



St John the Evangelist  
Stevenson

# 9th December 2018

## Second Sunday of Advent

### Year C



Our Lady Star of the Sea  
Saltcoats

**Parish Priest: Canon Martin Poland**  
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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 and 10am**  
                                 **St John's 11.30am**

### WEEKDAY MASS / SERVICE TIMES

	St John's	St Mary's	St Peter's
Monday	10am Funeral Mass	10am Service of the Word	10am Mass
Tuesday	10am Service of the Word	10am Funeral Mass	10am Mass
Wednesday	10am Mass	—————	10.30am Mass
Thursday	10am Funeral Mass	10am Service of the Word	10am Mass
Friday	10am Service of the Word	10am Mass	10am Mass
Saturday	10am Mass	—————	10am Mass

**Reconciliation:** St John's Saturday at 10.30am. St Mary's Saturday 3.45pm

**Exposition:** St Mary's Friday at 10.30am.

**Morning Prayer:** No Morning Prayers this week.

**Jim Norwood RIP**  
**Tommy Milligan RIP**  
**Robert (Bobby) Millar RIP**

Jim's Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place tomorrow (Monday) at 10am in St John's followed by burial in Hawkhill Cemetery.

Tommy's Prayers of Reception will take place tomorrow (Monday) at 6pm in St Mary's  
His Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday at 10am followed by burial in High Road Cemetery

Robert's Prayers of Reception will take place on Wednesday at 6pm in St John's  
His Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday at 10am followed by burial in Hawkhill Cemetery.

*+May they rest in peace+*

### ST MARY'S DEANERY PENANCE SERVICES

Ardrossan—Tomorrow (Monday) at 7pm in St Peter's ; Saltcoats—Tuesday at 2pm in St Mary's; Stevenson—Wednesday 12th at 7pm in St John's; Largs—Thursday 13th at 2pm in St Mary's; Dalry/Beith/Kilbirmie—Monday 17th at 7pm in St Palladius and Kilwinning—Sunday 23rd at 6pm in St Winin's.

**A New Mentality is needed - Pope Francis.** "There is a need for leaders with a new mentality," the Pope said. "Those who do not know how to dialogue and exchange with each other are not leaders of peace: a leader who does not try to meet the 'enemy', to sit with him at the table, cannot lead his people to peace. To do this we need humility, not arrogance." **Catholic**

**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.

**THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:**



**RIP Birthday wishes:** Annie Thomas.  
**Anniversary:** John McNamara, Laurence Poland, Jim Murray, Florence Manfredini, Margaret McAuliffe, Margaret & Bert McGlashan, Margaret & Helen O'Rourke, Jean Martin, Owen Conlan, John Quinn, Betty Freeman and Alex & Rhoda McCall.

**Recently Deceased:** Robert (Bobby) Millar, Elizabeth Berti, Francesca Raffermati, Jim Norwood, Tommy Milligan, Gerry Pentleton, James Ward (Rutherglen), Cathie Steel and Mary Gallagher

*Masses are celebrated also by Priests in country parishes in our Diocese, retired priests, Fr Keith, Fr Gerard McCabe & Mission Matters Scotland (Pontifical Mission Societies).*

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK.** 16th December 2018;  
Third Sunday of Advent Year C: Zephaniah 3:14-18;  
Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:**



**For all the sick in our parishes\***

**RIP Birthday wishes:** Annie Thomas.

**Those who have an anniversary:** John McNamara, Laurence Poland, Jim Murray, Florence Manfredini, Margaret McAuliffe, Margaret & Bert McGlashan, Margaret & Helen O'Rourke, Jean Martin, Owen Conlan, John Quinn, Betty Freeman, Alex & Rhoda McCall, Margaret Magowan, Jim Murray, Joseph McKeever, Jim Crawford, Mary Dunn, Molly & Tommy Gordon

**Those who have died recently:** Robert (Bobby) Millar, Elizabeth Berti, Francesca Raffermati, Jim Norwood, Tommy Milligan, Gerry Pentleton, James Ward (Rutherglen), Cathie Steel, Mary Gallagher, Sr Rita Deegan RIP (Columban Sister who served in St John's Parish), Sadie Ford, John McDade, Angus Wyllie, Gilbert Reid, Anthony O'Donnell, Kathleen Rouncie and Caroline McCafferty.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS.** St Mary's: £856.29. (Envelopes £485.82; Cash; £370.47). St John's: £825.85. (Envelopes £656.49; Cash £169.36). SCIAF: £49.79. Building & Renovations; £111.35. Collection envelopes will be returned to the parish of issue and added into the following weeks figures.

