



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

12th January 2020

The Baptism of the Lord

Year A



Our Lady Star of the Sea
Saltcoats

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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 Service of the Word	10am Funeral Mass	10am Mass
Tuesday	10am Service of the Word	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 10.30 am. St Mary's — Saturday at 3.45pm

Morning Prayers:

St Mary's—Tuesday at 9.30am. St John's—Thursday at 9.30am.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

St John's—Thursday at 10.30am-11am. St Mary's 10.30 am –11am.

Please Pray for the Souls of

Molly Shields RIP

Hugh Slaven RIP

Kathleen Morgan RIP

Theresa Young RIP

Molly's Prayers of Reception and Funeral will take place tomorrow (Monday) at 10am in St Mary's
Followed by cremation in Holmsford Bridge Crematorium.

Hugh's Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday at 10am in St Mary's
Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery.

Kathleen's Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Monday 20th January at 10am in St Mary's
Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery.

Theresa's Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Monday 27th January at 10am in St Mary's
Followed by cremation in Holmsford Bridge Crematorium, Dreghorn.

+May they rest in peace+

Pope Francis to Diplomats - "We prefer bridges." Pope Francis said that 30 years after the fall of the Berlin Wall, it is still easy to erect barriers. "The Berlin Wall remains emblematic of a culture of division that alienates people from one another and opens the way to extremism and violence. We see this more and more in the hate speech widespread on the internet and in the social communications media. Rather than walls of hatred, we prefer bridges of reconciliation and solidarity; rather than what alienates, we prefer what draws people closer together," he said. **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: James Whiston, Anne O'Brien (Dublin), Margaret Taylor, Pat Kelly, Nora McCluskey, John Quinn, James Monan, Claire Burke, Agnes McIntyre, Edward McIntyre, Michael Boylan, Pat O'Rourke, Catherine O'Meara, Tommy Reid, Robert Hastings and Paul Millar.

Recently Deceased: Bernard Walsh, Molly Shields, Frances Hughes, Hugh Slaven, Kathleen Morgan, Theresa Young, Margaret Dickson, Evelyn Henderson (Millar) and Cillian Draine (Aged 11, Ireland).

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK. 19th January 2020; Isaiah 49:3. 5-6; Psalm 39; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:



For all the sick in our parishes*

Those who have an anniversary: James Whiston, Anne O'Brien (Dublin), Margaret Taylor, Pat Kelly, Nora McCluskey, John Quinn, James Monan, Claire Burke, Agnes McIntyre, Edward McIntyre, Michael Boylan, Pat O'Rourke, Catherine O'Meara, Tommy Reid, Robert Hastings, Paul Millar, Michael Boylan, Pat O'Rourke, Catherine O'Meara, Tommy Reid, Robert Hastings and Paul Millar.

Those who have died recently: Bernard Walsh, Margaret Dickson, Evelyn Henderson (Millar), Cillian Draine (Aged 11, Ireland), Rosemary Sellar (Largs), Hugh Slaven, Sam Taylor, Frances Hughes, (Ardrossan), Anne (Susan) McGowan, Cathie Kerr (Ayr), Peggy Miller, John Meechan, Sarah Gray, Stephen McCormick, Molly Shields, Kathleen Morgan., Davie Lambie, Abbie O'Rourke (Southampton) and Jack Oliver.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS. St Mary's: £723.86. (Envelopes £347.12. Cash £376.74). St John's: £688.32. Envelopes £571.00. Cash £117.32). SCIAF £63.83. Collection envelopes will be returned to the parish of issue and added into the following weeks figures.

JUSTICE AND PEACE. Both parishes £952.01.

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 in St Mary's. After 11.30am Mass today in St John's.

ST MARY'S TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB. Will reopen again on Tuesday 21st January.

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP. Meets every Monday at 7pm in St John's Church House for one hour. We reflect and pray on the readings for the following Sunday. Why not come and see? You will be made very welcome.

S.V.D.P. Please call 07379400568 for Saltcoats and 07498501326 for Stevenston.

