



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

13th October 2019

Twenty Eighth Sunday of 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 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 Service of the Word	—————	10am Funeral Mass
Thursday	10am Mass	10am Service of the Word	10am Mass
Friday	10am Service of the Word	10am Mass	10am Mass
Saturday	—————	—————	10am Mass

Reconciliation: On request
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
Rosary: St John's every Tuesday at 7pm during October

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING LEVEL 2. Anyone with a parish ministry involving children and/or vulnerable adults and who has already undertaken Level 1 Training should now undertake Level 2 Training. The next sessions will take place on Wednesday 23rd October, St John's Stevenston at 7pm; Sunday 27th October, St Mary's Largs at 2pm and Wednesday 6th November St Winin's, Kilwinning at 7pm. Training will last approximately 2 hours.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY—20TH OCTOBER 2019. Next weekend, at His Holiness Pope Francis' invitation, Catholics in parishes all over the world will be asked to contribute to a Special Collection for the Pontifical Mission Societies (PMS) - his official charity for overseas mission—during World Mission Sunday. For October this year, the Pope has asked us to place an extraordinary focus on mission, so Missio Scotland—the Scottish branch of the PMS—is following the Holy Father's lead by showcasing some of our extraordinary missionaries and the extraordinary work being undertaken in mission countries and territories throughout the world such as Sierra Leone. Our missionary priests and religious live out their mission and support our brothers and sisters in faith throughout the world. You too can show that 'together we are mission' and play your part in the life of the universal Church by supporting Mission Scotland, so please give generously. www.missioscotland.com
<https://www.facebook.com/missioscotland>. Tel 01236 449774.

Please make sure that your mobile phone is switched off during Mass. Thank you

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

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:



Special Intention: Golden Wedding Ann.

Anniversary: Charlie Conti, Jimmy Crawford, Ellen (Eileen) Murphy, Joe Coleman and Francis & Josephine Morrison.

Recently Deceased: John Fisher, Joe Gallacher and Kathleen Anderson.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK. 20th October 2019;
Twenty Ninth Sunday of Year C; Exodus 17:8-13; Psalm 120; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:



For all the sick in our parishes*

Special Intention: Golden Wedding Ann

Those who have an anniversary: Charlie Conti, Jimmy Crawford, Ellen (Eileen) Murphy, Joe Coleman, Francis & Josephine Morrison, Sadie Meechan (Lennoxton), Rose McKay, Eileen Higney, Sean Henry and Patrick Giffney.

Those who have died recently: John Fisher, Kathleen Anderson, Rose Dalton, Sean Murphy, Joe Gallacher, Charlie McRobert (Irvine), Chris King (Australia), Bill Slaven (Dalry), Lorraine Ferguson, Fr Willie Mone (Glasgow), Canon John B. Healy (Motherwell), Robert McGill, Alex Lowey, Edward McBreen, Estelle Robertson, John Cowan and Jim Gardiner (Canada).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS.

St Mary's: £808.77 (Envelopes £403.09. Cash £405.68).

St John's: £669.91 (Envelopes £557.90 Cash £112.01). SCIAF £55.50. Building & Renovations £103.09. 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 10.30am till 2pm . Food served until 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 stjohbulletinstevenston@gmail.com

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.

***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

ST JOHN'S PS. Are looking for help in the school with a reading initiative, craft club with knitting etc, a community gardening club and board game buddies. Information and application forms are available in the Church porch.

ST MARY'S DEFIBRILLATOR. Is located in the Sacristy.

R.C.I.A. Will meet again on Thursday 24th and Tuesday 29th October at 7pm in St Mary's Parish House.

SAFEGUARDING. A copy of The Annual Safeguarding Statement from the Diocese is available in both church noticeboards, a copy can also be found on St Mary's website.

FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS. Would you be able to help with collections for the Food Bank for two hours? The dates are:- Sainsbury's Irvine 18th/19th October Noon to 6pm and Morrison's Stevenston 22nd/23rd October 10am to 4pm. Please phone 07979542319 if you can help. Thank you.

SPRED GALLOWAY TRUSTEE. SPRED Galloway are looking for two successful candidates to join its Board of Trustees. If you would be interested in joining this dynamic and expanding charity, please contact Janette Douglas on 01292 738068 or email info@spredgalloway.org.uk for an application pack. Closing date for applications is Thursday 31st October 2019.

A CELEBRATION. An exhibition of Traditional Arts and Crafts by some of the Syrian Refugee families is on in the Heritage Centre in Saltcoats. It runs till January and is well worth a visit.

CHANA - Churches Homeless Action North Ayrshire. Thank you to all who continue to give so generously. We need shampoo and deodorant - for both men and women. There is a box in both church porches.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT. For spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held north of Glasgow on Tuesday 22nd – Thursday 24th October 2019. This confidential, supportive retreat is powerful for anyone who has been affected by their own or someone else's abortion experience. For more information, please call/text Sr Andrea on 07816 942824 or email Rachel via the enquiry form on the website www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk.

FRIENDS OF MISSIO BALL. Will take place on Saturday 16th November at the Hilton hotel Bellshill all seated for 7.30pm. Tickets are £40 per person with tables of ten also available. This includes a gift upon arrival, a 3 course meal and live band. There are also some fantastic raffle prizes and an auction on the night. All proceeds will go towards schools projects in Uganda and Sierra Leone.

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

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER. A Missionary "Spring" in the Church That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church.

DAILY MASS READINGS. You can sign up to receive the Daily Readings of the Mass by e-mail - go to dailygospel.org

DAILY PRAYER. A good prayer website - sacredspace.ie

A REFLECTION ON SAUL - POPE FRANCIS. Reflecting on Saul's behaviour toward Christians [before his conversion] is a chance for everyone to consider how they are living their faith, he said, suggesting people ask themselves: "How do I live my life of faith? Am I going to meet others or am I against others? Do I belong to the universal Church, good, bad, everyone? Or do I have a selective ideology?" "Do I love God, or do I love dogmatic formulations?" he continued. "How is my religious life? Does the faith in God that I profess make me friendly or instead hostile to anyone who is different from me?" **Catholic News Agency**

PRAYER FOR THE AMAZONIAN SYNOD. "Fidelity to the newness of the Spirit is a grace that we must ask for in prayer. May the Spirit, who makes all things new, give us his own daring prudence; may he inspire our Synod to renew the paths of the Church in Amazonia, so that the fire of mission will continue to burn." "Prudence is not indecision; it is not a defensive attitude," he said in St. Peter's Basilica last Sunday. "It is the virtue of the pastor who, in order to serve with wisdom, is able to discern, to be receptive to the newness of the Spirit." **Catholic News Agency**

THE POWER OF LOVE. When the power of love overcomes the love of power the world will know peace. **Jimi Hendrix**

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

26th/27th October—Aid to the Church in Need Special Collection

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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