**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.** Every Tuesday 10.30am till 2pm . Food served until 12.30pm.

**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.** Meet every Monday from 7 pm till 8 pm in St John's Church House. We read and reflect on the Mass readings for the following Sunday. Please feel free to join us.

**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.

**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.** If you wish anything in the parish bulletin please contact Lorna at St Mary's parish office on 463461 or email mail@rcsaltcoats.com by Thursday morning or Ian Neal for St John's by Wednesday evening on 465630 or email stjohndstevenston@gmail.com

**\*The new terms of the Data Protection Regulation (See below) prevent us from publishing the names of the sick either in electronic form or in paper form in the bulletin. A new folder containing the names of the sick will be brought through the Church in the offertory procession each week so that these people are included in our prayers. Please inform the parish office in writing of any names to be either included or taken out of this list.**

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

**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS.** Stickers can be ordered through the parish office at £2 per pack of 100. All monies go to charity.

**Advent Retreat - [www.pray-as-you-go.org](http://www.pray-as-you-go.org)**

**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](http://www.gallowaydiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy-and-gdpr)

**COMBONI SISTERS.** Will be visiting both parishes next weekend to sell their calendars

**QUIET DAY.** In St John's on Saturday 22nd December with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament between 12 Noon - 4pm. To ensure someone is present in the Church at all times there is a sheet with half hour periods in the porch and I shall be grateful if this can be completed before the day.

**RETIREMENT.** John Foran BDS thanks all patients who have supported him over the years. We wish him a happy retirement and thank him for his support through his advertisement in our bulletin.

**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. Financial donations go to St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society.

**ST JOHN'S 300 CLUB.** The Christmas Draw will take place at the coffee morning on 16th December. New envelopes will be available from 23rd December.

**STEVENSTON CAROL SERVICES.** Bonnie Leslie today at 3pm and Town Carol Service on 16th December at 6.30pm in Ardeer Church.

**NURSING HOMES CAROL SERVICES.** Caledonia; Today at 2pm. Arran View (Whiting Bay); Next Sunday 16th at 2pm. Sign up sheets for singers are available in both church porches. All welcome.

**"A voice cries in the wilderness. Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight." A SERIES OF EVENTS FOR ADVENT 2018.** Today at 3 pm - The Experience of Refugees in North Ayrshire. Some of the refugee families and North Ayrshire Council Officials; Wednesday 12th December at 7.30 pm - Scotland and Overseas Development - Jane Salmonson, International Development Alliance. Organised by the Outreach to the Poor Group of Embracing Change. All events will take place in St Mary's Parish Hall.

**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 FOODBANK.** Thanks to all who have made generous donations to the Foodbank. Around double the number of people receiving help last year are now getting help. 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.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS BOOK FAIR.** There are notices in both Church porches about this fair in Irvine next Saturday (15th) from 11am-5pm in Wellwood Burns Centre and Museum (beside the bus stop at the start of Eglinton Street). For more details phone 07979873747.

**CHANA** is appealing for Christmas gifts-unwrapped -for those in need. Toys for Children - not fluffy!. Gift cards for Teenagers. The usual adult gifts - socks, pyjamas, gloves, scarves etc. - mainly small to medium sizes please. **Thank you again for your continuing generosity.** 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.

**CHRISTMAS CAKE RAFFLE.** All proceeds to the Guyana Mission of Fr Keith. Raffle tickets for the Christmas Cake and other prizes will be on sale after the 4.30pm and 10am Masses this weekend. The draw will take place in the Church hall after 10am Mass next Sunday (16th).

**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.

**ST JOHN'S CHRISTMAS CHURCH CLEAN.** Will take place this coming Tuesday (11th) at 7pm. All welcome.

**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

**FREE TV LICENSE.** The TV license was given free to those over 75 as a supplement to the State Pension, which is in essence a Government Benefit, and as such has been the remit of the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) for many years, and was seen as part of the Government's wider role in social welfare. This meant that the Government avoided increasing the State Pension. In response to the BBC Consultation, which gives no option to remain as the 'status quo' Age UK, in conjunction with the ten organisations, has launched an online petition at : [www.ageuk.org.uk/tvpetition](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/tvpetition). Hopefully, as many people as possible will sign it, and even if you do not have a computer, maybe someone who has would help.

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

#### St John's

6.30pm Vigil Mass

9.30am Christmas Day Mass

#### St Mary's

4.30pm Vigil Mass

Midnight Mass

11am Christmas Day Mass

### Neighbouring Parishes:

Father Duncan McVicar, St Peter's, Ardrossan 464063. Father Gerard Magee, St Winin's, Kilwinning 552276.

RC Chaplain at Crosshouse and Ayr Hospitals is Deacon Bill Corbett 01292 521208

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