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

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 saltcoats@gallowaydiocese.org.uk by Thursday morning or Ian Neal for St John's by Wednesday evening on 465630 or email stjohbulletinstevenston@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. George would like to thank everyone who has donated to the appeal. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

***The new terms of the Data Protection Regulation 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

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB. For those from St. Anthony's preparing for Confirmation and First Eucharist – this Monday at 3pm until 4pm in St. Mary's Church Hall.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY. United Service in St. John's on Sunday 19th January at 3pm. (Help with teas required). Monday – Friday 9am – short prayer/reflection in St. John's.

ST. JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL & EARLY YEAR REGISTRATION. Primary 1 Registration Session 2020/2021. Will your child be four years old on or before 29th February 2020? If so they should be registered for education. Registration for Primary 1 takes place in all local authority schools during the week beginning **Monday 13th January 2020**. At St. John's please come along to register your child at the following times: Monday 13th: 9am – 3pm; Wednesday 15th: 9am – 3pm; Thursday 16th: 9am – 3pm; Friday 17th: 9am – 3pm. Please bring along your child's birth certificate when registering. For more information contact the school office on 01294 464557. **Early Years Class (Nursery) Registration Session 2020/2021.** Children with dates of birth between 1st March 2016 and 28th February 2018 can be registered with our nursery. Registration for Early Years Classes take place in all local authority Nurseries during the week beginning Monday 3rd February 2020 – Thursday 6th February 2020. Registration will take place Monday to Friday between the hours of 8am to 6pm.

ST ANTHONY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL REGISTRATION. Primary 1 Registration Session 2020/2021. At St Anthony's please come along to register your child at the following times: Monday 13th: 9.30am-10.30am and 1pm—2.30pm; Tuesday 14th: 1.30pm-2.30pm and Wednesday 15th: 9.30am-10.30am and 1pm-2.30pm. Please bring your child's birth certificate and proof of address when registering.

THE ANNUAL WHITE MASS. For Healthcare Professionals and others who work in the health and care sectors will be held in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral in Motherwell on Sunday 9th February at 10.30 pm. Bishop Joseph Toal will be the Principal Celebrant. Following the Mass, refreshments will be served in St Bride's Hall, across from the Cathedral.

GUYANA MISSION. Thanks to your great generosity with money and gifts to sell we have raised a further £1,000 and sent to Fr Eddie. That is £2,000 since June. I'm sure Fr Keith must be working for us in heaven.

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 2019 to 31st December 2019, together with a January 2020 bank statement. These figures have to be submitted to the Diocese before the end of January.

POST OF PART TIME DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING OFFICER. For details see advert on Diocesan website www.gallowaydiocese.org.uk. Job description and application form available from Diocesan Office. Phone 01292 266750 or email : administration@gallowaydiocese.org.uk

EU SETTLEMENT SCHEME. North Ayrshire Council is assisting EU, EEA and Swiss citizens to apply for Settled Status which will allow you to stay in the UK after 31st December 2020. Full details on how to apply can be found at the back of both churches or at: <https://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/council/eu-settlement-scheme.aspx>.

YOGA CLASS. The weekly Wednesday evening classes have resumed. For any enquiries please contact Steph on 07470435735 or email stephanienorthcoteyoga@gmail.com

REJOICE AND BE GLAD. This is the subject of the 2020 Adult Education series for the Diocese. It is based on the Pope's Apostolic Exhortation Gaudate et Exultate. The series will consist of a meeting a month in Saltcoats or Stevenston from January to June. Each meeting will last one hour. Look out for more details.

CHANA. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to help the homeless both at Christmas and throughout the year. Your donations are so welcome. Thank You.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2020 - PROMOTION OF WORLD PEACE. *We pray that Christians, followers of other religions and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.*

War is a form of Fratricide. *The terrible trials of internal and international conflicts, often aggravated by ruthless acts of violence, have an enduring effect on the body and soul of humanity. Every war is a form of fratricide that destroys the human family's innate vocation to brotherhood. Pope Francis*

Blessed are the peacemakers who offer hope and healing. Blessed are the peacemakers who help find answers. Blessed are the peacemakers, who help those who are hurting. Blessed are the peacemakers, who befriend perfect strangers. Blessed are the peacemakers who see the good in others. Fr Paul Milanowski

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

Going into Hospital? Ask Canon Poland for the Anointing of the Sick before you are admitted.

Ask the ward Sister to let Deacon Corbett know you are admitted and would appreciate a routine visit.

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