



St John the Evangelist  
Stevenson

# 3rd March 2019

## Eighth Sunday of the Year C



Our Lady Star of the Sea  
Saltcoats

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Sr Marie Monique & Sr Ursula : Pastoral Assistants to the Three Towns  
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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 Mass	10am Service of the Word	10am Mass
Tuesday	10am Service of the Word	10am Mass	10am Mass
Wednesday	9am Mass 7pm Mass	10am Mass	10am Mass 7pm
Thursday	10am Mass	10am Service of the Word	10am Mass
Friday	—————	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. Friday at 10.30am  
**Morning Prayers:** St Mary's Tuesday at 9.30am. St John's Thursday at 9.30am

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO SUFFERED ABUSE.** Mass will be celebrated on Friday (8th) in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr at 12 Noon. Mass in the Three Towns will take place in St Mary's at 10am followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 11am. **There will be no services in St John's or St Peter's on Friday.**

**ASH WEDNESDAY. - Day of Fasting and Abstinence.** Mass with Blessing of Ashes will take place at 9am and 7pm in St John's and 10am in St Mary's. Service only in St Anthony's PS at 10am for P1-3 and 10.30am for P4-7. Service only in St John's PS at 1.30pm.

**SCIAF.** This year's SCIAF Lent appeal focuses on Uganda and the thousands of vulnerable young people who, with your support, are being helped to create a brighter future for themselves. Please give to SCIAF this Lent and make big changes happen with your WEE Box. **WEE Boxes will be available for collection this weekend.**

**FOR LENT** "Self-denial means knowing only Christ, and no longer oneself. It means seeing only Christ, who goes ahead of us, and no longer the path that is too difficult for us... . Self-denial is saying only: He goes ahead of us; hold fast to im."— **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

**EVIL IS LIMITED** Pope Francis said on Wednesday that evil is limited compared to the expanding force of God's holiness in the world. "Evil's days are numbered. Evil is not eternal," Pope Francis said in a departure from his prepared remarks in St. Peter's Square on Feb. 27. "God's holiness is an expanding force, and we beg that it quickly shatters barriers of our world," he said, adding that this holiness "spreads in concentric circles, like when throwing a stone into a pond." "One thing is certain: it is evil that is afraid," the Pope said. **CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY**

**THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:**

**Birthday Intention**



**Anniversary:** Frank Lundie, Mary (Molly) McFarlane, John & Kate Dorrian, Michael Reilly, James Ward and Billy Convery.

**Recently Deceased:** Angela Vella, Jim Meechan and Jimmy Carson.

*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.** 10th 2019; First Sunday of Lent Year C; Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Psalm 90; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:**



**For all the sick in our parishes\***

**Those who have an anniversary:** Frank Lundie, Mary (Molly) McFarlane, John & Kate Dorrian, Michael Reilly, James Ward, Billy Convery, James & Mary McEvoy, Leah Smith, Brendan Dorrian, Robert Cairns, Dan Reid and Bridget Ward

**Those who have died recently:** Angela Vella, Jim Meechan, Jimmy Carson, Sadie Cunningham, Harry Docherty (Cumbernauld), William Barrett, Irvine), Eileen Davidson (Kirkintilloch), Jim Johnston, Peter Ramsay, Agnes Reid, John Anderson, Danny Porter, Edward O'Neil, Jim Brennan (Airdrie) and George Barnett

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS.** St Mary's: £929.04 (Envelopes £569.76. Cash £359.28). St John's: £673.36. (Envelopes £549.78. Cash £123.58). SCIAF: £130.41. Building and Renovations £89.41. 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 (New rota is available in the hall kitchen, can all volunteers please add their name to which Sundays they are willing to help out). After 11.30am Mass in St John's.

**RCIA.** Will meet again on Tuesday at 7.30pm in St John's Parish house.

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

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

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

**GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP.** Meet every Monday at 7 pm in St John's Church House. We reflect and pray using the readings for the following Sunday. New members will be made very welcome.

**S.V.D.P.** Please call 07379400568 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. We need more volunteers in distributing the food , if you can help please phone 07979873747 for details.

**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 [saltcoats@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:saltcoats@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) by Thursday morning or Ian Neal for St John's by Wednesday evening on 465630 or email [stjohnstevenston@gmail.com](mailto: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.**

**NEW PARISH EMAILS.** St Mary's: [saltcoats@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:saltcoats@gallowaydiocese.org.uk). St John's: [stevenston@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:stevenston@gallowaydiocese.org.uk)

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH** Evangelisation: That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

**Lenten Retreat** See [www.pray-as-you.org](http://www.pray-as-you.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](http://www.gallowaydiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy-and-gdpr)

**SATURDAY CLUB.** In John's for those preparing for First Eucharist—meet on 9th March at Church hall at 9.45am till 12 Noon.

