



St John the Evangelist  
Stevenston

# 24th November 2019

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year C



Our Lady Star of the Sea  
Saltcoats

**Parish Priest: Canon Martin Poland**  
St John's, Hayocks Road, Stevenston, KA20 4DE  
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St John's Parish website: [www.stevenstonjohns.com](http://www.stevenstonjohns.com)

**Parish Priest: Canon Martin Poland**  
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St Mary's Parish website: [www.rcsaltcoats.com](http://www.rcsaltcoats.com)

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	7pm Mass	10am Mass	10am Mass
Wednesday	10am Service of the Word	10am Funeral Mass 1.15pm Funeral Service	10am Mass
Thursday	10am Mass	10am Service of the Word	10am Funeral 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  
**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

*Please Pray for the Souls of*

**John Quinn RIP**  
**Alistair Reid RIP**  
**Susan Thompson RIP**  
**Tricia Monan RIP**

John's Prayers of Reception will take place on Tuesday at 5pm in St Mary's.  
Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday at 10am. Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery  
Alistair's Funeral Service will take place on Wednesday at 1.15pm in St Mary's  
Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery.  
Susan's Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Friday at 10am in St Mary's.  
Followed by burial in High Road Cemetery.  
Tricia's Prayers of Reception will take place on Tuesday 3rd December at 6pm in St Mary's  
Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 4th December at 10am. Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery  
*+May they rest in peace+*

**MASS FOR ALL OUR DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS.** The Annual Parish Mass for all our deceased relatives and friends and all members of St John's Parish Community who have died will take place on Tuesday 26th November at 7pm. There will be tea in the hall afterwards. Please make a special effort to attend this parish gathering.

**CHARITY CHRISTMAS GIFTS 2019.** SCIAF Real Gifts can be found at [www.sciaf.org.uk/realgifts](http://www.sciaf.org.uk/realgifts)

**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:**



**Anniversary:** Frank McGinn, Cathie Pllu, John Maxwell, Hannah Kirk, Mary Hamilton, Bert White, Finnegan Family and McConnell & Wylie Families.

**Recently Deceased:** Susan Thompson, Tricia Monan, John Quinn, Alistair Reid, Anna McGuirk, Morag Roger, (USA), Garry Larkin and Dorothy Mason (Sheffield)

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

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK.** 1st December 2019; First Sunday of Advent Year A; Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 121; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS.**

**St Mary's:** £758.99 (Envelopes £376.76. Cash £382.23).  
**St John's:** £568.13 (Envelopes £472.50 Cash £95.63). SCIAF £107.35. Building & Renovations £143.00. 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:** Sick

**Those who have an anniversary:** Frank McGinn, Cathie Pllu, John Maxwell, Hannah Kirk, Mary Hamilton, Bert White, Finnegan Family, McConnell & Wylie Families. Gerry Pentleton (1st), William Reilly, William Stewart, Albert White, Settimo Cavani and Andy Lennox.

**Those who have died recently:** Susan Thompson, Tricia Monan, John Quinn, Alistair Reid, Fr Patrick Lawson's Mother, Rose (Funeral Mass St Roch's, Glasgow, Monday at 10am). Anna McGuirk, Morag Roger, (USA), Dorothy Mason (Sheffield), Garry Larkin, James Hainey, Gordon Carrick, Kenneth McKinlay (Formerly St Michael's Academy), Irene Innes, May Webster, Jimmy Tracey, John Lafferty, Elizabeth Lundie, Kitty Duffy, Betty Rooney, Michael Spencer (Florida), Peter Kelly, Joe Gallacher and Patrick Morris.

**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. No Sunday Teas in St John's today.

**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 stjohbulletin@stevenston@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. George would like to thank everyone who has donated to the appeal. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

**YOGA CLASS.** Tuesday's at 5.30-6.30pm in St John's church hall. Wednesday evenings Hatha Yoga class is still on every week 5.45-6.45pm. It's £6 per class or £30 for a Six Class Pass (valid for 10 weeks) and there's yoga mats available to borrow. If you have any questions please contact Steph on 07470435735 or email stephanienorthcoteyoga@gmail.com

**\*The new terms of the Data Protection Regulation 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.**

*Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for November Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East. That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.*

**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)

**WAYSIDE CLUB.** 50 homeless men and women from the Wayside Club in Glasgow will visit St John's today for a meal and an afternoon's entertainment and afternoon tea.

