St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

12th April 2020

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Year A

Our Lady Star of the Sea
Saltcoats

Parish Priest: Canon Martin Poland
St John's, Hayocks Road, Stevenston, KA20 4DE
Tel No: 01294 463225
St John's Parish website: www.stevenstonstjohns.com

Parish Priest: Canon Martin Poland
St Mary's, 10 Ardrossan Road, Saltcoats KA21 5BW
Tel No: 01294 463461
St Mary's Parish website: www.rcsaltcoats.com
Sr Marie Monique & Sr Ursula: Pastoral Assistants to the Three Towns
Canon Matt McManus (Retired)

COVID—19

Greetings everyone

THERE IS A DISPENSATION FROM ATTENDING SUNDAY MASS AND EASTER DUTIES THIS YEAR.

I wish to remind you that I say private Mass each day for people of our parishes and their intentions. I hope to use bulletin/ information sheet to provide the Sunday readings that people can sit quietly and reflect on them.

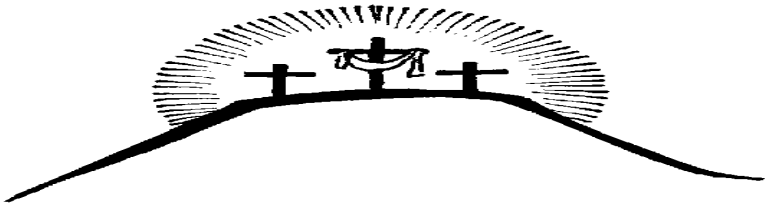
Funeral Masses have now been suspended.

LIVESTREAMING MASSES CAN BE FOUND AT THE CHURCHES BELOW.
St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr
St Teresa's, Dumfries
St John's, Cumnock
St Joseph's, Kilmarnock
St Matthew's, Kilmarnock
St Mary, Star of the Sea, Largs

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS. In these difficult financial times, there is no obligation to give to the Sunday Collection. If, however, you feel able to, you can donate by text message to an account set up by the Diocese of Galloway. It is not possible to nominate a particular parish so all text-giving donations will be shared among parishes. To donate, text to 70085 the word SUNDAY followed by the number of pounds, from 1 to 20. For example, SUNDAY 5 to 70085 gives £5. This message would cost £5 plus one standard rate message charge. Thank you for all your commitment and support.

BISHOP NOLAN WILL BE CELEBRATING THE EASTER TRIDUUM AT ST MARGARET'S CATHEDRAL, AYR.
Please check the Diocesan website for more details and updates on www.gallowaydiocese.org.uk

POPE FRANCIS. Has set up an emergency fund to help those affected by the coronavirus throughout the world. Please use the link below from Missio promoting the fund.
https://www.missioscotland.com/single-post/2020/04/07/pope-sets-up-emergency-fund-to-support-missionary-work



A Happy and Blessed Easter from Canon Martin, Canon Matt, Sr Ursula and Sr Marie Monique—Keep Safe and Well

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Special Intentions: For parishioners at Easter

Anniversary: Margaret McCall, Margaret McCall (Paisley) and Philip Burns (one months mind)

Recently Deceased: Michael McLean.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK. 19th April 2020; Second Sunday of Easter Year A; Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 117; I Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

For all the sick in our parishes*

Those who have an anniversary: Margaret McCall, Margaret McCall (Paisley), Philip Burns (one months mind), Isaac McAvoy, Isabella Stuart, Alice Lynn, William & Jeanie Smyth and Alistair Dickie.

Those who have died recently: Michael McLean, Seamus Reilly, Andrew Carmichael, Patrick Lawler, Joseph Murray, Tommy Murray, Philip Burns, Margaret Peacey (Oxford), Cathy Meechan and Brendan Fitzpatrick.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS. BOTH PARISHES HAVE NO INCOME AT THE PRESENT TIME EXCEPT STANDING ORDERS. PLEASE KEEP THIS IN MIND. IF YOU WISH TO PAY THROUGH STANDING ORDER PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.

ST JOHN'S 300 CLUB. The monthly draws will be suspended until the Church reopens. Envelopes can be posted through the parish house letterbox or handed in when public Mass resumes.

LOCKDOWN. Several people have offered their services to get shopping etc for anyone who is self-isolating. Contact the parish phone numbers if you need help.

C.L.A.S.P. Community Led Action and Support Project. DON'T FEEL ALONE, GIVE US A PHONE. CLASP via the HOPE and CLASP Digital Projects are now providing a telephone befriending and digital support service of older people residing in North Ayrshire, during this pandemic. If you are in isolation and could benefit from a daily/regular call for a chat, we have trained befrienders who can be a listening ear, help boost morale and offer guidance and signposting assistance if you require other support services during this difficult time. We also have a team of Digital Tutors and Digital Buddies who can support you with any digital queries you might have or we can contact you via WhatsApp, Skype, Facetime, etc. so you can see us rather than just hear us. If you think you could benefit from our services, give us a phone but please don't feel alone—we are here to help and are all in this together. Telephone Liz on 07464206592 or email liz@clasps.org.uk. You will then be allocated a Telephone Befriender or a Digital Befriender to give you support during this crisis. Keep Safe

PARISH HALLS. Closed until further notice.

FOOD BANK, STEVENSTON AND SALTCOATS. Phone the Three Towns Hub 9am-1pm 01294 475900. Groceries will be delivered to your house.

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.

WEST COAST FURNITURE BANK. This is a charity which distributes donated household items to families in need. An estimated 40% of the donations have come from readers of this bulletin. George would like to thank everyone for their generosity. The contact number is 07576232969.

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. Information leaflets are available.

