



St John the Evangelist
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16th March 2025

Second Sunday in Lent Year C



Our Lady Star of the Sea
Saltcoats

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St Mary's Parish website: www.rcsaltcoats.com

and Sr Ursula and Sr Anna

Canon Matt McManus (Retired)

Day	St John's	St Mary's	St Peter's
Monday	10am Mass	—————	10am Mass (L)
Tuesday	—————	10am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)
Wednesday	10am Mass (L)	—————	10am Mass (L)
Thursday	—————	10am Mass (L)	10am Funeral Mass (L) David Wilson
Friday	10am Mass (L)	—————	10am Mass (L)
Saturday	—————	4.30pm Vigil Mass (L)	5.30pm Vigil Mass (L)
Sunday	11.30am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)	10.30am Mass (L)

L = LIVESTREAMED

RECONCILIATION. St John's Saturday 10.30—11am. St Mary's Saturday 3.45pm—4.15pm.

EXPOSITION. St John's Friday 10.30am-11am.

GOSPEL REFLECTION. Monday at 2pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—DURING LENT. Tuesday in St Mary's 9.30am-10am led by the Soup/Chat Group. Friday in St John's at 7pm led by The Saint Vincent De Paul Conference

2023 AND 2024 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR BOTH PARISHES

ST MARY'S

Income 2023—£148,952.66

Income 2024—£154,498.12

Expenditure 2023—£156,815.91

Expenditure 2024—£159,348.38

ST JOHN'S

Income 2023—£113,801.81

Income 2024—£97,885.35

Expenditure 2023—£114,337.01

Expenditure 2024—£102,783.29

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES. St Mary's, Saltcoats—Tuesday 1st April at 2pm; St John's, Stevenston—Wednesday 2nd April at 7pm and St Peter's, Ardrossan—Monday 31st March at 7pm.

BISHOP FRANK. Will make a Pastoral Visit and celebrate Masses in both parishes next weekend.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please ensure you have the permission of the family to include the name of the deceased in the parish bulletin

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Special Intention

Anniversaries: Sarah Crawford, Bridget MacDonald, Bobby McCall and Philip Burns (5th).

Recently deceased: Caroline Reynolds, Rosemary Smith and Eileen Coppola.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: *Third Sunday in Lent*

Year C: Exodus 3:1-8a,13-15; Psalm 103; I Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

For all the sick in our parishes.

Special Intentions: People of the 3 parishes. RIP Birthday for Frances Donnelly.

Those who have an anniversary: Sarah Crawford, Bridget MacDonald, Bobby McCall, Philip Burns (5th), Luke Gargan, Catherine Girvan, John Dunwoodie, William H. McCann, Theresa McCann, Helen Celendile, Mary Linney, Andrew Millar, Ken Littlemore (1st), Sam Collins, Patrick Joseph Hamilton Jnr and Ellen McGarvey.

Those who have died recently: Caroline Reynolds, Rosemary Smith, Philip Pelligini, Patricia O'Neil, Olivia Kuczynska, Teresa McCormick, Patsy Magee (Newry), Tommy Jack (Greenock), Michael Norwood, John Conlan, Alistair Ramsay, Philomena Boyle (Ireland), Margaret Brodie and Eileen Coppola.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS. January and February: St Mary's £7,150.57—Envelopes £1,073.00; Cash £1,389.57 and Standing Orders £4,688.00. **St John's £10,782.64**—Envelopes £3,327.00; Cash £3,423.11; Standing Orders £1,824.00 and Building Fund £2,208.53.

CARDINAL WINNING PRO-LIFE INITIATIVE. Would like to thank St Mary's parishioners for their kind Christmas Donations, they will go to families who really appreciate it.

JUBILEE YEAR DIOCESAN DAY CONFERENCE. As part of a series, St Joseph's Deanery (East Ayrshire) will host a Day Conference on the Vatican II Constitution *Lumen Gentium* (*[Christ is the] Light of the Nations*). The Conference will take place in St Joseph's Church Hall, Kilmarnock on Saturday 29th March from 11am –3pm. For those who wish, Mass will also be celebrated at 10am. The day will consist of several presentations on the key themes of *Lumen Gentium* by lay and ordained people from the deanery, group discussion and listening, and concluding with a period of prayer. The theme: "It's okay to be holy!" reflects on the nature of the Church and celebrates our call through Baptism to live as saints by entrusting our lives to Jesus Christ. Please bring a packed lunch; tea and coffee will be served. All are welcome.

ST MARY'S READERS EVENING. Will take place this coming Wednesday at 7pm in the Church.

PRIZE BINGO— To raise funds for Youth for Lourdes trip. Will take place on Friday 4th April in St Mary's Church Hall, doors open at 7pm eyes down for 7.30pm. Tickets: Adult £2/Child £1. Contact Hannah Burns-Calvert 07886377701 or Emily Burns 07944413441. Any prize donations would be greatly appreciated, these can be handed into the parish office.

ST MATTHEW'S ACADEMY. In June a group of pupils and staff will be travelling to Malawi to visit their partner school, St. Peter's, Mzuzu. As part of their fundraising activities a Family Quiz Night will be held in St Matthew's on Thursday 27th March at 7pm. Tickets are £5 and can be purchased/reserved from the school office. All members of the community are invited to attend.

