



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

25th August 2019

Twenty First 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 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

Exposition: St John's Thursday at 10.30am. St Mary's Friday at 10.30am

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

"A CONVERSATION ABOUT SAFEGUARDING" There will be an Open Meeting hosted by the Independent Review Group (IRG) on Saturday 14th September from 11am at St Matthews Parish Church Hall, Kilmarnock. This forms part of the work that the IRG are taking forward to support the implementation of the recommendations of the report of the McLellan Commission. This will be an opportunity for members of parish communities from across the diocese to meet with members of the IRG and the Diocesan Safeguarding team to discuss their understanding and experience of Safeguarding within the Catholic Church. If you are hoping to attend can you please alert the Diocesan Office? Phone 01292 266750 or email administration@gallowaydiocese.org.uk. Tea/coffee soup and sandwiches will be provided. Please see the formal invitation from the IRG on the Diocesan website www.gallowaydiocese.org.uk/irg-conversation

Conversion. "The sign that your heart has converted is when conversion reaches your pockets. There is where we see if one is generous with others, if one helps the weakest, the poorest." Pope Francis said at his General Audience last Wednesday.
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Obsessed with Doing. "We are so obsessed with doing that we have no time and no imagination left for being. As a result, men are valued not for what they are but for what they do or what they have - for their usefulness." **Thomas Merton**

THE OZANAM MASS. With the Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated in St John's this year on Sunday 22nd September at 3pm. Anyone requiring transport to the Mass or if you know of anyone that requires transport please put the names on the sheet at the back of both Churches or give the names to Canon Martin or a member of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

WELCOME. Mary's Meals to both parishes this weekend for their clothing collection and sale of raffle tickets.

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

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:



RIP Birthday: Carla Marie Dickie

Anniversary: Mary & James McEvoy, Mary & George Templeton, Claire Gough (10th), Michael McDermott, Gus McCall, Monica Bell, Patrick Harrison, Peter Mosley and Anne Law.

Recently Deceased: Robert Higgins, Ellen Lafferty, Nellie Moore (Ireland), David McWilliam (Stewarton), John Scott and Eddie McCathrey.

Masses are celebrated also by Fr Gerard McCabe plus Retired Priests, Missio Scotland (Pontifical Mission)

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK. 1st September 2019; Twenty Second Sunday of Year C; Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20. 28-29; Psalm 67; Hebrews 12:18-19.22-24; Luke 14:1. 7-14

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:



For all the sick in our parishes*

RIP Birthday: Carla Marie Dickie

Those who have an anniversary: Mary & James McEvoy, Mary & George Templeton, Claire Gough (10th), Michael McDermott, Gus McCall, Monica Bell, Patrick Harrison, Peter Mosley, Anne Law, George McCulloch and John Quinn

Those who have died recently: Nellie Moore (Ireland), David McWilliam (Stewarton), John Scott, Eddie McCathrey, Isabel Murray, Liz West, Sr Anne OsF McLaughlin (Franciscan Sister), Ellen Lafferty, Jim Smith (America), Robert Higgins (Australia), Jackie White, Bridget MacMahon, David Neilly, Sadie Carrino, David Gilmour (McMenamin), Alec McCann and Magdalen Choi.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS. St Mary's: £717.60 (Envelopes £359.88. Cash £357.72). St John's: £682.63 (Envelopes £563.20 Cash £119.42). SCIAF £42.35. Building & Renovation Fund £119.45. 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. Every Tuesday from 10.30am—12.30pm.

GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP. Meet on Monday evenings at 7pm in St John's Church House. We reflect on the Mass readings for the following Sunday. Why not come along. It lasts for one hour.

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

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

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. 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 stjohbulletin@stjohnbulletin@gmail.com

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST. Families, Schools of Human Growth That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."

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.

COFFEE MORNING. And bric-a-brac at Adelaide College, Saltcoats next Saturday (31st) from 11am-2.30pm.

