



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

18th March 2018

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Year B



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 Service of the Word	10am Funeral Mass	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 1pm Nuptial 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. St Mary's Friday at 10.30am
Stations of the Cross St John's Friday at 7pm. St Mary's Tuesday at 9.30am
Children's Liturgy During Sunday Mass in St John's at 11.30am

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Lizzie Gilmour RIP

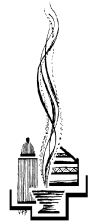
Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place in St Mary's tomorrow at 10am
Followed by private cremation

John McCann RIP

Funeral Service will take place in St Mary's on Monday 26th at 10am
Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery
+May they rest in peace+

THE OUR FATHER - Pope Francis. At the general audience on Wednesday, Pope Francis spoke about the importance of the recitation of the Our Father at Mass. "How many times there are people who say, 'Our Father,' but do not know what they say!" the Pope said. "Do you feel that when you say 'Father,' that he is the Father, your Father, the Father of humanity, the Father of Jesus Christ?" he asked. "Do you have a relationship with this Father?" What better prayer can there be for giving us sacramental Communion with God, he asked, than the one taught by his son, Jesus? **Catholic News Agency**

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:



Thanksgiving: Jean Price

Anniversary: Michael Reilly, James Mulhern (Mucker), John Duncan, James (Jimmy) Harnett, Nanda McGoogan, Connell Thomas, Agnes Kelly, Annie McKeever, Eddie McGinn and Charles Smith

Recently Deceased: Betty Carlin, Lizzie Gilmour, John McCann (Saltcoats), Edward Flood (Canada), Madge Mitchell, Rita McDermid and Paddy McGill

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 March 2018; Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 21; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS. St Mary's: £664.93 (Envelopes £422.28; Cash £242.65). St John's: £586.39 (Envelopes £501.29; Cash £85.10); SCIAF £30.10. Collection envelopes will be returned to the parish of issue and added into the following weeks figures.

THANK YOU. To the hall committee at St John's who donated £5000 towards heat and light.

SCIAF SPECIAL COLLECTION. St Mary's: £1,018.54. St John's: £390.10

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.

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 stjohndevon@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).

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

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH 2018. Formation in Spiritual Discernment—that the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and community levels.

THE TRUE CHURCH - Archbishop Oscar Romero. A religion of Sunday Mass but of unjust weeks does not please the Lord. A religion of much praying but with hypocrisy in the heart is not Christian. A church that sets itself up only to be well off, to have a lot of money and comfort, but that forgets to protest injustices, would not be the true church of our divine Redeemer.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:



Those who are sick: Bobby McCall, Ian Hastings, Philip Durham, Jeanie Rankin, Anna Baesso (Italy), Michael Hennessy, Robert Dorrian, Peter Reilly, Ann Gilmour, 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, Janette Logan, Mrs Sarah Gray, Matthew Brady Jnr, 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 Gilsenan (New York) and Eve Abernethy (Liverpool).

Thanksgiving: Jean Price.

Those who have an anniversary: Michael Reilly, James Mulhern (Mucker), John Duncan, James (Jimmy) Harnett, Nanda McGoogan, Connell Thomas, Agnes Kelly, Annie McKeever, Eddie McGinn, Charles Smith, Teresa Reid, Michael Anderson, Julie Patterson (Liverpool), Fr James McHugh, Patrick Joseph Hamilton Jnr., Ellen McGarvey, Bridget MacDonald, Isaac and Mary McAvoy and deceased family members, Annie and Cathie McAvoy, Helen Celendile, Mary Linney, Isobel Thomson (1st Ann.), John Tonner, Catherine Girvan, John Dunwoodie, Luke Gargan and Sarah Crawford.

Those who have died recently: Betty Carlin, Lizzie Gilmour, John McCann (Saltcoats), Edward Flood (Canada), Madge Mitchell, Rita McDermid, Paddy McGill, Ellen Howie, June Wood (Cornwall), Kevin Lavelle, Christine Kelly (nee McCabe), Margaret McDermid, Patricia Campbell, Mary Walker, Elizabeth Gilmour, Stephen Rossi, Irene O'Sullivan (Glasgow), Norma Clarke, Bobby Cavens (Ardrossan), Sheila Gallagher, Madge Mitchell, Margaret Robertson, Patricia (Pat) Tracey, George Boyd (Saltcoats), Gibby McMail, Frank Coulter Snr and Donald Munn

