



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

5th January 2020

Epiphany of the Lord

Year A



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 Funeral Mass	10am Mass
Wednesday	10am Service of the Word	10am Funeral Mass	10am Mass
Thursday	10am Funeral Mass	10am Service of Word	10am Mass
Friday	12.30 Funeral Service	10am Mass	10am Mass
Saturday	10am Mass	_____	10am Mass

Reconciliation. St John's — Saturday at 10.30 am

Reconciliation. St Mary's— Saturday at 3.45pm

No Morning Prayers this week.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Friday 10.30 am – 11am in St Mary's.

Please Pray for the Souls of

Peggy Miller RIP

Francis Hughes RIP

John Meechan RIP

Anne (Susan) McGowan RIP

Molly Shields RIP

Hugh Slaven RIP

Kathleen Morgan RIP

Peggy's Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday 7th January at 10am in St Mary's
Followed by cremation in Holmsford Bridge Crematorium, Dreghorn.

Francis' Prayers of Reception will take place on Tuesday 7th January at 6pm in St Mary's
His Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 8th January at 10am.

Followed by burial in High Road Cemetery.

John's Prayers of Reception will take place on Wednesday 8th January at 6pm in St John's
His Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday 9th January. At 10am

Followed by burial in High Road Cemetery.

Anne (Susan)'s Funeral Service will take place in St. John's on Friday 10th January at 12.30pm
followed by burial in Hawkhill Cemetery.

Molly's Prayers of Reception and Funeral will take place on Monday 13th January at 10am in St Mary's
Followed by cremation in Holmsford Bridge Crematorium.

Hugh's Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place in St Mary's on Wednesday 15th January at 10am
Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery.

Kathleen's Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place in St Mary's on Monday 20th January at 10am
Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery.

+May they rest in peace+

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Christmas Remembrance: Parishioners, James & Mary McEvoy, Deceased Members of Murphy and McCarney Families, James & Agnes Morrison, Cathy McGuire, SPC Communities (Grasmere, Birmingham, Dublin and London), Deceased Kane & Murchie families, Fr. James McHugh, Charles Smith, Evelyn Clugston & deceased members of Taylor family, Joe and Sarah Murray, Derrick Whitehead, Ruth, Hugh and Cecilia Monaghan, John and Janet Collins, James and Ina Kelly, deceased members of Smyth and Coleman families, Margaret McGee, Patrick Cambridge, George Kearney, Laura Cambridge, Patrick Monaghan and deceased members of Monaghan family, Gerard Monaghan and deceased members of Slater, McGhee and Smyth families.

Anniversary: Michael Boylan, Pat O'Rourke, Catherine O'Meara, Tommy Reid, Robert Hastings, Paul Millar, Mairi Grier, Patrick Hutchinson, Frances Kelly, Mary Fraser (4), Martha Murphy, Jane Cairns, Raquel Rangel Cordero.

Recently Deceased: Rosemary Sellar (Largs), Hugh Slaven, Sam Taylor (Ardrossan), Peggy Miller, Francis Hughes, John Meechan, Anne (Susan) McGowan, Molly Shields, Kathleen Morgan, Davie Lambie.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK. 12th January 2020; Baptism of the Lord. Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7; Psalm 28; Acts 10:34-38, Matthew 3:13-17.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:



For all the sick in our parishes*

Christmas Remembrance: Parishioners, James & Agnes Morrison, Cathy McGuire, SPC Communities (Grasmere, Birmingham, Dublin and London), Deceased Kane & Murchie families, Fr. James McHugh, Charles Smith, Evelyn Clugston & deceased members of Taylor family, Joe and Sarah Murray, Derrick Whitehead, Ruth, Hugh and Cecilia Monaghan, John and Janet Collins, James and Ina Kelly, deceased members of Smyth and Coleman families, Margaret McGee, Patrick Cambridge, George Kearney, Laura Cambridge, Patrick Monaghan and deceased members of Monaghan family, Gerard Monaghan and deceased members of Slater, McGhee and Smyth families.

Those who have an anniversary Michael Boylan, Pat O'Rourke, Catherine O'Meara, Tommy Reid, Robert Hastings, Paul Millar, Mairi Grier, Patrick Hutchinson, Frances Kelly, Mary Fraser (4), Martha Murphy, Jane Cairns, Frances Kelly, Raquel Rangel Cordero. Kathleen (Kitty) Boyle, Kathleen McGuirk, Jessie Burns (2nd), Jimmy Gailey, Murray & Lennox Families, Annie McKernon, Joe Burns, Dec Member Burns & Fitzpatrick Families, Tom McKay, John Dolan, Elizabeth Turbet, Pat McCann, Robert & Jean Wylie and Peter & Rose Finnegan.

