



St John the Evangelist
Stevenson

16th December 2018

Third Sunday of Advent

Year C



Our Lady Star of the Sea
Saltcoats

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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 Mass	10am Service of the Word	10am Mass
Tuesday	10am Service of the Word	10am Mass	10am Mass
Wednesday	10am Mass	—————	10am Mass
Thursday	10am Mass	10am Service of the Word	10am Mass
Friday	10am Mass	10am Mass	10am Mass
Saturday	10am Mass	—————	10am Mass

Reconciliation: St Mary's Saturday 3.45pm

Morning Prayer: St Mary's Tuesday at 9.30am. St John's Thursday at 9.30am

ST MARY'S DEANERY PENANCE SERVICES

Dalry/Beith/Kilbirnie-Tomorrow (Monday) at 7pm in St Palladius
and Kilwinning-Sunday 23rd at 6pm in St Winin's.

Respect Everyone's Fundamental Rights - Pope Francis. "Each person is therefore called to contribute to the respect of the fundamental rights of every person," the Pope said last Monday. "Especially [the rights] of those [who are] 'invisible:' of many who are hungry and thirsty, who are naked, sick, a stranger or imprisoned, who live on the margins of society or are discarded." "This need for justice and solidarity," he pointed out, "has a special significance for us Christians, because the Gospel itself invites us to turn our gaze to the least of our brothers and sisters, to be moved to compassion and to concretely commit ourselves to alleviate their suffering." **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.

HOSPITAL PAGER. I am on duty this week.

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:



Special Intention.

Anniversary: Kathleen Boyle (Kitty), Joe Burns, deceased members of Burns and Fitzpatrick families, William Meechan Snr & deceased members of Meechan and McCafferty families, Patrick Monaghan, Rev John Lafferty, Patricia MacNamara, William Martin, Jimmy Gailey and Annie McKernon.

Recently Deceased: Lizzie McGurk (Port Glasgow), Hugh Farrell Jnr, James Ward (Glasgow), Jack McLennan, John Bell, Jim Norwood, Sadie Ford, Shirley Monaghan (USA), Peggy MacKinnon (Bara) and Tommy Milligan.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK. 23rd December 2018; Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C: Micah 5:1-4; Psalm 79; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-44

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS.

St Mary's: £770.45. (Envelopes £427.84; Cash; £342.61).
St John's: £677.69. (Envelopes £560.20; Cash £117.49).
SCIAF: £46.94. Building & Renovations; £118.35. Collection envelopes will be returned to the parish of issue and added into the following weeks figures.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:



For all the sick in our parishes*

Special Intention.

RIP Birthday wishes: Annie Thomas.

Those who have an anniversary: Kathleen Boyle (Kitty), Joe Burns, deceased members of Burns and Fitzpatrick families, William Meechan Snr & deceased members of Meechan and McCafferty families, Patrick Monaghan, Rev John Lafferty, Patricia MacNamara, William Martin, Jimmy Gailey, Annie McKernon, 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.

Those who have died recently: Lizzie McGurk (Port Glasgow), Hugh Farrell Jnr, James Ward (Glasgow), Jack McLennan, John Bell, Shirley Monaghan (USA), Peggy MacKinnon (Bara), Robert (Bobby) Millar, Elizabeth Berti, Francesca Rafferlati, 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 and Angus Wyllie.

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. 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. **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. 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 stjohndevon@stjohnstevonston@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.

Advent Retreat - 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

WELCOME. To the Comboni Sisters to our masses this weekend.

QUIET DAY. In St John's this coming Saturday (22nd) with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament between 12 Noon –4pm, Reconciliation available between 12 Noon—2pm. No Exposition on Thursday and Friday.

STEVENSTON TOWN CHRISTMAS CARD WITH THE CHURCH SERVICES. Help required to deliver cards to the Hayocks area.

ALTAR SERVERS VISIT TO THE PANTOMINE ON SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER. Forms available from Canon Martin.

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. New envelopes will be available from 23rd December.

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB. Please note the club has now closed for the Christmas Holidays and will be back on the 15th January 2019. We wish you all a holy and peaceful Christmas and joyful New Year. We also thank you for your support and hope we will be seeing you all when we return.

STEVENSTON CAROL SERVICES. Town Carol Service today (Sunday) at 6.30pm in Ardeer Church.

NURSING HOMES CAROL SERVICES. Arran View (Whiting Bay) today (Sunday) at 2pm.

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. 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. 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.** The box is in the Church porch. **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. The draw will take place in the Church hall after 10am Mass today.

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

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. 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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