

St John the Evangelist Stevenston

# 6th October 2019 Twenty Seventh Sunday of Year C

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St Mary's Parish website: www.rcsaltcoats.com 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 Service of the Word	10am Mass
Tuesday	10am Service of the Word	10am Service of the Word	10am Mass
Wednesday	10am Service of the Word		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

**Reconciliation:** On request

**Exposition:** St John's Thursday at 10.30am. St Mary's Friday at 10.30am **Morning Prayer:** St Mary's Tuesday at 9.30am. St John's Thursday at 9.30am

**Rosary:** St John's every Tuesday at 7pm during October

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING LEVEL 2.** Anyone with a parish ministry involving children and/or vulnerable adults and who has already undertaken Level 1 Training should now undertake Level 2 Training. The next sessions will take place on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, St John's Stevenston at 7pm; Sunday 27th October, St Mary's Largs at 2pm and Wednesday 6th November St Winin's, Kilwinning at 7pm. Training will last approximately 2 hours.

Pope Francis on War and Weapons. "Today's world is increasingly becoming more elitist and cruel. Developing countries continue to be drained of their best natural and human resources for the benefit of a few privileged markets. Wars only affect some regions of the world, yet weapons of war are produced and sold in other regions which are then unwilling to take in the refugees generated by these conflicts," Pope Francis said in his homily in St. Peter's Square. last Sunday. Catholic News Agency (This is relevant to the event this Sunday in St John's.)

A SIGN "The abundance of elderly people and children. This is the sign that when a people care for the old and for the young, and consider them a treasure, there is the presence of God, a promise of future," Pope Francis said last Monday, Sept. 30. Catholic News Agency

Please make sure that your mobile phone is switched off during Mass. Thank you

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



**Anniversary:** Sadie Meechan (Lennoxtown), Rose McKay, Eileen Higney, Sean Henry and Patrick Giffney

Recently Deceased: Joe Gallacher and Rose Dalton

Masses are celebrated also by Fr Gerard McCabe plus Retired Priests, Missio Scotland (Pontifical Mission Societies).

#### **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK.** 13th October 2019:

Twenty Eighth Sunday of Year C; 2 Kings 5:14-17; Psalm 97; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS.

**St Mary's:** £923.76 (Envelopes £526.42. Cash £397.34). **St John's:** £657.87 (Envelopes £533.20 Cash £124.67). SCIAF £52.23. 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** 

Thanksgiving

**Those who have an anniversary:** Sadie Meechan (Lennoxtown), Rose McKay, Eileen Higney, Sean Henry, Patrick Giffney, Harry & Kate Nellis, Mary Nellis, Joe O'Rourke, Edward Clinton, Bill Hazelton, Margaret McGee and Betty Ross.

Those who have died recently: Rose Dalton, Sean Murphy, Joe Gallacher, Charlie McRobert (Irvine), Chris King (Australia), Bill Slaven (Dalry), Lorraine Ferguson, Fr Willie Mone (Glasgow), Canon John B. Healy (Motherwell), Robert McGill, Alex Lowey, Edward McBreen, Estelle Robertson, John Cowan and Jim Gardiner (Canada).

**THANK YOU.** To those who pay their collection by Standing Order. Between May and August St. Mary's received £8,337 and St. John's £2,910. Forms are available for those who wish to use this method.

**XAVERIAN MISSION APPEAL.** £1,267.53 — total for both parishes.

**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.

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

ST MARY'S TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB. Every Tuesday 10.30am till 2pm. Food served until 12.30pm.

**GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP**. Meet on Monday evenings at 7pm in St John's Church House. We reflect on the Mass readings for the following Sunday. Why not come along. It lasts for one hour.

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

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

S.V.D.P. Please call 07379400568 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 0782553243. (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 saltcoats@gallowaydiocese.org.uk by Thursday morning or Ian Neal for St John's by Wednesday evening on 465630 or email stjohnbulletinstevenston@gmail.com

**WEST COAST FURNITURE BANK**. This is a charity which distributes donated household goods to families in need. They are short of some items including towels, bedding, kettles and toasters. If you can help with any of these items, please call 07576232969.

