



St John the Evangelist  
Stevenston

# 15th March 2020

## Third 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 Service of the Word	10am Service of the Word	10.30am Funeral Mass
Tuesday	10am Funeral Mass	10am Service of the Word	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	—————	9am Funeral Mass 1.30pm Nuptial 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—Friday at 9.30am. St John's Friday 7pm.

**SCIAF APPEAL.** This year the SCIAF WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE Appeal has received UK Aid Match. This means that all public donations up until 20th May to the appeal will be doubled by the UK Government. **Please give generously to the SCIAF collection next Sunday. £105.37 was raised from the £1 shop at the Tuesday Lunch Club last week.**

*Please Pray for the Souls of*

**Ian Neal RIP, Louise Barr RIP, Ann Marie Dickie RIP, Maureen Morrison RIP, Lettie Anderson RIP, Fiona White RIP**

Ian's Prayers of Reception will take place on Monday at 6pm in St John's. His Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday at 10am followed by burial in Knadgerhill Cemetery, Irvine.

Louise's Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday at 10am in St Mary's followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery. Ann Marie's Prayers of Reception will take place on Friday in St Mary's at 6pm. Her Funeral Mass will take place on Saturday at 9am followed by burial in Hawkhill Cemetery.

Maureen's Funeral Service will take place on Monday 23rd March at 2.30pm in Holmsford Bridge Crematorium.

Lettie's Prayers of Reception will take place on Monday 23rd March at 6pm in St Mary's. Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday at 10am followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery.

Fiona's Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 25th March at 10am in St Mary's. Followed by burial in Hawkhill Cemetery.

*+May they rest in peace+*

**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:** Connell Thomas, Agnes Kelly, Sarah Crawford, Bobby McCall, Nanda McGoogan, Patrick Joseph Hamilton (Jnr), Ellen McGarvey, Bridget MacDonald (McGarvey), Arthur Cambridge Jnr, Charles Smith, John McCann and Fr Keith (1st)

**Recently Deceased:** Lettie Anderson, Fiona White, Ian Neal, Louise Barr, Ann Marie Dickie, David Love, Maureen Morrison, Bert Anderson (Paisley), Jimmy Frye and John Ward.

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

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK.** 22nd March 2020; Fourth Sunday of Lent: I Samuel 16:1.6-7.10-13; Psalm 22; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS.**

**St Mary's:** £689.178 (Envelopes £378.50. Cash £310.68).

**St John's:** £756.21. (Envelopes £702.70. Cash £53.51).

SCIAF £31.69. Building & Renovations £111.08. 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](mailto:saltcoats@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) by Thursday morning.

**WEST COAST FURNITURE BANK.** This is a charity which distributes donated household items to families in need. 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. Please see poster on noticeboards for more information.

**PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE.** "Short term Pledge for Lent." Leaflets are available at the back of both churches.

**Preparation for Sunday.** St Bueno's Jesuit Retreat House do a lovely prayer session for the following Sunday. You can find it on <https://stbeunosoutreach.wordpress.com/prego/>

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



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

**Those who have an anniversary:** Connell Thomas, Agnes Kelly, Sarah Crawford, Bobby McCall, Nanda McGoogan, Patrick Joseph Hamilton (Jnr), Ellen McGarvey, Bridget MacDonald (McGarvey), Arthur Cambridge Jnr, Charles Smith, John McCann, Luke Gargan, Billy Convery, Teresa Reid, Fr James McHugh, Elizabeth Melaney, John Dunwoodie, Catherine Girvan, Arthur Cambridge Jnr, William Henry McCann (10th), Helen Celendile, Mary Linney and Fr Keith (1st).

**Those who have died recently:** Lettie Anderson, Fiona White, Ann Marie Dickie, Maureen Morrison, Bert Anderson (Paisley), Gerry Swan, Ian Neal, John McLaughlin (Troon), David Love, Louise Barr, Gerard Boyle, Maria Ho, Wilma Smith, Chris Callaghan, Sadie Harvey, Thomas Joyce, Brian Meechan (Irvine), Albert Trainer, Jimmy Frye, John Jackson (Glasgow), David O'Hare, Gerry Boyle, Gerard O'Kane (Carfin), John Ward (Maybole) and Annette (Grimley) Gentilucci (USA)

**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)

**CORONAVIRUS.** To minimise the risk of spreading this infection Galloway Diocese is now following Stage 2 Instructions from the Bishop's Conference. These include Communion no longer available from the Chalice and those receiving Communion will receive on the hand only; no shaking of hands at the Sign of Peace; no Holy Water Stoups at the entrance to the Church; hymn books and mass cards will no longer be available. Other instructions may be given at weekend Masses. Further information is available from St Mary's website and the Diocese of Galloway website.

**CONGRATULATIONS.** To all who celebrated their First Reconciliation on Thursday.

**GOOD WISHES.** To Sally Cunningham and Alexander Kelly who are to be married in St Mary's on Saturday at 1.30pm

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.** St Mary's Parish Community were well represented at this year's service held in St Cuthbert's Church last Friday. Thank you to all who attended.

**RCIA.** The next meeting will take place tomorrow (Monday) at 2pm in St Mary's parish house.

**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.

**CHRISM MASS.** Will take place in St. Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr on Tuesday 7th April at 7.30pm. A sign up sheet is available for names in both porches for those wishing to travel by coach.

**ST JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP ANNUAL COME DINE WITH ME.** Will be held on Friday 1st May, A fun night for all the family, entertainment, 3 course meal and bar available. Tickets £15/Adult, £7.50/Child and are available from Youth Group members or phone 07960536326.

**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

**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 is postponed**; 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.

**THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA.** Offer an opportunity whereby gentlemen can be more active in their faith and in their service to the Church. Please contact us on 0141 883 5700 or visit our website ksc.org.uk for more information.

**ACROSS PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES BY JUMBULANCE.** Unfortunately this trip has been cancelled.

**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 available.

**ST. JOHN'S FITNESS CLASS.** Mary Murphy's Fitness Class 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 stephaniorthcoteyoga@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)*

*The Justice of Christ Pope Francis said on Wednesday that Catholics must spread the Gospel to a world which hungers and thirsts for the justice of Jesus Christ. Speaking via livestream, the Pope said that in the heart of every person, "even the most corrupt and far from good person," there is "always the thirst for truth and good, which is the thirst for God. This is why the Church is sent to announce to everyone the Word of God, steeped with the Holy Spirit," he stated. "Because the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the greatest justice which can be offered to the heart of humanity, which has a vital need for it, even if it does not realise it." Catholic News Agency.*

**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.*

#### Neighbouring Parishes:

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