



St John the Evangelist
Stevenson

2nd December 2018

First Sunday of Advent

Year C



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

Reconciliation: St John's Saturday at 10.30am. St Mary's Saturday 3.45pm
Exposition: St John's Thursday at 10.30am. St Mary's Friday at 10.30am
Morning Prayers: St John's Thursday 9.30am

Mary Gallagher RIP
Sadie Ford RIP
Jim Norwood RIP
Tommy Milligan RIP

Mary's Prayers of Reception will take place tomorrow (Monday) at 6pm in St Mary's
Her Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday at 10am followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery.
Sadie's Prayers of Reception will take place on Thursday (6th) at 6pm in St John's
Her Funeral Mass will take place on Friday at 10am followed by burial in High Road Cemetery.
Jim's Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Monday 10th December at 10am in St John's
followed by burial in Hawkhill Cemetery.
Tommy's Prayers of Reception will take place on Monday 10th December at 6pm in St Mary's
His Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday 11th December at 10am followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery
+May they rest in peace+

ST MARY'S DEANERY PENANCE SERVICES

Irvine—Tuesday 4th December at 7pm in St John Ogilvies; Ardrossan—Monday 10th December at 7pm in St Peter's ; Saltcoats—Tuesday 11th December at 2pm in St Mary's; Stevenston—Wednesday 12th December at 7pm in St John's; Largs—Thursday 13th December at 2pm in St Mary's; Dalry/Beith/Kilbirnie—Monday 17th December at 7pm in St Palladius and Kilwinning—Sunday 23rd December at 6pm in St Winin's.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 15th/Sunday 16th December—Comboni Sisters (Calendars)

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:



Anniversary: Margaret Magowan, Jim Murray, Joseph McKeever, Jim Crawford, Mary Dunn and Molly & Tommy Gordon

Recently Deceased: Sr Rita Deegan RIP (Columban Sister who served in St John's Parish), Sadie Ford, Jim Norwood, John McDade, Tommy Milligan, Gerry Pentleton, Mary Gallagher and Angus Wyllie

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).

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:



For all the sick in our parishes*

90th Birthday Intention.

Those who have an anniversary: Margaret Magowan, Jim Murray, Joseph McKeever, Jim Crawford, Mary Dunn, Molly & Tommy Gordon, Frank McGinn, John Tierney, Kathleen Poland, Margaret Magowan, Pat McMenamin (Months mind), John Maxwell, Hannah Kirk, Mary Hamilton, McConnell & Wylie families, Bert White and Finnegan Family.

Those who have died recently: Sr Rita Deegan RIP (Columban Sister who served in St John's Parish), Sadie Ford, Jim Norwood, John McDade, Tommy Milligan, Gerry Pentleton, Mary Gallagher, Angus Wyllie, Gilbert Reid, Anthony O'Donnell, Kathleen Rounce, Caroline McCafferty, Maureen Young, Ann Reid, Mamie Lennon and Annie Sloan (Kilmarnock).

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK. 9th December 2018; Second Sunday of Advent Year C: Baruch 5:1-9; Psalm 125; Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11; Luke 3:1-6

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS.

St Mary's: £761.62. (Envelopes £552.90; Cash; £208.72).

St John's: £634.90. (Envelopes £507.80; Cash £127.10). SCIAF: £59.89. Building & Renovations; £94.39. 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. After 11.30am Mass in St John's.

RCIA. Will reconvene in January 2019.

ST MARY'S TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB. Do to Funeral Teas the Tuesday Club will be closed this week.

MARY'S MEALS. A box is available in both Church porches for donations.

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

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 07379400568 (please note new number) for Saltcoats and 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.

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

ST MARY'S DIARIES. Available in the stall priced at £1. All proceeds will go towards Fr Keith's Mission in Guyana.

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for December - Evangelisation – In the Service of the Transmission of Faith. That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

Advent Retreat - www.pray-as-you-go.org

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

FIRST RECONCILIATION. Will be celebrated by P3 children from St Anthony's school on Tuesday at 7pm in St Mary's Church.

ST ANTHONY'S SCHOOL. Will celebrate Mass in St Mary's Church tomorrow (Monday) at 10am.

QUIET DAY. In St John's on Saturday 22nd December 12 Noon—4pm.

