



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

18th February 2018

First Sunday of Lent

Year B



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 Mass	10am Service of the Word	10am Mass
Tuesday	10am Funeral Mass	10am Mass	10am Mass
Wednesday	10am Mass	—————	10am Mass
Thursday	10am Mass	10am Service of the Word	10am Funeral Mass
Friday	10am Service of the Word	10am Mass	10am Funeral Mass
Saturday	10am Mass	—————	10am Mass

Reconciliation St John's Saturday at 10.30am. St Mary's Saturday at 3.45pm
Exposition St John's Thursday at 10.30am
Stations of the Cross St John's Friday at 7pm. St Mary's Friday at 9.30am
Children's Liturgy During Sunday Mass in St John's 11.30am

SCIAF. WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE. Be fishers of men this Lent. By supporting SCIAF this Lent your Parish is helping families, like the Lang's from Cambodia, who have been victims of illegal fishing. Let's work together, so poor Cambodians and other people in need around the world can survive and thrive. Lang said, "We want to say thank you to the people of Scotland who have provided this support for us."

Moira Grant RIP

Moira's Prayers of Reception will take place in St John's on Monday at 6pm.
Her Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday at 10am.
Followed by burial in Hawkhill Cemetery

Cecilia Monaghan RIP

Memorial Mass on Saturday 24th February at 10am in St John's
+May they rest in peace+

SPECIAL COLLECTION.

Will take place at all masses this weekend for Church Students Fund. Gift Aid Envelopes will be available.

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:



Anniversary: Robert Cairns, Patrick Joseph Hamilton Snr, Catherine McCubbin, Murray & Lennox families, Martin Cunningham, Brendan Dorrian and Harry Crawford

Recently Deceased: Michael Boyd, Moira Grant, George Reid (Saltcoats) and John Sullin (Dundee).

Masses are celebrated also by Priests in country parishes in our Diocese, retired priests, Fr Keith, Fr Gerard McCabe & Mission Matters Scotland (Pontifical Mission Societies).

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK. 25th February 2018; Second Sunday of Lent B: Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13.15-18; Psalm 115; Romans 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS. **St Mary's:** £776.29 (Envelopes £430.31; Cash £335.98). **St John's:** £697.70 (Envelopes £594.37; Cash £103.33); SCIAF £32.01; Building & Renovations £112.17. 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 Rosemary on 466129 for St John's. Please note booking form has to be completed to confirm your booking.

ST. JOHN'S FUNERAL TEAS. Further information from Christina Harnett on 07562360517 or 01294 466084.

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

ST MARY'S TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB. Every Tuesday from 10.30am till 2pm. Food served until 12.30pm. Volunteers always welcome,

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

POETRY GROUP. Meets every last Thursday of the month in St Mary's parish hall at 7.15pm.

GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP. Meet on Monday at 7pm in St John's Church House. All welcome.

S.V.D.P. Please call 07796237890 for Saltcoats and call 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.

BULLETIN NOTICES. If you wish anything in the parish bulletin please contact Lorna at St Mary's parish office on 463461 or email mail@rcsaltcoats.com by Thursday morning or Ian Neal for St John's by Wednesday evening on 465630 or email stjohnstevenston@gmail.com

ST MARY'S PARISH HALL. Our parish hall is available for all types of functions i.e. baptism, wedding or birthday party or any other event. We have a licensed bar available for all of these 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).

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:



Those who are sick: Ian Hastings, Philip Durham, Jeanie Rankin, Anna Baesso (Italy), Michael Hennessy, Robert Dorrian, Madge Mitchell, Peter Reilly, Ann Gilmour, Lorna Quinn, Marie Pellegrini, Edward Clinton (Canada) Mary Main, Anna Gallagher Snr, Mrs Motroni, Sam Taylor, Jean White, Vera Brady, Mr & Mrs Paradero, Henry Duffy, Maisie Blanch (Dublin), Patrick (Pat) Morris, Maureen Jackson, Eileen Gallagher (Ireland), Noel Hughes, Janet Logan, Mrs Sarah Gray, Matthew Brady Jr, Elaina Monaghan, Maureen West (Ireland), Grace Birney, John Harrison, Fiona White, Frances Crawford, Mary McKenzie, Leslie Meechan, Amie McCann, Andrew Campbell, Jennifer Tawse, Susan Garland, Anne Hand, Sean & Mona Gilsean (New York) and Eve Abernethy (Liverpool).

