



St John the Evangelist
Stevenson

14th July 2019

Fifteenth Sunday of Year C



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

Exposition: St Mary's Friday at 10.30am

Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel. "Instead of imposing new obligations, (Christians) should appear as people who wish to share their joy, who point to a horizon of beauty and who invite others to a delicious banquet."

"The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven, and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel."

A huge warehouse. Our present ecological crisis, the biggest single practical threat to our human existence in the middle to long term, has, religious people would say, a great deal to do with our failure to think of the world as existing in relation to the mystery of God, not just as a huge warehouse of stuff to be used for our convenience. **Rowan Williams, Archbishop.**

In their right place. "As long as we continue to live as if we are what we do, what we have, and what other people think about us, we will remain filled with judgements, opinions, evaluations, and condemnations. We will remain addicted to putting people and things in their "right" place." — **Henri J.M. Nouwen, Priest.**

Please Pray for the Soul of

Lindsay Thompson RIP

Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place in St Mary's on Thursday at 10am

Followed by burial at High Road Cemetery

+May he rest in peace+

SPECIAL COLLECTION. Will take place this weekend for Apostleship of the Sea

Parishes of the RC Diocese of Galloway Charity Registration No: SCO10576

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Special Intention



Anniversary: Deceased Members Conti Family, Jacky McMurdo, Michael Cowan, Marion Callaghan, Peter Breslin, Dr Jimmy Gallagher, Peggy Clarke and Irene Smith.

Recently Deceased: Lindsay Thompson, Wendy Young, Cathrine McGarry and George Anderson.

Masses are celebrated also by Fr Gerard McCabe—Retired Priest, Missio Scotland (Pontifical Mission Societies).

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK. 21st July 2019; Sixteenth Sunday of Year C; Genesis 18:1-10; Psalm 14; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS.

St Mary's: £765.54 (Envelopes £404.83. Cash £360.71).

St John's: £667.31 (Envelopes £559.80. Cash £107.51). SCIAF £158.50. Building & Renovations £131.12. 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.

SUNDAY TEAS. After 10am Mass today. After 11.30am Mass in St John's.

ST MARY'S TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB. Have now closed for their well deserved summer break and will re-open in August.

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. Has stopped for the holidays. Will meet again in August.

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 by Thursday morning or Ian Neal for St John's by Wednesday evening on 465630 or email stjohbulletinstevenston@gmail.com

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for July - The Integrity of Justice. That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.

Let us pray. When the missionaries came to Africa they had the Bible and we had the land. They said 'Let us pray.' We closed our eyes. When we opened them we had the Bible and they had the land. **Desmond Tutu, Archbishop**

***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.**

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:



For all the sick in our parishes*

Special Intention

Those who have an anniversary: Deceased Members Conti Family, Jacky McMurdo, Michael Cowan, Marion Callaghan, Peter Breslin, Dr Jimmy Gallagher, Peggy Clarke, Irene Smith, Andrew Murchie, Jessie Burns (18th Months mind), Betty McConnell, James McIvor, James Kelly, John Lynn, Annie Thomas, Kathleen O'Neill, Margaret McAteer and James Martin Taylor (Jim).

Those who have died recently: Lindsay Thompson, Cathrine McGarry, Jim McLaughlin (Largs), Ella Bracaglia (Irvine), George Anderson, Jim Boyd, Cathy Cameron, Wendy Young, Charles O'Hare (Kilmarnock), Maura Greene (Ireland), Mary Gillespie, Patricia Shapiro, Mischa Martin and Bertie & John Cambridge.

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

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA. Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This collection is vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you. To donate online please visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

LUCKY BOXES. Are now available to buy at the back of St John's Church and will be drawn at the Summer Fete.

ST MARY'S EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS. Rotas are still available at the back of the Church. Please pick up your copy.

MISSION WEEK. The Protestant Churches in Stevenston have their Mission Week from 20th July—28th July starting with a Free Fun Day in the High Kirk grounds on Saturday 20th July at 2pm. See Notice in St John's porch.

