



St John the Evangelist
Stevenson

16th September 2018

Twenty Fourth Sunday of 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	10am Mass	10am Mass
Wednesday	10am Mass	—————	10am Mass
Thursday	12 Noon Funeral 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 3.45pm till 4.15pm.

Exposition: St Mary's Friday at 10.30am

Morning Prayer: St Mary's Tuesday at 9.30am.

ST MARY'S CHURCH. An invitation to ministry is available from the church porch or the parish office – please consider joining others who already assist in various ways in the parish. A Book of Remembrance is being opened in St Mary's and forms are available to include names of parishioners, relatives and friends who can be included. All we need is the name of the person and the date as required – day/month/year if possible.

Vatican City, 12th September 2018. Attachment to sin and vice is a form of interior slavery which inhibit the ability to love, but true freedom is always found in God's mercy, Pope Francis said at the general audience Wednesday. **Catholic News Agency Judas** What a mistake those who do not hope make! Judas made a huge blunder the day in which he sold Christ for 30 Denarii, but he made an even bigger one when he thought that his sin was too great to be forgiven. No sin is too big: any wretchedness, however great, can always be enclosed in infinite mercy. **Pope John Paul 1**

Margaret McGee RIP

Margaret's Prayers of Reception will take place on Wednesday at 5pm in St John's
Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday at **12 Noon**
Followed by cremation at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium

CHURCH ETIQUETTE. There are no reserved seats in any church so please be considerate and polite if someone is sitting in your usual place. Recent visitors have had a bad experience this way.

The level of noise in church before Mass begins is getting louder and louder and is a distraction to people who are trying to say their Prayers. In the five minutes before Mass begins can we have a quieter atmosphere to help everyone prepare for Mass.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER. YOUNG PEOPLE IN AFRICA. That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:



Anniversary: Kate & Harry Nellis, Tommy McFarlane, Rhiann Milne (1st Ann), Jim McGrath, Frances Young (3rd Ann), Margaret Higgins, Jean Tortolano, Betty Ross, Agnes Dickie, Ina Kelly, Mary Rose McEvoy and Veronica (Rona) McNamara.

Recently Deceased: Sam Gibson (East Kilbride), Trudy Gillespie (Glasgow), Margaret McGee, Ann Gilmour, James McDonald and Fiona Taylor (Ayr)

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. 23rd September 2018; Twenty Fifth Sunday of the Year B; Wisdom 2:12.17-20; Psalm 53; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:



For all the sick in our parishes*

Special Intention.

Those who have an anniversary: Kate & Harry Nellis, Tommy McFarlane, Rhiann Milne (1st Ann), Jim McGrath, Frances Young (3rd Ann), Margaret Higgins, Jean Tortolano, Betty Ross, Agnes Dickie, Ina Kelly, Mary Rose McEvoy, Veronica (Rona) McNamara, Helen & Thomas Durning, Tommy Kirk, Mary Conti, Catherine Bannerman, Helen McCall, Tracey Lafferty Fitzsimmons, David Dunbar and Theresa Ham.

Those who have died recently: Sam Gibson (East Kilbride), Trudy Gillespie (Glasgow), Margaret McGee, James McDonald, Fiona Taylor (Ayr), Peter O'Brien, Ann Gilmour, Nancy Catterson, Brian Donald (Glasgow), Brenda Hefferman, Ann Reid (Seabank Nursing Home), Margaret Walker, Brian Murtha (East Kilbride) and Joseph Murtha (Connecticut), Fr James Mehan and Patricia McGarrigle (Glasgow)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS. St Mary's: £701.85. (Envelopes £356.74; Cash £345.11). St John's: £658.37. (Envelopes £489.31; Cash £169.06). SCIAF £58.20; Building & Renovations £112.30. 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.

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

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

ST MARY'S TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB. Every Tuesday 10.30am till 2pm . Food served until 12.30pm.

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

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP. Meet every Monday from 7 pm till 8 pm in St John's Church House. We read and reflect on the Mass readings for the following Sunday. Please feel free to join us.

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.

RCIA. Anyone interested in finding our more about the Catholic faith or wishing to join the Church should contact Canon Martin or St Mary's parish office.

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). **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 mail@rcsaltcoats.com by Thursday morning or Ian Neal for St John's by Wednesday evening on 465630 or email stjohndevon@stjohnstevonston@gmail.com

***The new terms of the Data Protection Regulation (See below) 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.**

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 17th/Sunday 18th November—Mary's Meals visit/collection

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

WELCOME. To Sr Anne Marie Quigg from the Comboni Sisters.

SR URSULA & SR MARIE MONIQUE. Will lead Morning Prayer at 9.30am on Tuesday in St Mary's.

