



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

21st July 2019

Sixteenth 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 Mass	10am Service of the Word	10am Mass
Tuesday	10am Service of the Word	10am Mass	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 Funeral Mass	10am Mass
Saturday	10am Mass	—————	10am Mass

Reconciliation: St John's Saturday at 10.30am. St Mary's Saturday 3.45pm

Morning Prayer: St Mary's Tuesday at 9.30am

"He's a drunk" "If you go down the street and see a homeless man lying there and you pass by without looking at him, or you think: 'Eh, the effect of wine. He's a drunk,' do not ask yourself if that man is drunk, ask yourself if your heart has hardened, if your heart has become ice," the pope said last Sunday. The true "face of love," he continued, is "mercy towards a human life in need. This is how one becomes a true disciple of Jesus." "If you do not feel pity before a needy person, if your heart is not moved, then something is wrong," he warned. "Be careful." **Catholic News Agency**

A New Beginning. "Forgiving is not forgetting; its actually remembering--remembering and not using your right to hit back. Its a second chance for a new beginning. And the remembering part is particularly important. Especially if you don't want to repeat what happened." — **Desmond Tutu, Archbishop**

Living Inside or Outside Ourselves "We really live outside of ourselves. There are very few humans who truly live inside themselves and this is why there are so many problems ... In each person's heart, there is something like a small, intimate space, where God comes down to speak alone with that person. And this is where a person determines his or her own destiny, his or her own role in the world." **Oscar Romero, Archbishop**

Please Pray for the Souls of
Lillian Carroll RIP
Agnes Gailey RIP

Lillian's Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place in St Mary's on Thursday at 10am
Followed by burial at Ardrossan Cemetery

Agnes' Prayers of Reception will take place in St Mary's on Thursday at 6pm
Funeral Mass on Friday at 10am. Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery

+May they rest in peace+

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:



Golden Jubilee: Sr Scholastica Kim (France)

Anniversary: David Law Snr, John Giffney, Bill & Mona Smith, Matthew Brady Snr, Rose Brady (Sr Anne of Jesus), John Quinn and RoseAnn McAteer

Recently Deceased: Jim Smith, Lindsay Thompson, Agnes Gailey, Lillian Carroll, Angela Spence (former lollipop lady at St John's School), Brian Gillion and Angela O'Neil.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK. 28th July 2019; Seventeenth Sunday of Year C; Genesis 18:20-23; Psalm 137; Colossians 2:12-24; Luke 11:1-3

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS.

St Mary's: £684.48 (Envelopes £360.02. Cash £324.46).

St John's: £659.70 (Envelopes £589.46. Cash £70.24). SCIAF £14.00. Collection envelopes will be returned to the parish of issue and added into the following weeks figures.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:



For all the sick in our parishes*

Special Intention

Golden Jubilee: Sr Scholastica Kim (France)

Those who have an anniversary: David Law Snr, John Giffney, Bill & Mona Smith, Matthew Brady Snr, Rose Brady (Sr Anne of Jesus), John Quinn, RoseAnn McAteer, Deceased Members Conti Family, Jacky McMurdo, Michael Cowan, Marion Callaghan, Peter Breslin, Dr Jimmy Gallagher, Peggy Clarke and Irene Smith.

Those who have died recently: Jim Smith, Agnes Gailey, Lillian Carroll, Lindsay Thompson, Angela Spence (former lollipop lady at St John's School), Brian Gillion, Angela O'Neil, Cathrine McGarry, Jim McLaughlin (Largs), Ella Bracaglia (Irvine), George Anderson, Jim Boyd, Cathy Cameron, Charles O'Hare (Kilmarnock), Maura Greene (Ireland), Mary Gillespie, Patricia Shapiro, Mischa Martin and Bertie & John Cambridge.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA SPECIAL COLLECTION. St Mary's £695.68. St John's £223.34

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.

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. Please note that St Mary's Parish Office is now closed until Monday 5th August. If you wish anything in the parish bulletin please contact Ian Neal by Wednesday evening on 465630 or email stjohnbulletinstevenston@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.

***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.**

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

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

ST JOHN'S SUMMER FETE. Is being organised for 18th August and we need volunteers for the stalls that have been organised and to give other volunteers a break. We are also looking for prizes for this event, bottles for the bottle stall, home baking, bric-a-brac, books, good quality second hand toys, tombola prizes, plants, toiletries, soft toys, new unwanted electrical goods, vouchers or gift voucher. We cannot take clothes, used electrical goods or videos, sorry. Thank you in advance for your support.

MISSION WEEK. The Protestant Churches in Stevenston have their Mission Week from 20th July—28th July.

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.

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO PRAY FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF THE VEN. MARGARET SINCLAIR. Will take place on Sunday 8th September in St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh. 2pm Holy Hour; 3pm Presentation on the Ven. Margaret Sinclair; 4.30pm Holy Mass and 5.30pm close.

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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