SPUC— Say No to "DIY" Abortion. There has been an alarming increase of abortions in Scotland (an increase of 8.9%). Please support SPUC by signing their petition which is available in both church porches.

WHITHORN PILGRIMAGE. Will take place on Sunday 25th August with Mass at the cave at 4pm and Mass in St Martin & St Ninian's Church at 4.45pm. A sign up sheet for the coach is available at the back of both churches.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE MASS. With the Relics of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux will take place on Sunday 1st September at 3pm in Carfin.

THE RELICS OF ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX. Would you like to be a volunteer to help with stewarding, welcoming, hospitality, etc. during the visit of the Relics from 1st—3rd September? If you can then please come to a meeting in St. Margaret's Hall, Ayr, on Wednesday 31st July at 7p.m. Would you like to sing in the choir? Then there will be three practices in the Cathedral for all who are interested at 7.15 pm. on Thursdays 1st, 8th and 29th August. Everyone is welcome.

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO ST ANDREWS. On Saturday 31st August young people from all over Scotland will gather in St Andrews, Fife on pilgrimage to the medieval Cathedral of St Andrew. Mass will take place in the ruined Cathedral at 3pm after activities from 12 Noon in the town. All young people aged P7 upwards welcome. Activities for P7-S3 and then for S4 upwards. Transport from Galloway Diocese provided. Cost £5 and bring a packed lunch. Contact Fr Stephen McGrattan on stephen.mcgrattan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk to reserve a place or for more details.

CHANA. We really are in great need of toiletries for the those who are homeless. We would like shampoo, rubber gloves and socks please. Thank you for your continued generosity. We are looking for more volunteers for the Drop In for those who are homeless and on the margins at the Kirkgate on a Friday. Why not "drop in" this Friday and see what it is about -12.30 'til 2pm.

SPRED GALLOWAY. Warmly invites you to their Annual Ladies Charity Lunch on Sunday 29th September 2019 12.30pm – 5.30pm at The Kyle Suite, Waterside Inn, West Kilbride. Champagne Reception, 2 course lunch & coffee, fashion show & entertainment. Charity raffle & auction along with a variety of stalls from local small businesses. Tickets £35per head, for ticket enquiries please contact Janette on 01292 738068 or email info@spredgalloway.org.uk. Transport to and from the event is available on request.

WEST COAST FURNITURE BANK. This is a charity which distributes donated household goods to families in need. They are short of some items including towels, bedding, kettles and toasters. If you can help with any of these items, please call 07576232969.

ST MARY'S HEARTSTART COURSE. Will take place in St Mary's for those who are interested in attending this course. Please add your name to the sign up sheet available at the back of the church or email Ian at stjohnbulletinstevenston@gmail.com or Lorna at saltcoats@gallowaydiocese.org.uk.

TASS THISTLE. Are currently looking for boys/girls to start up a new team. If your son/daughter would like to start football training and were born in 2015 then please bring them along to St Matthew's Academy gym hall on a Monday & Friday at 5pm-6pm. (Astro boots if possible when playing inside, football boots if weather is nice and playing outside).

PILGRIMAGE IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL. Has been postponed from October 2019 to around April/May 2020 as many people were asking for more time to commit. The estimated cost of the Pilgrimage will now be £1,000, based on two people sharing a room. Flights will be direct from Glasgow, accommodation will be on a half-board basis in 4* hotels, and a full spiritual programme will be provided. If you would like to 'express an interest' in taking part in this pilgrimage please contact Fr. David Borland by email (david.borland@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) or call him on 01292 263488. Please do so by August 1st 2019 when a decision will be made as to whether the Pilgrimage will proceed.

Dates for your diary— 18th August

St John's Summer Fete

24th/25th August

Mary's Meals will visit both parishes

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

Going into Hospital? Ask Canon Poland for the Anointing of the Sick before you are admitted.

Ask the ward Sister to let Deacon Corbett know you are admitted and would appreciate a routine visit.

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