



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

13th January 2019

The Baptism of the Lord

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Our Lady Star of the Sea
Saltcoats

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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 Service of the Word	10am Funeral Mass	10am Mass
Tuesday	10am Funeral Service	10am Mass	10am Mass
Wednesday	10am Service of the Word	10am Funeral Mass	10am Mass
Thursday	10am 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 John's Thursday at 10.30am. St Mary's Friday at 10.30am
Morning Prayers: St Mary's Tuesday at 9.30am. St John's Thursday at 9.30am

Ina del Greco RIP
Laura Cambridge RIP
Pat Kelly RIP

Ina's Mary's Prayers of Reception will take place tonight (Sunday) at 5pm in St Mary's
 Her Funeral Mass will take place tomorrow (Monday) at 10am followed by cremation at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium.
 Laura's Prayers of Reception and Funeral Service will take place on Tuesday at 10am in St John's
 followed by burial at Nager Hill, Irvine.
 Pat's Prayers of Reception will take place on Tuesday at 6pm in St Mary's
 His Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday at 10am followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery.
+May they rest in peace+

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY - EVANGELISATION – YOUNG PEOPLE. That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:



Birthday wishes.

Anniversary: Mary Fraser, Robert Hastings Snr, Catherine O'Meara, Anne Marie O'Brien, Margaret Taylor, James Whiston, James Monan, Paul Millar, Claire Burke, Jane Cairns, Agnes McIntyre, Edward McIntyre, Gretta Taylor, Larry O'Keefe, Mary Whiston and Jennifer Ford.

Recently Deceased: Eileen D'Agostino, Mary Ann Callaghan, Ina del Greco, Laura Cambridge, Pat Kelly, Maura Lapsley (Ardrossan), Ron Walker (Canada), Ann Mallon, Marion McGrath, Helen Templeton and Gerry Pentleton.

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

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:



For all the sick in our parishes*

Birthday wishes.

Those who have an anniversary: Mary Fraser, Robert Hastings Snr, Catherine O'Meara, Anne Marie O'Brien, Margaret Taylor, James Whiston, James Monan, Paul Millar, Claire Burke, Jane Cairns, Agnes McIntyre, Edward McIntyre, Gretta Taylor, Larry O'Keefe, Mary Whiston, Jennifer Ford, Mary Garvey, Tommy Reid and Pat O'Rourke.

Those who have died recently: Eileen D'Agostino, Mary Ann Callaghan, Maura Lapsley (Ardrossan), Ron Walker (Canada), Ann Mallon, Helen Templeton, Gerry Pentleton, Mary Ann Callaghan (Wakefield), Pat Kelly, Laura Cambridge, Christopher Young Wylie, Ina del Greco, Philomena Yelverton, Jean Stuart, Anne Evans, Peter Dougan, Flora Monaghan, Elizabeth (Betty) Northcote, John Hynman (Norwich), Marion McGrath, Henry and Lizzie McGurk (Port Glasgow).

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK. 20th January 2019; Second Sunday of the Year C; Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 95; I Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-12

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS. St Mary's: £716.53 (Envelopes £399.06. Cash £317.47) St John's: £700.56. (Envelopes £570.95 Cash £129.61). SCIAF: £69.68. Collection envelopes will be returned to the parish of issue and added into the following weeks figures.

JUSTICE AND PEACE SPECIAL COLLECTION. St John's £241.01. St Mary's £560.33

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 start again this coming Wednesday at 7.30pm in St John's parish house.

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. Will meet again this Monday at 7 pm in St John's Church House. We reflect and pray using the readings for the following Sunday. New members will be made very welcome.

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. We need more volunteers in distributing the food , if you can help please phone 07979873747 for details.

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@stjohnstevenston@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.**

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

COMBONI SISTERS. Sr Anne Marie would like to thank all parishioners from both parishes for your amazing response to their recent calendar sale. The total raised was £378.00

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB. For those from St Anthony's preparing for Confirmation and First Eucharist will meet at St. Mary's Church Hall, tomorrow (Monday), Monday 21st and Monday 28th. Transport to St. Mary's will be provided but children should be collected from the hall at 4pm. **Thanks to ladies from both parishes who provide this opportunity for our young people.**

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY. United Service in St John's next Sunday (20th) at 3pm. Help required to serve teas afterwards please. Sunday 20th at 3pm in South Beach Baptist Church for Saltcoats.

MONDAY 21ST—FRIDAY 25TH JANUARY. Daily Reflection/Prayer at 9am each morning (lasting approximately 20 minutes), takes place in St John's Church Porch.

CHANA - Churches Homeless Action North Ayrshire. Thank you so much for the donations of shampoo and rubber gloves. We are going to use January to take stock of the needs and will make a fresh appeal soon. **Thank you.**

ST ANTHONY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL. Primary One Registration dates and times. **Wednesday 16th January** 9.30am to 10.30am, 10.45am to 11.45am and 1.30pm to 2.30pm; **Thursday 17th** 9.30am to 10.30am and 1.30pm to 2.30pm; **Friday 18th** 9.30am to 10.30am and 10.45am to 11.45am. **Please bring your child's birth certificate and proof of address when registering.**

ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL. Primary One Registration will take place all next week, please call at the school office for more details on 464557.

STEVENSTON HIGH KIRK. Would like to thank St John's parishioners for their kind donations of food for the Crisis bags. During 2018 155 Crisis bags were delivered to people in need in the Three Towns area.

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.

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

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 - THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL. Thank you to those who have signed up for this short course. The first session is on Tuesday 29th January at 7pm in St John's Hall. It will last for one hour. The booklet will be available before the first session.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK 17TH JUNE 2019. Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 17th June 2019. £649.00 pp sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, from Edinburgh, transfers in Ireland, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. WCHR rooms on request. Single room supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

WHEN THE SONG OF THE ANGELS IS STILLED. When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and the princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks, the work of Christmas begins:- To find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among people, to make music in the heart.

FROM ONE POPE TO ANOTHER. For the Coptic Orthodox, 7th January marks the celebration of Christmas. It coincided this year with the opening of a new Cathedral in Egypt. Pope Francis sent a special message. "I offer a special greeting to my very dear brother His Holiness Pope Tawadros II and to the dear Coptic Orthodox Church, which is known to give a true witness of faith and charity even in very difficult times." The Cathedral has a capacity of 8,200 people. "May the worship of God in the highest heaven ever be welcomed in the new cathedral, and may blessings and peace descend upon all people, whom God loves," the Pope's message continued. The Church's newly dedicated neighbour, Al-Fattah Al-Alim Mosque, is claimed to be the largest mosque in Egypt and the Middle East, with a capacity of over 17,000 people. Both the Mosque and the Cathedral were constructed over a period of about 18 months.

Neighbouring Parishes:

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