



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

8th April 2018

Second Sunday of Easter

Year B



Our Lady Star of the Sea
Saltcoats

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Sunday Masses: **St Mary's — 4.30pm 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	1pm Funeral Mass	10am Mass
Wednesday	10am Service of the Word	1pm 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	10am Mass	—————	10am Mass

Reconciliation St John's Saturday at 10.30am. St Mary's Saturday at 3.45pm
Exposition St John's Thursday 10.30am. St Mary's Friday 10.30am

St Mary's Deanery. Holy Hours during the Easter Season.
Today (Sunday) at 3pm St Brigid's Kilbirnie; Sunday 15th April at 3pm St John's Stevenston; Sunday 22nd April at 3pm St Bride's West Kilbride; Sunday 29th April at 3pm St Winin's Kilwinning; Sunday 6th May at 3pm St Mary's Irvine and Sunday 13th May 3pm St Mary's Largs. Sunday 20th May Pentecost – people will be asked to meet at St Mary's Saltcoats and walk to St Peter's Ardrossan for a Service. Details to follow.

Tommy Brennan RIP
Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place in St Mary's on Tuesday at 1pm
Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery

Agnes Forbes RIP
Prayers of Reception will take place in St Mary's on Tuesday at 6pm
Funeral Mass on Wednesday at 1pm
Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery

Tony Lowey RIP
Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place in St Mary's on Thursday 19th April at 10am
followed by cremation at Holmsford Bridge

+May they rest in peace+

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:



Easter Remembrance: Elizabeth McCourt, John McCourt, Terence Grant, Elizabeth Grant, Moira Grant, Kathleen Higgins and Michael Higgins.

Anniversary: Alistair Dickie, Colin McCubbin and Isabella (Isa) Stuart.

Recently Deceased: Tommy Brennan, Agnes Forbes, Brian McLaughlin, Alan Mitchell (Dumfries), John Brennan (Wishaw), Bridie Cummings, John Lawler (Livingston) and Teresa Borland (Fr David's Mother; Funeral will take place in St. Quivox, Body Reception at 6.30pm Monday. Funeral Mass at 12 Noon on Tuesday then Crematorium at 2pm).

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. 15th April 2018; Third Sunday of Easter; Acts 3:13-15. 17-19; Psalm 4. I John 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-48

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS.

St Mary's: £919.44 (Envelopes £457.02; Cash £462.42). **St John's:** £919.99 (Envelopes £656.11; Cash £263.88); SCIAF £31.80; Building & Renovations £182.03; Holy Places £755.46. 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. Due to a funeral tea the Tuesday Club will be closed this week.

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 7 pm in St John's Church House - all welcome. We read and share the readings for the following Sunday.

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@resaltcoats.com by Thursday morning or Ian Neal for St John's by Wednesday evening on 465630 or email stjohndevon@stjohnsdevon.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.

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, 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 Gilson (New York) and Eve Abernethy (Liverpool).

Easter Remembrance: Elizabeth McCourt, John McCourt, Terence Grant, Elizabeth Grant, Moira Grant, Kathleen Higgins, Michael Higgins and George Kearney

Those who have an anniversary: Alistair Dickie, Colin McCubbin, Isabella (Isa) Stuart, Jane Monan, William & Jeanie Smyth, David McLaren, May & Patrick Hanlon, John & Kate Dorrian, Alice Lynn, John Hamilton, Wullie Hamilton, Patricia Morrison, Mairi McGuire, George Fulton and Deceased Members of the Durning Family

Those who have died recently: Tommy Brennan, Agnes Forbes, Brian McLaughlin, Alan Mitchell (Dumfries), John Brennan (Wishaw), Bridie Cummings, John Lawler (Livingston), Teresa Borland (Fr David's Mother), Agnes Dougan, Helen McGunnigle, Antony Lowey, Bobby McCall, Cardinal O'Brien, Fr Sandy Murray (St Alban's), Patrick McKenna, Peggy McKechnie, Bessie McGee, Mary Latta, Mary McPolin (Northern Ireland), Tommy Maxwell (Kilmarnock), Kathie (O'Sullivan) Morgerison, Betty Carlin, Lizzie Gilmour, John McCann (Saltcoats), Edward Flood (Canada), Rita McDermid and Paddy McGill.

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SCIAF BOXES. Can still be brought to church.

THREE TOWNS NURSING HOME. United Services at 3pm today with all churches.

ST. JOHN'S 300 CLUB. Congratulations to the winners of the March Draw No. 238 J.J. Murphy £30 and No. 132 P. Wilson £20.

CATHEDRAL SUNG EVENING PRAYER FOR EASTERTIDE. Evening Prayer of the Church will be sung in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr on Sunday 22nd April at 6pm. You will be very welcome.

ST. MARY'S WEEKLY ENVELOPES. Those of you who use weekly offering envelopes can still pick up your new sets for the coming year. If you do not Gift Aid yet-please consider doing so-it makes such a difference. Please contact the parish office.

ST JOHNS YOUTH GROUP. Are hosting a 'Come Dine With Me' in St John's Church Hall on both Friday 4th May and Saturday 5th May, full 3 course meal, entertainment, all provided by youth group members. Fun filled evening for all the family. Tickets available for either night: Adult £15, Child £7.50. Bar available. Please Contact Stephen on 07960536326.

A SMALL HAMPER. Will be raffled after Mass today in St John's with proceeds going to SCIAF.

AN AMENDED LIST. Of Holy Hour in the Deanery is on display in both church porches.

ST MARY'S & ST JOHN'S PARISHES. Thank you all for the ink cartridges, but we have now **stopped** collecting. We are still collecting stamps for the Missions.

LEGION OF MARY ACIES CEREMONY. Takes place next Sunday (15th) in St Mary's, Largs at 3pm. All Legionaries active and auxiliary member welcome, also friends and parishioners. Refreshments will be available in the hall afterwards.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE. The next pilgrimage to the Holy Land leaves from the Diocese on Monday 15th October, cost £1,299.00 (based on two people sharing). Transport to/from Manchester airport will be organised near the departure date. Please complete the booking form and send it with your deposit to Joe Walsh Tours.

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.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR PEACE AT EASTER. The Pope prayed for Syria; "This Easter, may the light of the risen Christ illumine the consciences of all political and military leaders....." Pope Francis also prayed for the Holy Land, for Yemen and for the entire Middle East, "that dialogue and mutual respect may prevail over division and violence." He prayed for those who yearn for "a more dignified life," specifically children and those from areas in Africa that suffer from hunger, violence and terrorism, such as the Democratic Republic of Congo and South Sudan. "Death, solitude and fear are not the last word," he said. "There is a word that transcends them, a word that only God can speak: it is the word of the resurrection." And by the power of God's love, "it dispels wickedness, washes faults away, restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners, drives out hatred, fosters concord and brings down the mighty."

THE POPE ON IMMIGRATION. For Christians, "the peaceful integration of people of different cultures" is a reflection of the Church's catholicity, or universality, since "ethnic and cultural diversity is a dimension of the Church's life, which in the Spirit of Pentecost is open to everyone."

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL. For Those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters:- That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

NELSON MANDELA. No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite.

Neighbouring Parishes:

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

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