***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

THANK YOU. To all who supported St John's Fete last Sunday with donations and prizes and those who attended and worked hard on the day. Despite the weather £2,395.00 was raised. A special thanks to those on the Fete Committee who also assist in the preparations throughout the year. A list of businesses who supported the fete is at the back of both Church porches.

ST. JOHN'S 300 CLUB. Congratulations to the winners of the August Draw No. 32 J. Higgins £30 and No. 52 M. Reid £20.

RAINBOWS. Restarting on 2nd September in St Mary's Hall at 5.30pm.

ST MATTHEW'S ACADEMY. Opening Mass of New Session (with Commissioning of S6 Prefects) on Monday 9th September at 7pm.

RCIA. Members will meet this coming Thursday at 7pm in St Mary's House to discuss new session starting soon.

PARISH SECRETARY AT ST PETER'S IN CHAINS ARDROSSAN. Are looking for a proficient and enthusiastic individual to fill the role of Parish Secretary for 9-12 hours a week. No experience is necessary however the successful applicant will: be well organised and be able to prioritise tasks in an often-busy office environment; be computer literate and competently use the Microsoft Office suite (Word, Excel, Access, Outlook); have an awareness of Parish life and have a desire to be part of the community; be able to work as part of a team, whilst also being able to work alone and use their own initiative. Desirable skills include awareness of current GDPR, and website management skills however training will be given if necessary. Hourly rate dependant on experience.

ST JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP. Session restarts tonight (Sunday) from 7-9pm in St John's Church Hall. New and existing members welcome S1 upwards. Come along for some fun and exciting times.

THE ANNUAL SCES PARENTS' GATHERING. Will take place on Saturday 21st September 2019 at St. Francis Xavier's Primary School, Merchiston Avenue, Falkirk, and will run from 9.30am – 3pm. See poster in church porches for more information.

SCIAF. Is moving office to 7 West Nile Street, Glasgow, G1 2PR from tomorrow (Monday). Phone number and email address will remain the same, therefore, you can contact us on 0141 354 5555 or email sciaf@sciaf.org.uk. We look forward to welcoming you to our new office very soon.

MARY'S MEALS. We are hoping to send off another set of backpacks soon but are short of—toothpaste, dessert spoons and jotters. Donations of these or any other backpack items would be greatly appreciated. A box is available at the back of both Churches.

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 today with Mass at the cave at 4pm and Mass in St Martin & St Ninian's Church at 4.45pm. Whithorn Trust will open up the former excavation field on Bruce Street for pilgrims with picnics and / or, if weather is wet, open up the rear Discovery Centre, also off Bruce Street, for shelter if needed and indoor picnicking.

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

VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX. Celebrations in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr, from Sunday 1st September till Tuesday 3rd September. A full programme of Prayer times, Mass, Reflection and Sacrament of Reconciliation is displayed in both porches. *"The visit of the relics of St Therese to Scotland will I hope remind us that we can all live the Christian life: it is not beyond us, nor is it a way of life reserved for a few but it is the natural vocation of us all, and is within our grasp"* Bishop Nolan.

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. See poster in Church porches for more information.

CHANA - Churches Homeless Action North Ayrshire. Thank you to all who continue to give so generously. We run a "Drop In" for those who are homeless and on the margins at the Kirkgate in Saltcoats on a Friday from 12.30 til 2 pm. We serve food and provide a safe place for people to meet and socialise. Could you spare a few hours per month to help, please. If so please get in touch with us on 07585 665751. Thank you.

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. See poster for more details.

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 stjohnbulletin@stjohnbulletin.com or Lorna at saltcoats@gallowaydiocese.org.uk. Dates will be arranged soon.

YOGA CLASS. In St John's hall is on every Wednesday evening 5.45-6.45pm. Yoga can help you improve your balance, increase flexibility and build strength as well as allow you space and time to relax and breathe. This friendly, down-to-earth class is for everyone, including complete beginners. It's £5 per class and there's yoga mats available to borrow. If you have any questions please contact Steph on 07470435735 or email stephanienorthcoteyoga@gmail.com

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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