Those who have an anniversary: Robert Cairns, Patrick Joseph Hamilton Snr, Catherine McCubbin, Murray & Lennox families, Martin Cunningham, Brendan Dorrian, Harry Crawford, Brendan Dorrian, Albert Garrett, Deceased members of Garrett family, James & Mary McLaughlin, Cyril Martin Dorrian (39 months mind), Pat Maxwell, Bridie Reid (1st Ann), Catherine McCubbin, James Millar, Christopher Millar, Jackie McMurdo, Margaret Meechan and deceased family members.

Those who have died recently: Michael Boyd, George Reid (Saltcoats), John Sullin (Dundee). Moira Grant, Bernie Doyle, Michael Boyd, Daniel Carr (Lennoxton), Emily McIver (Glasgow), Sybil Kinson (South Shields), Jean Gavigan, Eileen Taggart, Johnny Cairney, Gilbert McMail, Jean Brannan, Ann Agnew, Billy Lumley (Corby), James Mattocks (Edinburgh) and Jim Currie (Canada).

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RITE OF ELECTION. We welcome children from both primary schools who are preparing for the First Eucharist in April/May at all masses this weekend.

FIRST RECONCILIATION. Will be celebrated for P3 children in St John's school this coming Tuesday at 7pm.

ALTAR SERVERS SUPERVISORS. A meeting has been arranged for all St Mary's Supervisors after masses next weekend, this will last no longer than 10 minutes in the parish house.

ST MARY'S SAFEGUARDING TRAINING. Has been arranged for all St Mary's Volunteers on Sunday 18th March at 2pm in the parish hall. All volunteers who wish to continue in their ministry **MUST** attend this training day, it will last no longer than 90 minutes.

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.

EMBRACING CHANGE IN ST MARY'S DEANERY LENT 2018. Justice: St Mary's, Saltcoats organised by the Outreach to the Poor Group. This coming Wednesday (21st) at 7.30pm Bishop Nolan will speak about his recent trips to Calais and Palestine. On Wednesday 14th March Cllr Joe Cullinane and Cllr Marie Burns of North Ayrshire Council will talk about Poverty in North Ayrshire. **A Night at the Pictures** - This Sunday's film is Spotlight and starts at 6 pm in St Bride's West Kilbride. **Jesus** - The first talk is in St Mary's Irvine on Thursday at 7 pm. **Stations of the Cross: Then & Now.** A course based on Fr. Dennis McBride's excellent book "Stations of the Cross: Then & Now". The course will run for the 5 Thursdays of Lent in St. Palladius Hall starting this Thursday, after the 7pm Mass.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER—STEVENSTON. Will take place on Friday 2nd March and we are looking for readers from St John's to read at the Livingstone Parish Church at 2pm.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER—SALTCOATS. St Mary's will host this year's World Day of Prayer Service which has been written by Christian Women of Suriname in South America, with the theme "All God's Creation is very good." Both men and women from all the churches in the town will be made most welcome at the service which will take place at 2pm on Friday 2nd March. Tea and coffee will be served in the hall after the service.

DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR PEACE. Will take place this coming Friday (23rd), for the war-torn people of the Democratic Republic of Congo and South Sudan. "Peace is a precious gift which must be promoted and protected. Never has the use of violence brought peace in its wake. War begets war, violence begets violence."

MARY'S MEALS. With your help we recently filled 90 backpacks. A further 79 were donated to us by the Church of Nazarene Ladies Bible Study Group. A total of 169 filled backpacks are now on their way to school children in Malawi. This makes a running total of 2158 backpacks sent to date. Thank you to all who contributed with donations of any kind. A special THANK YOU to the children of St Anthony's PS for their fantastic donation of stationery items.

THINKING ABOUT DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD IN 2018? For more information please contact your Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Willie Boyd, St Mary's, Irvine, 01294 279130, email: wh.boyd@btinternet.com or e-mail the Priests for Scotland Office at office@pfs.org.uk

SPRED. A "Sing-Along" with George & Michael will take place this coming Tuesday at 1pm-2.45pm in the Civic Centre, Ardrossan. Tickets are priced at £3 and are available from both church stalls or St Mary's parish office.

CHANA. There is a box at the back of the Church for toiletries etc. for the homeless. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

TIME TO COME HOME. Vatican City, Feb 14th 2018- At Mass for Ash Wednesday, Pope Francis invited everyone to live the 40 days of Lent as a time to "pause" from things which keep us from virtue and to return home to the loving and merciful embrace of God the Father. "Return without fear, for this is the favorable time to come home," the Pope said. **Catholic News Agency**

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY: - SAY "NO" TO CORRUPTION. That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

Neighbouring Parishes:

Father Duncan McVicar, St Peter's, Ardrossan 464063. Father Gerard Magee, St Winin's, Kilwinning 552276.

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