BECOME A MENTOR. Can you make a difference in the life of a young person in 3rd to 6th year in a high school in North Ayrshire? By becoming a volunteer mentor with MCR Pathways you can help a young person flourish. You don't need any special gifts of skills, you just need to be able to listen and support them for just one hour a week, this has been consistently proven to transform lives. We will give you training and support throughout your time mentoring by a designated staff member at each of the schools. St Matthew's are drastically short of mentors, you can select to mentor here or any of the other high schools in North Ayrshire. If you want more information please phone the school and ask to speak with Mr. Lafferty the Pathways coordinator, Scan the QR code or visit <https://mcrpathways.org/become-a-mentor/>



YOUTH (P7-S6) EVENINGS. The next Galloway Youth evening takes place tonight (Sunday) in St Joseph's, Kilmarnock. The evening begins with Mass at 5pm, and is followed by a short talk, activities, pizza and time to socialise, all led by S3 students from St Joseph's Academy. Interested? Download a parental consent form from our website: rcdg.org.uk or email youth@rcdg.org.uk for more details. *For any parents bringing your children to the event, you're welcome to stay for the evening; there will be a room with tea, coffee, and snacks for you to meet following the Mass.*

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK. The Ayr parishes are running a 5-day Pilgrimage to Knock from September 22nd – 26th for the Jubilee Year. The cost is £680 per person sharing a twin room at the Knock House Hotel on a half-board basis. The coach will leave and return from the Cathedral. If you would like to join the Pilgrimage please call Alba Tours Ltd. on 01698 262941 and Anne Marie or Jim will be delighted to help you book.

SOUP AND CHAT. St John's every Monday at 11.30am-1.30pm and St Mary's every Wednesday 11.30am-1.30pm.

ST MARY'S AND ST JOHN'S SUNDAY TEAS. Takes place after Sunday Masses.

SVDP. Please call 07379400568 for St Mary's. Please call 07498501326 for St John's. Please call 07825726904 for St Peter's.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

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

YOUNG ADULTS (16-30) LENTEN RETREAT. Aged 16-30? Join Galloway Young Adults for our online Lenten retreat, meeting Tuesdays during Lent from 7-8pm on Microsoft Teams. For more information or to join the group, search for @rcdgyouth online or email youth@rcdg.org.uk.

ST JOHN'S SVDP. Are collecting non perishable food for the Crisis Bags. **FOODBANK STEVENSTON.** 07437 521 930.

PARISH HALLS. To book any of our halls please call the Parish Office on 463461 for St Mary's and Michael Lafferty on 461234 for St John's. Please note a booking form has to be completed to confirm your booking.

GALLOWAY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025. This year will take place from 7th – 14th July. Direct Return Flights from Glasgow Prestwick to Lourdes. Cost £1045 p.p. (Based on two adults sharing) Full Board. Further information and booking details are available from Joe Walsh Tours. info@joewalshstours.co.uk. Freephone: 0808 1890468.

ST MARY'S CHURCH CLEANERS. Helpers still required on Thursday at 10.30am.

MONEY MATTERS. Welfare Rights Advice—North Ayrshire Council 01294 310456 Monday-Friday 9.30am-4pm. Direct Line 07901338682.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO PRIESTHOOD? If you sense a vocation to be a Priest and would like support to discern this call, please contact Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Stephen McGrattan, at vocations@rcdg.org.uk or 01563 521832.



Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

At that time:

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.

And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good that we are here.

Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah' - not knowing what he said. As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!' And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

Have you ever met one of your heroes? How did you react? Did you, like Peter, start speaking without knowing what you were saying?

If you were on a camping trip and woke up to find your best friend or spouse talking to Jesus in the flesh, how would you react?

What's one of your most memorable mountaintop experiences? What do you still reflect on from that time?

LENT. In this Lenten time, after the labours of each day, it will do us good not to switch off the light in the room without placing ourselves in the light of God. To pray a little before sleeping. Let's give the Lord the chance to surprise us and to reawaken our hearts. We can do this, for instance, by opening the Gospel and letting ourselves be amazed by the Word of God, because the Scripture enlightens our steps and inflames the heart. **Pope Francis.**

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for March 2025 - For families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts even in their differences. See Pope Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SkqR7ReJuNI> launches 5th March.

X/TWITTER ACCOUNT. The X/Twitter handle is @stmarysstjohns for those who wish to follow it.

COST OF LIVING CRISIS. Funds currently available to assist St Mary's parishioners who need help to cope with rising energy and food costs. Need assistance, please phone 07379 400 568. All contacts will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY - IRVINE AND THREE TOWNS DEBT CENTRE. Are a Christian Organisation that helps people struggling with personal debt issues to begin a journey out of debt. This service is free and will see clients face to face at the Connexions centre, Irvine or at any office location. Please call our freephone number which is 0800 328 0006

The Bible and Catechism in a Year Podcast with Fr Mike Schmitz. This podcast can be found on YouTube or on your podcast app. The Bible in 10 minutes video can be found on www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jm3b4Q98vx8

***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.**

Neighbouring Parishes:

Father Duncan McVicar, St Peter's, Ardrossan 464063. Father Gerard Magee, St Winin's, Kilwinning 552276.

Going into Hospital? Ask Canon Poland for the Anointing of the Sick before you are admitted.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY: The hospital chaplains of Crosshouse and Ayr Hospitals are pleased to visit patients on request. For general visiting in Crosshouse Hospital please contact Fr Stephen McGrattan at stephen.mcgrattan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or on 01563 521832. For general visiting in Ayr Hospital please contact Fr Benjamin Mkeri at benjamin.mkeri@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or on 01655 882145. For the urgent or emergency assistance of a chaplain please ask the hospital staff to page the priest on call.

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.

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