saltcoats and 07498501326 for Stevenston.

FOOD BANK, STEVENSTON. Foodbank is open each Wednesday from 4pm till 5pm in the parish hall.

FOOD BANK, SALTCOATS . The Foodbank is open at the Salvation Army Hall and will distribute boxes from there each Tuesday from 2pm until 3.30pm. **Due to Christmas Day being on Tuesday this year the Foodbank will be open on Friday 21st and Friday 28th December from 11am-12 Noon.**

ST MARY'S PARISH HALL. Our parish hall is available for approved social functions. A small meeting room is also available. We have a licensed bar available for functions. If you would like to book the hall please contact Trina on 467468 or for more bar information please contact our bar manager Caroline McKenna on 07825553243. (Please note that if you wish to use our parish bar at least 6 weeks notice is required to allow us to apply for licence). **Please note that you are not permitted to bring in your own alcohol to any function.**

BULLETIN NOTICES. St Mary's Parish Office will be closed until Monday 7th January 2019. If you wish anything in the parish bulletin please contact Ian Neal Wednesday evening on 465630 or email stjohndevon@stjohnstevenston@gmail.com

***The new terms of the Data Protection Regulation (See below) prevent us from publishing the names of the sick either in**

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:



For all the sick in our parishes*

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Christmas Remembrance: George Kearney, Arthur Smyth, Deceased members of the McCarney & Murphy families, Fr James Hughes, Kane & Murchie families, Joe & Sarah Murray, John & Janet Collins & Collins family, Derrick Whitehead, James & Mary McEvoy and Jim Moffat, Jimmy & Ina Kelly, Margaret McGee, Patrick Cambridge, Gerard Monaghan, Hamilton & McGarvey families, Sadie & Jos Brayford

Those who have an anniversary: Jessie Burns, George Forbes, Jimmy Gailey, Patrick McCann, Tom McKay, John Dolan, Mairi Grier, Elizabeth Turbet, Robert & Jean Wylie and Peter & Rose Finnegan, Kathleen Boyle (Kitty), Joe Burns, deceased members of Burns and Fitzpatrick families, Frances Kelly, Mary Fraser, Tom Garvey, Michael Boylan & deceased members of the Dillon & Boylan families, Margaret Burns(Peggy), Mary Biggins, Owen Biggins, Peter Biggins.

Those who have died recently: Philomena Yelverton, Jean Stuart, Ina del Greco, Anne Evans, Laura Cambridge. Peter Dougan, Flora Monaghan, Laura Cambridge, Elizabeth (Betty) Northcote, John Hynman (Norwich), Marion McGrath, Henry, Lizzie McGurk (Port Glasgow), Hugh Farrell Jr, James Ward (Glasgow), Jack McLennan, John Bell, Shirley Monaghan (USA), Peggy MacKinnon (Barra),

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

The Regulation came into force on Friday 25th May 2018, and gives individuals greater rights and control over the use of their personal information. Your privacy is important to the Parish Communities of St. John's and St. Mary's. We use the personal data, provided by you for Pastoral support and the administration of weekly collections. The information is held securely and confidentially in electronic or paper format. We will not share this information with third parties without your prior consent. A fuller Privacy Notice is now available on the Diocesan website. www.gallowaydiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy-and-gdpr

CRIB COLLECTION AT CHRISTMAS. Gifts left at the crib in St John's will be forwarded to Hillhouse Care and gifts from St Mary's to Cardinal Winning Pro-Life Initiative. "Small Box Campaign" go to St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society. Please take one home with you for your crib donations.

PARISH FINANCES. As 31st December is the end of the financial year, can all those who operate bank accounts please compose a statement of income and expenditure from 1st January 2018 to 31st December 2018, together with a January 2019 bank statement. These figures have to be submitted to the Diocese before the end of January.

ST JOHN'S 300 CLUB. Congratulations to the winners of the Christmas Draw No. 174 S. Egan £200, No., 165 L. Egan £100 & No 27 B. Slater £50. There are numbers available in the 300 Club. If you would like to join or take an additional number please contact David Hume or telephone 465843.

SCIAF LENTEN TRAINING. SCIAF will be presenting Lenten Training on Saturday 2nd February 2019, 11am. until 1pm in the Church Hall of Our Lady and St Meddan's, Troon. This event is open to everyone who is interested in SCIAF and their Lenten Programme. Anyone wishing to reserve a place should contact Jim Berry:- Jimb40@btinternet.com Mobile: 07951165873 or 01292 311155

SALTCOATS FOOD BANK. We need more volunteers in distributing the food at the Salvation Army Hall, on Tuesdays from 2pm-3.30pm. If you can help please phone 07979873747 for details.

CHANA. Thank you so much for all the contributions for homeless people and families at Christmas and throughout the year. This is much needed help. **In November 42 women, 50 men and 29 children presented as homeless to North Ayrshire Council.** PS we would like to continue collecting shampoo and rubber gloves - Thank you

COUNSELLING SUPPORT FOR SURVIVORS IN THE RC DIOCESE OF GALLOWAY. Leaflets are available.

DAVID WELLS. Is a catechist and author and the Embracing change Spirituality Group in North Ayrshire has invited David to come to the Deanery to speak about Pope Francis' recent Apostolic Exhortation, 'Gaudete et Exsultate' (Rejoice and be Glad). On Sunday 10th February at 3pm he will address the assembled gathering in St Peter's, Ardrossan, Following his talk there will be an opportunity for small group discussions to take place in the church hall before a final plenary session in the Church. There will also be periods of prayer at the beginning and end of the event.

ADULT EDUCATION. Programme from January 2019 on Evangelii Gaudium The Joy of the Gospel. Leaflets and poster in church porch or contact Fr McFadden at catholicchurchgalloway@btinternet.com

ST MARY'S DIARIES. Available in the stall priced at £1. All proceeds will go towards Fr Keith's Mission in Guyana.

ON CHRISTMAS EVE. Pope Francis prayed for peace and renewed brotherhood in Syria, Yemen, Venezuela, Nicaragua, and other parts of the world experiencing conflict.

"May all of us receive peace and consolation from the birth of the Saviour and, in the knowledge that we are loved by the one heavenly Father, realise anew that we are brothers and sisters and come to live as such," Pope Francis said.

"By his incarnation, the Son of God tells us that salvation comes through love, acceptance, respect for this poor humanity of ours, which we all share in a great variety of races, languages, and cultures," he explained. Catholic News Agency.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER. Evangelisation – In the Service of the Transmission of Faith That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

CHANA. This is an extract from a letter received from one of the Homeless Hostels in North Ayrshire. "Our residents were delighted on Christmas Day when they opened their presents with the toiletries, sock, scarves, pyjamas, hats and gloves they received. This kind of donation makes our resident's stay more enjoyable and brighter in their difficult circumstances." **THANK YOU**

THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE is that there is hope for a ruined humanity—hope of pardon, hope of peace with God, hope of glory—because at the Father's will Jesus became poor, and was born in a stable so that thirty years later He might hang on a cross.
J.I. Parker

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