THANK YOU . Irene McMenamin and family would like to thank all friends and parishioners for their kind words of support, mass cards and flowers on their recent sad loss of Pat.

WAYSIDE CLUB. Thank you to all who donated towards their visit and all who helped in the hall at St John's last Sunday.

ST MARY'S EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS. New rotas are available at the back of the church.

ST JOHN'S 300 CLUB. Congratulations to the winners of the November Draw. No 165; L. Egan £30. No 122; L. Devine £20. The Christmas Draw will take place at the coffee morning on 16th December. New envelopes will be available from 23rd December.

STEVENSTON CAROL SERVICES. Three Towns Nursing Home today (Sunday) at 3pm; Thistle Day Care this coming Wednesday (5th) at 1.45pm; Bonnie Leslie next Sunday (9th) at 3pm and Town Carol Service on 16th December at 6.30pm in Ardeer Church.

HIGH KIRK COFFEE MORNING. This coming Tuesday (4th) at 10.30 am in the High Kirk Hall Stevenston. All welcome.

NURSING HOMES CAROL SERVICES. Caledonia; Next Sunday (9th) at 2pm. Arran View (Whiting Bay); Sunday 16th December at 2pm. Sign up sheets for singers are available in both church porches. All welcome.

AN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND SONGS. Will take place this coming Wednesday (5th) at 6.30pm in St John's Church. Come along and enjoy the Christmas Carols/Songs that the choirs have been practising. All Welcome.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE. This year the Charity Christmas Fayre will take place in St John's Church Hall today at 12.30pm. Hot rolls and tea/coffee will be available - £2. Come along and enjoy browsing what's on offer.

"A voice cries in the wilderness. Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight." A SERIES OF EVENTS FOR ADVENT 2018. This coming Wednesday (5th) at 7.30 pm - Poverty at Home - Neil Cowan, Scottish Poverty Alliance; Next Sunday (9th) at 3 pm - The Experience of Refugees in North Ayrshire. Some of the refugee families and North Ayrshire Council Officials; Wednesday 12th December at 7.30 pm - Scotland and Overseas Development - Jane Salmonson, International Development Alliance. Organised by the Outreach to the Poor Group of Embracing Change. All events will take place in St Mary's Parish Hall.

CHANA is appealing for Christmas gifts-unwrapped -for those in need. Toys for Children - not fluffy!. Gift cards for Teenagers. The usual adult gifts - socks, pyjamas, gloves, scarves etc. - mainly small to medium sizes please. **Thank you again for your continuing generosity.** PS we would like to continue collecting shampoo and rubber gloves - Thank you

COUNSELLING SUPPORT FOR SURVIVORS IN THE RC DIOCESE OF GALLOWAY. Leaflets are available.

SUNG EVENING PRAYER FOR ADVENT. St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr tonight (Sunday) at 6pm. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS CAKE RAFFLE. All proceeds to the Guyana Mission of Fr Keith. Raffle tickets for the Christmas Cake and other prizes will be on sale after the 4.30pm and 10am Masses this weekend and next weekend (8th/9th). The draw will take place in the Church hall after 10am Mass on Sunday 16th December.

DAVID WELLS. Is a catechist and author and the Embracing change Spirituality Group in North Ayrshire has invited David to come to the Deanery to speak about Pope Francis' recent apostolic Exhortation, 'Gaudete et Exsultate' (Rejoice and be Glad). On Sunday 10th February at 3pm he will address the assembled gathering in St Peter's, Ardrossan. Following his talk there will be an opportunity for small group discussions to take place in the church hall before a final plenary session in the Church. There will also be periods of prayer at the beginning and end of the event.

NEW WEEKLY COLLECTION ENVELOPES. For St John's are available in the Church porch. If you would like a set of envelopes please add your name to the sheet in the porch. If you would like to pay your collection through the bank or Gift Aid your donation (if you are a tax payer) you will find forms in the porch.

ST JOHN'S CHRISTMAS CHURCH CLEAN. Will take place on Tuesday 11th December at 7pm. All welcome.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS. Stickers can be ordered through the parish office at £2 per pack of 100. All monies go to charity.

ADULT EDUCATION. Programme from January 2019 on Evangelii Gaudium The Joy of the Gospel. Leaflets and poster in church porch or contact Fr McFadden at catholicchurchgalloway@btinternet.com

Neighbouring Parishes:

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

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