FR JIM HAYES. Celebrates his Silver Jubilee (25 years) this Tuesday (18th). His current address is St Teresa's, Glasgow, Street, Dumfries, DG2 9DE.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED. An evening of witness, prayer and reflection for the Persecuted Church will take place on Monday 8th October from 7pm-9pm in St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock. To book a place phone 01698 337470 or email lorraine.mcmahon@acnuk.org by 27th September 2018.

ST JOHN'S SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION. Parents meeting in St John's hall tomorrow (Monday) at 7pm for those preparing for Confirmation and First Eucharist.

ST ANTHONY'S SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION. Parents meeting in St Anthony's school this coming Wednesday (19th) at 6pm for P3 parents—First Reconciliation; 6.30pm for P4 parents—Confirmation and First Eucharist.

RITE OF PRESENTATION. Will take place next weekend for P4 pupils preparing for Confirmation and First Eucharist. This Rite will be celebrated at each weekend mass i.e. 4.30pm and 10am St Mary's and 11.30am St John's.

ST JOHN'S PARISH FETE. Raised £2,302 last Sunday. While the weather was disappointing I was extremely grateful for all the hard work in preparation and on the day. Thanks to all who made donations or who were able to attend. A big thank you to the valiant efforts of the fete committee. A list of businesses who supported us is displayed in the porch in St John's.

POETRY GROUP. A meeting has been arranged for Thursday 27th September at 7.15pm in St Mary's parish hall.

STELLA MARES YOUTH CLUB. As you may be aware the youth club stopped running last September. We are appealing once again to get this club up and running in the near future. If you would like to volunteer as a helper or become a committee member please contact the parish office or speak to Canon Martin by the 5th October 2018.

KIRKGATE PARISH CHURCH GUILD. Opening Ceilidh Concert with Musical Friends will take place on Monday 8th October at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £4 and a light supper will be served. Tickets are available from St Mary's parish office.

SAFEGUARDING. In order to compose a list of the housebound in St Mary's parish can those who serve as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and take communion to people in their own homes please complete the sheet in the sacristy. This does not apply to nursing homes.

HEAD TEACHER, MOUNT CARMEL PRIMARY, KILMARNOCK. Applications are invited for the full-time permanent post of Head Teacher of Mount Carmel Primary School, Kilmarnock. Closing date 23rd September 2018. Full details at www.myjobscotland.gov.uk.

SVDP SALTCOATS/STEVENSTON. The Annual Ozanam Mass and Blessing of the Sick takes place today at 2.30pm in St Mary's Church. The anointing or the blessing of the sick can be received by anyone who has a serious illness, anyone receiving medical treatment, or those facing surgery. It can also be received by senior members of the parishes. Hospitality in the Hall after Mass. All Welcome.

NORTH AYRSHIRE FOOD BANK. There are shortages of various foods, as we try to make up the food boxes each week. The Saltcoats "branch", which is served from the Salvation Army Hall, is distributing at least 50% more boxes each week than was provided a year ago. Please consider donating food, such as tinned meat, tinned fruit, tinned custard, tinned rice pudding, pasta, pasta sauce, UHT "blue" milk, long life fruit juice and tinned vegetables. There will be a basket at the main entrance to St Mary's Church and donations will be collected twice per week. Thank you.

FOOD COLLECTION AT ST JOHN'S. Which we share with the Foodbank and the High Kirk Crisis Parcels. Very few items have been donated recently so any contributions will be welcome.

KEEP FIT CLASS. A new Keep Fit Class is starting in St. John's Church Hall this coming Tuesday (18th) at 2pm till 3pm, cost £3. Suitable for Men & Women of all ages and fitness levels. If possible please bring along your own exercise mat. Main Tutor is Mary A. Murphy. For additional information please phone 01294 550765.

CHANA- Churches Homeless Action North Ayrshire. We are making a fresh appeal for disinfectant, cloths, kitchen roll, kitchen cleaners, scourers, rubber gloves, soap powder, pegs and washing line to help people get started. There is a box at the back of the Church. Thank you again - you are so very generous. **Care and Share @ the Kirkgate** - a "Drop In" for those affected by homelessness - every Friday from 12.30 pm till 2.30 pm in the Kirkgate, Saltcoats. Soup and Sandwiches. If you can help phone CHANA on 07585 665751

THE ROLE OF THE LAITY IN THE CHURCH TODAY. A conference in Gillis Centre, Edinburgh on Saturday 6th October. For more details e-mail Sr Mirjam Hugens at archsecretary@stanned.org.uk or call 0131 623 8902

America. Radical changes in world politics leave America with a heightened responsibility to be, for the world, an example of a genuinely free, democratic, just and humane society. **Pope John Paul II**

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

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