



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

23rd February 2020

Seventh Sunday of Year A



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 Mass	10am Service of the Word	10am Mass
Tuesday	10am Service of the Word	10am Mass	10am Mass 1pm Funeral Service
Wednesday	9am Mass 7pm Mass	10am Mass	10am Mass 7pm Mass
Thursday	10am Mass	10am Service of the Word	10am Mass
Friday	—————	—————	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 Friday at 10.30 am –11am

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO SUFFERED ABUSE. Mass will be celebrated on Friday (28th) in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr at 12 Noon. Mass in the Three Towns will take place in St Peter's at 10am followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 11am. **There will be no services in St John's or St Mary's on Friday.**

ASH WEDNESDAY. - Day of Fasting and Abstinence. Mass with Blessing of Ashes will take place at 9am and 7pm in St John's and 10am in St Mary's. Service only in St Anthony's PS at 10am for P1-3 and 10.30am for P4-7. Service only in St John's PS at 1.30pm.

SCIAF. This year's SCIAF Lent appeal focuses on DR Congo and tells the story of those who have suffered violence, in particular violence against women and girls. Please give to SCIAF this Lent to help people in the DR Congo build a brighter future. WEE Boxes will be available from this weekend. Our SCIAF rep Leah will speak at all masses this weekend.

Pope Francis about Meekness. "A moment of anger can destroy many things; you lose control and do not evaluate what is really important, and you can ruin a relationship" he said. "On the other hand, meekness conquers many things. Meekness is capable of winning the heart, saving friendships and much more, because people get angry, but then calm down, rethink and retrace their steps, and you can rebuild." *Catholic News Agency*

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: Patrick Joseph Hamilton Snr, Brendan Dorrian, Leah Smith, John McCafferty (Wishaw), June Wood (Cornwall) and Martin Cunningham.

Recently Deceased: Gerry Boyle, Gerard O’Kane (Carfin), John Ward (Maybole), Annette (Grimley) Gentilucci (USA) and Marie Pellegrini.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK. 1st March 2020; First Sunday of Lent: Genesis 2:7-9;3:1-7; Psalm 50; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS.

St Mary’s: £683.15 (Envelopes £392.58. Cash £290.57).

St John’s: £613.64. (Envelopes £546.17. Cash £67.47).

SCIAF £62.12. Collection envelopes will be returned to the parish of issue and added into the following weeks figures.

CHURCH STUDENT’S SPECIAL COLLECTION. Both parishes £975.43

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. Will not meet this Monday, joining the “Rejoice and be Glad” group on Tuesday.

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 stjohnbulletinstevenston@gmail.com

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.**

Prayer Intentions February 2020. In his prayer intention for the month of February 2020, Pope Francis calls the entire world to hear the cries of migrants, many of whom are victims of criminal human trafficking.

Leviticus - Today's First Reading. The Book of Leviticus (rarely read in church) is the third of the five books of the Old Testament known as the Pentateuch or the Torah. It is essentially concerned with Laws and rubrics, and for many centuries was attributed to Moses, since it is clearly influenced by the Ten Commandments. However, scholars nowadays think that it was written by several different authors, all following the tradition of Moses.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:



For all the sick in our parishes*

Those who have an anniversary: Patrick Joseph Hamilton Snr, Brendan Dorrian, Leah Smith, John McCafferty (Wishaw), June Wood (Cornwall), Martin Cunningham, Michael Boyd (2nd), Tommy Murray, Albert Garrett, Deceased members of Garrett family, Harry Crawford, James (Bud) Cassidy, Mary Ann & Con McGeehan, Bernard Walsh (months mind), James & Mary McEvoy, James Millar, Christopher Millar, James Costello and Ellen Jane Harbinson.

Those who have died recently: Gerry Boyle, Gerard O’Kane (Carfin), John Ward (Maybole), Annette (Grimley) Gentilucci (USA), Marie Pellegrini, Ruth Carson, Paul Hamilton, Maria Cameron, Elizabeth Niven, Maria Recetti, Helen Jamieson, Theresa Young, Isabel Charles and Billy Hand (Jnr).

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 ELECTION. For Adults joining the Church takes place in St. Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr next Sunday at 3pm.

THE RITE OF ELECTION. For those celebrating First Eucharist in May takes place at all Masses next weekend .

ST MARY'S & ST JOHN'S SVDP'S. During Lent, on behalf of the homeless men and women who visit the Ozanam Centre in Glasgow, SVDP Conferences are collecting ladies and gents toiletries. A box is available at the back of both church porches.

"REJOICE AND BE GLAD" The next meeting of this study group on the Pope's Apostolic Exhortation "Rejoice and be Glad" will take place this coming Tuesday (25th) at 7pm in St John's Hall for one hour. Please read the second chapter for the meeting. It's not too late to join in. Just come along. We read through the chapter together.

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 the church.

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER. In Stevenston on Friday 6th March at 2pm in Ardeer UF Church. One reader is required from St John's.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER. Service in Saltcoats will take place in St Cuthbert's Church at 2pm on Friday 6th March. This year's service has been written by the women of Zimbabwe and the theme is 'Rise, take your mat and walk'. Men and women from all the local churches will be made welcome.

ACROSS PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES BY JUMBULANCE. Thursday 23rd April – 2nd 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 or visit Across at www.across.org.uk or telephone 020 3542 1800.

PALESTINIAN HALF-MARATHON. Dr Allan McNeill is running the Palestinian half-marathon in Bethlehem on March 27th to raise funds for the charity 'Friends of the Holy Land', a UK charity which helps Christians to remain living in the Holy Land. Donations can be made on www.justgiving.com/fundraising/allanmcneill or by post to: Fr. David Borland, St. Margaret's Church, Ayr—please make any cheques payable to 'St. Margaret's'. Thank you for your help.

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>. Information leaflets are also available at the back of both Churches.

ST. JOHN'S FITNESS CLASS. Mary Murphy's Fitness Class has now restarted in St. John's Church Hall every Wednesday from 10.30am to 11.30am and looks forward to seeing you all again. 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 stephienorthcoteyoga@gmail.com

CHANA. Thank you to everyone who contributes to help the homeless throughout the year. Your donations are so welcome. Thank You.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE, 14TH 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.

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. The introduction session will be available on Ash Wednesday (26th February) with Session 1 released the next day (Thursday 27th February). 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*

RECONCILIATION. *"The message of reconciliation, of nation-building, of granting amnesty, indemnity, has struck a powerful, favourable chord. And people can understand that we're here not for purposes of retribution but to forget the past and to build our country." Nelson Mandela*

Tourists *In the middle ages people were tourists because of their religion, whereas now they are tourists because tourism is their religion. Robert Runcie, former Archbishop of Canterbury.*

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.

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