**EDUCATION SUNDAY.** A Special Collection will take place at all masses this weekend.

**DEANERY EDUCATION MASS.** Will take place on tomorrow (Monday) at 7pm in St Matthew's Academy.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION.** After School Club—for Confirmation/First Eucharist will meet in St Mary's hall tomorrow (Monday) from 3pm-4pm for those celebrating the Sacraments in St Mary's.

**CATHOLIC PARLIAMENTARY OFFICE.** Copies of a letter from the Catholic Bishops of Scotland can be found at the back of both church porches.

**PROJECT GAMBIA.** Will be visiting our parishes on the 30th November and 1st December to speak about their work with deaf children in The Gambia. They will be greatly appreciative of any support received, both prayerful and in the Special Collection.

**ST ANTHONY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE.** Will take place on Friday from 3pm-5pm. All welcome.

**ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE.** Will take place on Friday 6th December at 3pm-5pm. All welcome.

**ALTAR SERVERS PANTOMINE.** Will take place on Sunday 29th December. If you wish to attend, please collect a form from both sacristy's.

**NURSING HOMES CAROL SERVICES.** Caledonia; Sunday 8th December at 2pm. Arran View; Sunday 15th December at 2pm. Sign up sheets for singers is available in St Mary's church porch. All welcome.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION.** Will be celebrated by P3 children from St Anthony's school on Thursday at 7pm in St Mary's Church.

**EDINBURGH CHRISTMAS MARKETS.** Chernobyl Children's Lifeline are organising a bus trip to Edinburgh markets on Saturday 7th December. Leaving St. Matthew's Academy at 8.30am, then stopping for a pickup in John Finnie street, Kilmarnock. After a fun day in Edinburgh bus will leave at approx. 5 pm for journey back to Saltcoats. Tickets are £15 and will be sold on a first come first served basis and money must be paid to hold seat. Anyone interested please get in touch ASAP as there is limited number of seats. Text or phone Lisa on 07988609078.

**STEVENSTON CAROL SERVICES.** Three Towns Nursing Home on Sunday 1st December at 3pm.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS.** A list is available at the back of St John's Church for those wishing to sign cards.

**ST JOHN'S CHRISTMAS CHURCH CLEAN.** Will take place on Tuesday 10th December. All welcome.

**HCPT.** Are running a Christmas Fayre in St John's Church Hall after 11.30am Mass next Sunday. All are welcome and any charity wishing a table please contact Bernadette on 01294 467425. Hot rolls, Christmas paper and bags, Christmas tombola (Chernobyl Children's Lifeline) and much more. Proceeds from the hot rolls and Christmas paper stall will go to HCPT Group 207 (take children/young people to Lourdes at Easter).

**EU SETTLEMENT SCHEME.** North Ayrshire Council is assisting EU, EEA and Swiss citizens to apply for Settled Status which will allow you to stay in the UK after 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020. Full details on how to apply can be found at the back of both churches or at: <https://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/council/eu-settlement-scheme.aspx>.

**HOPE PROJECT.** Have organised a Scottish Music Night Friday 6th December 2019 at 6.30pm in Irvine Community Sports Club. Live performances start at 7pm including clarsach, bagpipes, fiddle, Largs Gaelic Choir, and song group. Themed buffet and a chance to dance with a Ceilidh Band. Tickets £10 please contact Kirsty on 07379 448 284 or mail [kirsty@clasps.org.uk](mailto:kirsty@clasps.org.uk).

**HCPT LOURDES GROUP 376.** Christmas Fayre Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November in St Peter's Parish Centre 10.30am to 1pm. Various stalls, tombola, home baking, children's choir and tea room. Free entry. Contacts Esther or Josephine Coulter 602179.

**ST. JOHN'S P7 PARENTS.** Are organising an indoor craft/car boot sale at St John's Church Hall next Saturday 12pm-3pm to raise funds for the P7 trip. If you would like to book a table please contact Margaret Law 07857336364, please note £10 is required to secure a table. We hope to see you there.

**CHANA at CHRISTMAS.** We would like to provide Christmas presents for those in the hostels and in supported accommodation this year. We are appealing for gift sets of toiletries, new pyjamas (small/medium) and hats/gloves mostly for men. Please use the CHANA box provided or they can be handed in to Ardrossan Hostel in Princes Street. Thanks once again for your continued generosity.

**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS.** Stickers can be ordered through the parish office at £2 per pack of 100. All monies go to charity.

**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.

**Daily Prayer** - A good prayer website - [sacredspace.ie](http://sacredspace.ie)

#### **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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