Those who have died recently: Rosemary Sellar (Largs), Hugh Slaven, Sam Taylor (Ardrossan), Anne (Susan) McGowan, Cathie Kerr (Ayr), Peggy Miller, John Meechan, Sarah Gray, Stephen McCormick, Molly Shields, Kathleen Morgan, Davie Lambie, Abbie O'Rourke (Southampton), Jack Oliver, James McMurray (Glasgow), Vera Brady.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS. St Mary's: £764.55(Envelopes £399.84 Cash £364.71). St John's: £561.11(Envelopes £386.00 Cash £175.11). SCIAF £7.54, Building & Renovations £102.28.

Christmas Joint Collection £1807.75 Thank You

Collection envelopes will be returned to the parish of issue and added into the following weeks figures.

Special Collection this weekend is for Justice and Peace

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 in St Mary's. After 11.30am Mass today in St John's.

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. In an emergency phone 07979542319 and leave a message.

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

***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.**

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

SATURDAY CLUB. For those in St John's preparing for Confirmation and First Eucharist will meet next Saturday at 9.45am to 12 Noon at St. John's Church Hall.

WAYSIDE CLUB. Thank you to all who generously contributed to the large collection of sleeping bags and other items that were donated to the Wayside Club. These were delivered to them before Christmas and were received with gratitude and thanks. While the work to eliminate homelessness continues such items provide some immediate support and direct help to those in need.

CRIB COLLECTION AT CHRISTMAS. Gifts left at the crib in St John's will be forwarded to Hillhouse Care and gifts from St Mary's to Cardinal Winning Pro-Life Initiative. Financial donations go to St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society.

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB. Please note the club is closed for the holiday period and will be back on Tuesday 21st January 2020.

PARISH FINANCES. As 31st December is the end of the financial year, can all those who operate bank accounts please compose a statement of income and expenditure from 1st January 2019 to 31st December 2019, together with a January 2020 bank statement. These figures have to be submitted to the Diocese before the end of January.

POST OF PART TIME DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING OFFICER. For details see advert on Diocesan website www.gallowaydiocese.org.uk. Job description and application form available from Diocesan Office. Phone 01292 266750 or email : administration@gallowaydiocese.org.uk

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 31st 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>.

GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP. Resumes this Monday 6th January at 7pm in St John's Church House for one hour. We reflect and pray on the readings for the following Sunday. Why not come and see? You will be made very welcome.

YOGA CLASS. The weekly Wednesday evening class resumes this week on the 8th January. For any enquiries please contact Steph on 07470435735 or email stephanienorthcoteyoga@gmail.com

REJOICE AND BE GLAD. This is the subject of the 2020 Adult Education series for the Diocese. It is based on the Pope's Apostolic Exhortation Gaudate et Exultate. The series will consist of a meeting a month in Saltcoats or Stevenston from January to June. Each meeting will last one hour. Look out for more details.

CRISIS BAGS. We would like to thank the congregation of St John's Church for all their very kind donations of food for the Crisis bags. During 2019, we delivered 209 Crisis bags to people in need in the Three Towns area. We could not have done this without your donations on a regular basis throughout the year. Please pray for this ongoing work and for the Foodbank at St John's where members of the High Kirk, Livingstone and St Mary's Churches are involved. **Thank you. Margaret, David and Eric.**

CHANA. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to help the homeless both at Christmas and throughout the year. Your donations are so welcome. Thank You.

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS. Blessed are you peacemakers who say no to war as a means to peace. Blessed are you peacemakers who open doors for acting justly, loving tenderly and walking humbly with God. Blessed are you peacemakers who care and comfort. Blessed are you peacemakers who welcome, encourage and inspire. Blessed are you peacemakers who delight in creation, art and creativity. Blessed are you peacemakers who never give up. Blessed are you peacemakers who give and give and give. **Fr Paul Milanowski**

POPE FRANCIS CALLS FOR WOMEN TO BE HONOURED NOT EXPLOITED. "How many times is the woman's body sacrificed on the profane altars of advertising, profit, pornography, exploited as a surface to be used," Pope Francis said in St. Peter's Basilica on New year's Day. "If we want a better world, which is a house of peace and not a war zone, we have to care for the dignity of every woman," the Pope said. Pope Francis said that our level of humanity can be judged by how we treat a woman's body, "the most noble flesh in the world" and "the culmination of creation." **Catholic News Agency**

PROTECT THE EARTH. "Each community can take from the bounty of the earth whatever it needs for subsistence, but it also has the duty to protect the earth and to ensure its fruitfulness for coming generations." Pope Francis.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2020 - PROMOTION OF WORLD PEACE

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

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

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

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