***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

First Reading Acts 10:34.37-43
Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself; and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses—we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead— and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness; that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.' **The Word of the Lord**

PSALM
R/ This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' **R/**

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.
I shall not fie, I shall live and recount his deeds. **R/**

3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **R/**

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4
Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed —and he is your life—you too will be revealed in all your glory with him. **The Word of the Lord**

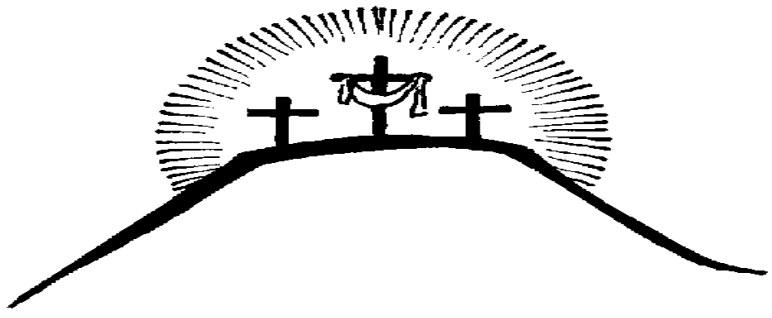
Gospel John 20:1-9
It was a very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

FOR REFLECTION

In the psalm we hear, 'The stone which the builders rejected / has become the corner stone'. God exalts the lowly and humbles the exalted. How do you live this in your own life?

Today's Gospel Acclamation calls us to 'celebrate the feast then, in the Lord'. How does your family keep the Easter feast?

We are told that upon entering the tomb, the Beloved Disciple 'saw and he believed'. What has been your own journey to belief?



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.
In an emergency situation ask the nurse on duty for the priest-on-call to be paged.

Please support our advertisers

SCIAF 7 West Nile Street, Glasgow G1 2PR Tel: 0141 354 5555

Saltcoats Funeralcare
24 Hour Service ~ Home Visits
16 Hamilton Street, Saltcoats
TEL: 01294 469359
www.coop.co.uk
saltcoats@coop.co.uk

A.W. BLAIR & SONS
Seabank Street,
SALTCOATS
Tel:**01294 468238**

Independent Family
Funeral Directors

PAUL STEVENSON
29 Chapelwell Street,
SALTCOATS
Tel: 01294 607001

Independent Family
Funeral Directors

WARDEN MOTORS
(Prop. – Kevin Warden)
CANAL STREET,
SALTCOATS
Tel: **01294 463333**
All types of repairs,
MOT & Service
Quality Used Cars

BREEN ROOFING & BUILDING CONTRACTORS
6 Hill Street, ARDROSSAN
Tel: **01294 464733**
Slating, Tiling, Flat Roofing, Roughcasting, Plastering
- general building works

The Albion Bar
16 Dockhead Street,
Saltcoats.
01294 462436

Well 'Kent' faces behind and in front of bar!

Hughes Painting & Decorating

Call for a No Obligation Quotation
Reliable & Affordable
Noel Hughes **0777 0599 297**
noelleon67@hotmail.com

ROOFGUARD ROOFING LTD.
Unit 6, Old QuarryRd,
STEVENSTON.
Tel. 01294 850450

Re-Roofing, Roof Repairs, Flat Roofs, Rough casting, Fascia, PVC Gutters, Cladding, Slating Leadwork.
All advice and estimates free.

ST. JOHN'S PRIMARY
Tel: 01294 464557

ST. ANTHONY'S PRIMARY
Tel: 01294 468559

JAS. CAMPBELL & Co.

Solicitors Notaries Estate Agents
www.jascampbell.co.uk
e-mail: mail@jascampbell.co.uk
Bank of Scotland Buildings
57 Dockhead St. Saltcoats **464301/4**
85 Main St. West Kilbride **829599**
76 Princes St. Ardrossan **464131**

Eglinton Diner & Fish Fry
28/30 Windmill Street,
Saltcoats
01294 601126

Traditional fish teas.
Lunchtime specials.
Sit in or carry out.

SPRED
Suite 3, First Floor,
Boswell House,
2-14 Arthur Street,
Ayr.
KA7 1QI
01292 738068
spredgalloway@talktalk.net

T.O.A. TAXIS
North Ayrshire LTD.
Unit G14 The APL Centre
Stevenston Industrial Estate,
Stevenston.
KA20 3LR
01294 465000
24 – Hour Coverage
Callback Facilities
Ardrossan – Saltcoats - Stevenston

Taylor and Henderson
51 Hamilton Street,
Saltcoats.
KA21 5DX
01294 464341
Solicitors: Estate Agents: Financial Advisers.
www.taylorandhenderson.co.uk
Offices throughout North Ayrshire

MCKINNON HEWITT
Solicitors & Notaries
All Types of Legal Work
Private House Purchase & Sale; Council House Purchase; Re-mortgages; Accident Claims; Family Law; Criminal Injuries Claims; Wills & Executries.
Ask about eligibility for Legal Aid.
First Interview Free.
(65 East Rd, Irvine –**01294 312801**)
Partners: Frances Hewitt & Kathleen Murray
www.mckinnonhewitt.co.uk

To advertise in this Bulletin please contact Lorna: 01294 463461 or Margaret: 01294 471545

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS - MISSION STATEMENT

The Catholic Church in Scotland is concerned with the lives, safety, wholeness and well-being of each individual person within God's purpose for everyone. It seeks to safeguard the welfare of people of all ages who are involved in whatever capacity with the Church and its organisations. As a Church community, we accept that it is the responsibility of all of us, ordained, professed, paid and voluntary members, to work together to prevent the physical, sexual, emotional abuse or neglect of children, young people and vulnerable adults.