



St John the Evangelist  
Stevenston

# 1st March 2020

## First Sunday of Lent

### Year A



Our Lady Star of the Sea  
Saltcoats

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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 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 Mass	10am Mass
Wednesday	10am 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 John's—Thursday at 9.30am  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** St John's—Thursday at 10.30am-11am . St Mary's Friday at 10.30 am –11am  
**Stations of the Cross During Lent :** St Mary's Tuesday at 9.30am. St John's Friday 7pm.

**SCIAF. MAKE BIG CHANGES HAPPEN WITH YOUR WEE BOX.** Thousands of women and girls in the DR Congo need your help right now. Today, many thousands of women and girls continue to be left injured, traumatised and in urgent need of assistance. For more information about SCIAF's Lent campaign please go to [www.sciaf.org.uk](http://www.sciaf.org.uk) or call 0141 354 5555.

**RITE OF ELECTION.** Will take place at each of the Masses this weekend for those preparing for the First Eucharist. For those adults preparing for full membership of the Church at Easter, Mass will take place in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr at

*Please Pray for the Soul of  
Sarah (Sadie) Harvey RIP*  
Funeral Service will take place in Holmsford Bridge Crematorium on Wednesday at 11.30pm

**POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH. Catholics in China.** We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

**Turn off the Television....**On Ash Wednesday Pope Francis urged Catholics to use the season of Lent to spend less time immersed in the chatter and noise of the world through television and their phones, and to spend more time in silence and in conversation with God. "Lent is the right time to make room for the Word of God. It is the time to turn off the television and open the Bible. It is the time to disconnect from your cell phone and connect to the Gospel," the Pope said.

**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES.** St Peter's, Ardrossan—Monday 30th March at 7pm; St Mary's, Saltcoats— Tuesday 31st March at 2pm; St John's, Stevenston—Wednesday 1st April at 7pm

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

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



**Anniversary:** Mary (Mollie) McFarlane, Michael Reilly, Derrick Whitehead, Frankie Lundie, John & Katie Dorrian, George Jackson, James MacDonald, Alex Waddell Snr, Alex Waddell, May & Patrick Hanlon, Billy Convery, James Ward, Bridget Ward and Joseph Ward.

**Recently Deceased:** Wilma Smith, Annette Gentilucci (USA), Paul Hamilton, Chris Callaghan, Sadie Harvey, Thomas Joyce, Brian Meechan (Irvine), Albert Murphy Trainer, Jimmy Fry, John Jackson (Glasgow) and David O'Hare.

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

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK.** 8th March 2020; Second Sunday of Lent: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 32; 2 Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9

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



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

**Those who have an anniversary:** Mary (Mollie) McFarlane, Michael Reilly, Derrick Whitehead, Frankie Lundie, John & Katie Dorrian, George Jackson, James MacDonald, Alex Waddell Snr, Alex Waddell, May & Patrick Hanlon, Billy Convery, James Ward, Bridget Ward, Joseph Ward, Patrick Joseph Hamilton Snr, Brendan Dorrian, Leah Smith, John McCafferty (Wishaw), June Wood (Cornwall) and Martin Cunningham

**Those who have died recently:** Wilma Smith, Chris Callaghan, Sadie Harvey, Thomas Joyce, Brian Meechan (Irvine), Albert Murphy Trainer, Jimmy Fry, John Jackson (Glasgow), David O'Hare, Gerry Boyle, Gerard O'Kane (Carfin), John Ward (Maybole), Annette (Grimley) Gentilucci (USA), Marie Pellegrini, Ruth Carson, Paul Hamilton and Maria Cameron.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS.** St Mary's: £639.75 Envelopes £307.10. Cash £332.65). St John's: £669.60. (Envelopes £580.20. Cash £89.40). SCIAF £30.60. Building & Renovations £85.34. 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.

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

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

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

**GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP.** Meets on Monday at 7pm in St John's Church House for one hour. We reflect on the readings for the following Sunday. Please feel free to join us.

**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.

**WEST COAST FURNITURE BANK.** This is a charity which distributes donated household items to families in need. During the past year, we have been able to support approx. 500 individuals/families. An estimated 40% of the donations have come from readers of this bulletin. George would like to thank everyone for their generosity. The contact number is 07576232969.

**\*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.**

**PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE, 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2020.** £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight from Edinburgh with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 5 nights' in Knock House Hotel with breakfast and dinner. All excursions included. Lunches on days out. Single supplement £100.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages ATOL T7613.

**PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE.** The Association of the Sacred Heart would like you all to consider taking a "Short term Pledge for Lent." Leaflets are available at the back of both churches.

**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)

**SATURDAY CLUB.** Next Saturday (7th) 9.45am-12 Noon for those from St. John's preparing for First Eucharist.

**THREE TOWNS NURSING HOME.** Service on Sunday at 3pm will be led by St. John's.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION.** Will be celebrated in St. John's on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.