**RITE OF ELECTION.** Will take place at each of the Masses next weekend for those preparing for the First Eucharist. For those adults preparing for full membership of the Church at Easter, Mass will take place in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr at 3pm.

**MOVIES WITH MEANING (eg THE WAY).** These will take place in St Bride's Church Hall, West Kilbride every Sunday during lent, commencing 10th March at 7pm. Admission free and St John Ogilvie's Parish Centre, Irvine every Monday during Lent commencing 11th March at 7pm. Admission free.

**OUR LADY & ST JOHN'S CHURCH, STEWARTON.** The final Mas in this Church will be Saturday 16th March at 11am.

**ST. JOHN'S 300 CLUB.** Congratulations to the winners of the February Draw: No 288 U. McDowall £30 and No 65 K. Murphy £20.

**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.

**YFL BINGO.** Thank you to everyone who supported this event in so many different ways. An amazing total of £1,145.50 was raised.

**OASIS DAY 2019.** For Parish Readers— will take place in St Peter's, Ardrossan on Saturday 23rd March from 12 Noon until 4pm. The Oasis Day will include different modules to support Parish Readers in their Ministry. Please let Canon Martin or the parish office know if you are able to attend as soon as possible please.

**AYRSHIRE CURIA OF THE LEGION OF MARY.** Are holding their Annual Acies Ceremony on Sunday 24th March at 3pm in St Winin's Church, Kilwinning. Legion Prayers and Rosary followed by our Consecration to Our Lady and Benediction. Refreshments in the Church hall after Ceremony. Active and auxiliary members and friends of the Legion of Mary welcome.

**THE JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION.** Celebrate their 40th Anniversary this year. Mass will be celebrated at Carfin on 1st April at 1pm. Eight trees will then be planted at Carin, one for each Diocese.

**MARK HERON'S MALAWI RACE NIGHT.** Travelling to Malawi in July 2019 as part of a volunteering group in collaboration with West of Scotland based charity "Classrooms for Malawi." Local parishioner Mark will be contributing to an ongoing building programme: working with volunteers, schools, community groups, and other charities to facilitate those living in poverty in Malawi. He is holding a Race Night on the 23rd of March to raise funds for this organisation. For tickets contact Mark on 07466147493 Donations can also be made at [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mark-heron17](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mark-heron17). Any contribution would be greatly appreciated.

**POPE FRANCIS APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION 'GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE' (REJOICE AND BE GLAD).** Copies are available at both parish stalls priced at £5.

**CHANA -CHURCHES HOMELESS ACTION NORTH AYRSHIRE.** Thank you for your ongoing donations of shampoo and rubber gloves as well as socks. Your donations are so well appreciated.

**SCIAF's WEE BOX 6K FAMILY FUN RUN.** Will take place on Saturday 4th May 2019, in Strathclyde Country Park 10am for 11am run start. Whether you're old or young, running or walking, with family, friends or going solo, SCIAF's WEE BOX 6K Family Fun Run can help raise money so the poorest can survive and thrive. Sign up online at [www.sciaf.org.uk](http://www.sciaf.org.uk) to show solidarity with people in need around the world.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL.** Bishop Nolan will lead a Diocesan Pilgrimage to Turkey from October 10th - 17th 2019, visiting the sites of the Seven Churches of Asia Minor. Flights are direct from Glasgow and bookings are now being accepted. Further information and Booking Forms can be obtained from Fr. David Borland - his contact details are displayed on the Poster. This is the first time the Diocese has offered a pilgrimage to these destinations.

**YOUTH FOR LOURDES 2019.** We are looking for young people from S4 in secondary school up to and including age 23 to come and join us as part of the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes this year. We depart on Sunday 30th June and return on Wednesday 10th July. The full cost is £685. Our next meeting is in St John's Church Hall, Glaisnock Road, Cumnock. KA18 1JU next Sunday (10th) from 3pm till 6pm. Come and join us then or contact us on [teamyfl@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:teamyfl@yahoo.co.uk) or call Fr Jim Hayes on 01387 252603 for more information or look us up on Facebook: Youth for Lourdes (Galloway).

**PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK 17<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2019.** Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Please see poster in church noticeboard for more details.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 13th—First Reconciliation in St John's at 7pm  
March 23rd—Readers Day in St Peter's  
May 4th—First Eucharist in St John's at 11am  
May 11th— First Eucharist in St Mary's at 12 Noon  
June 22nd—Eucharistic Ministers Day in St Peter's

#### 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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