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SPRED. Members of the local SPRED Groups will join us at the 11.30 Mass in St. John's this Sunday.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES. **Holy Thursday;** 7pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper in St Mary's. Includes Washing of the Feet, collection for the poor (SCIAF boxes); Renewal of Commitment for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist—Transfer of the Blessed Sacrament to Altar of Repose. Opportunity for quiet prayer until 9.30pm, Night Prayer. **Good Friday;** 3pm Solemn Liturgy in St John's with the Liturgy of the Word (including Passion); Veneration of the Cross; Distribution of Holy Communion. **St Mary's;** 10am Stations of the Cross—Mary's Way of Cross. 7pm Stations of the Cross—Traditional. **Day of Fasting and Abstinence.** Collection for Holy Places. **Holy Saturday;** 10am Morning Prayers in St John's followed by the blessing of the Easter Baskets for the Polish Community. **Vigil of the Resurrection;** 8.30pm in St Mary's. **Easter Sunday.** 10am Mass in St Mary's, 11.30am Mass in St John's. **A sign up sheet is available in both church porches for Holy Week Services.**

ST MARY'S SAFEGUARDING TRAINING. Has been arranged for all St Mary's Volunteers for today at 2pm in the parish hall.

MASS. OF CHRISM. Will take place in St. Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr on Tuesday 27th March at 7.30pm. A sign up sheet is available for names in both porches for those wishing to travel by Bus.

ST ANTHONY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL SENIOR AND JUNIOR CHOIRS. Will be holding a Spring Concert at St Mary's Church Hall this coming Tuesday (20th) at 6.30pm. The Senior Choir will be performing songs from Resurrection Rock and the Junior Choir will be doing a variety of Easter songs. Teas and Coffees will also be served at this event. Tickets can be purchased from the school office. Adult ticket £3, Child ticket £1. Please note tickets are limited for this event and will be sold on a first come first served basis. Come along and join us in what promises to be a very enjoyable evening.

COFFEE MORNING. The Outreach to the Poor Group of Embracing Change are having a coffee morning in aid of the Scottish Refugee Council - St Mary's Hall Saturday 7th April 10.30am till 12.30pm. We are being helped by some of the Syrian Families and of course the women who do the Lunch Club. Entry by donation. We are also having a Magic Show for children on Wednesday 4th April at 1.30 pm in St John's Hall. The Magician David Ennis is President of the Magic Circle - families £2.

FIRST COMMUNION MEETING. Will take place on Wednesday at 6.15pm for St Anthony's pupils in the school.

GOOD WISHES. To Nicole Higgins and Kevin McGoldrick who are to be married in St John's next Saturday.

ST JOHN'S 300 CLUB. Congratulations to the winners of the February Draw No. 247 J. Harnett £30 and No. 4 B. Anderson £20.

ST MARY'S SVDP. During Lent, on behalf of the homeless men and women who visit the Ozanam Centre in Glasgow, St Mary's Conference is collecting ladies and gents toiletries. We hope you will be able to contribute to this appeal.

CATHEDRAL SUNG EVENING PRAYER FOR LENT. Evening Prayer of the Church will be sung in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr tonight (Sunday) at 5pm. You will be very welcome.

EMBRACING CHANGE IN ST MARY'S DEANERY LENT 2018. A Night at the Pictures - This Sunday's film is "I, Daniel Blake" and starts at 6pm in St Bride's West Kilbride. **Jesus** - talks continue in St Mary's Irvine on Thursday at 7pm. **Stations of the Cross: Then & Now.** A course based on Fr. Dennis McBride's excellent book "Stations of the Cross: Then & Now". The course continues on Thursday in St. Palladius Hall, Dalry, after the 7pm Mass.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE. Monday 15th October—Monday 22nd October 2018. Cost £1,299 per person, based on twin room, half board, flying from Manchester.

FR. MARTIN CHAMBERS - LONDON MARATHON. Fr. Martin is running in the London Marathon on 22nd April and is looking for support to raise money for two Charities. The MS Society (His Mum has had MS for over 40 years) and the Ecuador Trust which he continues to support after working there as a Priest. Money will be split 50/50 between these charities. Any cheques should be made payable to St. Matthew's Church and will then be forwarded to these charities.

LISTENING TO GOD - Pope Paul VI. Of all human activities, man's listening to God is the supreme act of his reasoning and will.

Neighbouring Parishes:

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

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