**ST MARY'S SVDP.** During Lent, on behalf of the homeless men and women who visit the Ozanam Centre in Glasgow, St Mary's SVDP Conference is collecting ladies and gents toiletries. A box is available at the back of the church.

**GUYANA MISSION.** We are sending another £500 to Fr Eddie from the shop and donations, bringing the total to £1,500 since January. We have received an update from Raymond, who has taken over the Mission, copies of this are available in the Church porch. Parish donations for 2018/2019 amounted to £4,865.90, breakdown as follows: Bonus Ball £1,598.90; Standing Orders £2,400; Diaries £200; Cake Raffle £432; Special Collection £729 and painting of Fr Keith (painted by John Slavin) £370. Thank you all once again for your continued support to the Mission in Guyana.

**ST MARY'S BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE.** Is currently being compiled for St Mary's Parish Community. If you wish the names of your deceased relatives and friends to be included, please complete one of the forms in the Church porch and hand it into the parish office. If you completed a form some months ago, you do not need to submit another one. Forms will be available this weekend and next weekend (7th and 8th). Forms should be returned to the parish office no later than Friday 13th March.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY.** "Arise". Will take place on Sunday 5th April at 6pm (finishing at 8.30pm) in St Margaret's Cathedral, Parish Hall, Ayr. Young people from across the Diocese join us to reflect, support and pray together. Young people of all ages welcome. For more info email Fr Jim at [youth@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:youth@gallowaydiocese.org.uk)

**EMBRACING CHANGE SPIRITUALITY GROUP.** 2020 has been dedicated to the re-discovery of the Holy Scriptures, and to give us the opportunity to focus on the Word of God, Fr. Mark Kelly will lead us in talks on each of the Gospels throughout the year in various parishes over the deanery. The dates and venues are : Tuesday 24th March at 7pm St. Brigid's Church Kilbirmie; Tuesday 26th May at 7pm St. Mary's Church Largs; Tuesday 25th August at 7pm St. John's Church Stevenston; Tuesday 24th November at 7pm St. John Ogilvie's Church Irvine. Scripture is at the heart of everything the Church does. The word of God shapes our prayer and worship. The Bible shows us how to understand the world, how we are called to live and relate to each other. Don't miss out on this opportunity to come together as a deanery to listen to, and reflect on the Scriptures during this special year.

**NOMINATIONS.** For St John's Pastoral Council are welcome. Please contact Canon Martin.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.** This year's service has been written by the women of Zimbabwe and the theme is 'Rise, take your mat and walk'. All welcome to Ardeer UK Church in Stevenston this coming Friday at 2pm and St Cuthbert's Church in Saltcoats also at 2pm.

**THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA.** Offer an opportunity whereby gentlemen can be more active in their faith and in their service to the Church. We are actively looking for new members to help us in our work. Please contact us on 0141 883 5700 or visit our website [ksc.org.uk](http://ksc.org.uk) for more information.

**ACROSS PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES BY JUMBULANCE.** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2020, leaves from Kilmarnock. Everyone on pilgrimage has an essential role to play from the assisted pilgrims to the chaplain, doctor, nurses and lay helpers. Pilgrimage costs £850 per person, this includes travel to/from Lourdes and full board accommodation. Further information and application forms can be obtained by contacting Group Leader Alison Neil; Tel 07749555955 e-mail: [Alison.neil@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Alison.neil@hotmail.co.uk) or visit Across at [www.across.org.uk](http://www.across.org.uk) or telephone 020 3542 1800.

**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 31<sup>st</sup> 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>. Information leaflets are also available at the back of both Churches.

**ST. JOHN'S FITNESS CLASS.** Mary Murphy's Fitness Class takes place in St. John's Church Hall every Wednesday from 10.30am to 11.30am. New members warmly welcomed (men & women). The classes are set for all levels of fitness with separate work groups and activities to meet individual needs. For more information please phone Mary on 01294 550765 or just turn up and register.

**YOGA CLASS.** Every Wednesday in St John's Church. For all enquiries please contact Steph on 07470435735 or email [stephanorthcoteyoga@gmail.com](mailto:stephanorthcoteyoga@gmail.com)

**PRAY AS YOU GO - LENTEN RETREAT.** We invite you to join us in carving out some time and space over the next several weeks to pray throughout Lent. Our retreat guide this Lent comes from Peter Edmonds SJ and we will follow key moments of Jesus' life and ministry. Sessions are released weekly and will be available on our app, website and Soundcloud. You will also be able to read and follow along in stages with **Sacred Space** too. **Find us on [www.pray-as-you-go.org](http://www.pray-as-you-go.org)**

**LENT - THE TWO POPES.** "Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life..." -- **Pope Benedict XVI**  
"Fasting makes sense if it really chips away at our security and, as a consequence, benefits someone else, if it helps us cultivate the style of the good Samaritan, who bent down to his brother in need and took care of him." -- **Pope Francis**

**Neighbouring Parishes:**

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