\*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

**THE RITE OF PRESENTATION.** Welcome to the candidates this weekend who are preparing to celebrate Confirmation and First Eucharist in the coming year.

FR KEITH'S PICTURE. Has so far raised a wonderful £240.

ST JOHN'S PS. Are looking for help in the school with a reading initiative, craft club with knitting etc, a community gardening club and board game buddies. Information and application forms are available in the Church porch.

**GUNS OR PEOPLE.** Today at 3pm St John's Stevenston - an event including music and time for reflection to raise awareness of the consequences of using armaments to resolve conflict and the alternatives. Rev Kathy Galloway of The Iona Community is the guest speaker and Arthur West will explain the work of Peace Education Scotland. Time - about 45 minutes -a cup of tea at the end. It is organised by the Outreach to the Poor Group of Embracing Change. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

HIGH KIRK COFFEE MORNING. On Tuesday 8th October at 10.30 am in the High Kirk Hall Stevenston. All Welcome

**POPE FRANCIS.** Has declared October as an "Extraordinary Mission Month" during which we pray and support those countries where the church is poor and in need. This year Missio boxes are available and can be returned at the end of the month.

**SAFEGUARDING.** A copy of The Annual Safeguarding Statement from the Diocese is available in both church noticeboards, a copy can also be found on St Mary's website.

**FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS.** Would you be able to help with collections for the Food Bank for two hours? The dates are: Sainsbury's Irvine 18th/19th October Noon to 6pm and Morrison's Stevenston 22nd/23rd October 10am to 4pm. Please phone 07979542319 if you can help. Thank you.

MARY'S MEALS. Would like to say a very big THANK YOU to the boys and girls of S Anthony's PS who recently held a non-uniform day in aid of our backpack appeal. They gathered an AMAZING amount of items which will be a fantastic help when we fill our next set of backpacks.

ST MARY'S HEARTSTART COURSE. Will take place in St Mary's Church Hall this coming Wednesday at 7pm –8pm. If you wish to attend please add your name to the sign up sheet available at the back of the church.

**SPRED GALLOWAY TRUSTEE.** SPRED Galloway are looking for two successful candidates to join its Board of Trustees. If you would be interested in joining this dynamic and expanding charity, please contact Janette Douglas on 01292 738068 or email info@spredgalloway.org.uk for an application pack. Closing date for applications is Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019.

CHILDREN'S GUITARS. We now have enough guitars, thank you to all who donated.

**A CELEBRATION.** An exhibition of Traditional Arts and Crafts by some of the Syrian Refugee families is on in the Heritage Centre in Saltcoats. It runs till January and is well worth a visit.

**CHANA** - **Churches Homeless Action North Ayrshire**. Thank you to all who continue to give so generously. We need shampoo and deodorant - for both men and women. There is a box in both church porches.

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT.** For spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held north of Glasgow on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019. This confidential, supportive retreat is powerful for anyone who has been affected by their own or someone else's abortion experience. For more information, please call/text Sr Andrea on 07816 942824 or email Rachel via the enquiry form on the website www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk.

**FRIENDS OF MISSIO BALL.** Will take place on Saturday 16th November at the Hilton hotel Bellshill all seated for 7.30pm. Tickets are £40 per person with tables of ten also available. This includes a gift upon arrival, a 3 course meal and live band. There are also some fantastic raffle prizes and an auction on the night. All proceeds will go towards schools projects in Uganda and Sierra Leone.

**YOGA CLASS.** In St John's hall is on every Wednesday evening 5.45-6.45pm. Yoga can help you improve your balance, increase flexibility and build strength as well as allow you space and time to relax and breathe. This friendly, down-to-earth class is for everyone, including complete beginners. It's £5 per class and there's yoga mats available to borrow. If you have any questions please contact Steph on 07470435735 or email stephanienorthcoteyoga@gmail.com

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for October.** A Missionary "Spring" in the Church That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church.

Daily Mass Readings. You can sign up to receive the Daily Readings of the Mass by e- mail - go to dailygospel.org

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

19th/20th October—Mission Sunday Special Collection 26th/27th October—Aid to the Church in Need Special Collection

**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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