

Welcome to St Mary's



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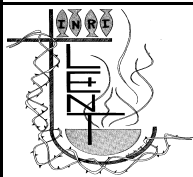
Our Parish Priest is: Fr Graeme Bell, The Parish House, 10 Ardrossan Road, SALTCOATS. KA21 5BW

The Parish Office is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.30am -2.30pm for all routine enquiries.

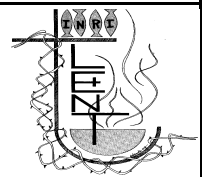
The parish secretary, Mrs Lorna Hand, will be happy to help with Mass intentions, certificates, information, general enquiries etc.

Telephone: (01294) 463461. Email: mail@rcsaltcoats.com Parish website: www.rcsaltcoats.com.

The latest news can be found on our webpage, including death notices and other information



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B 22nd FEBRUARY 2015



Sunday Masses	4.30pm Vigil, 9.30am and 11.30am.
Services this week	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 10am. Extra Mass on Friday at 7am
Morning Prayer (vol 2, wk 1)	Monday at 9.45am.
Confessions each week	Saturdays at 3.45pm till 4.15pm. (Please understand that these scheduled arrangements may need to be altered without notice)
Baptisms	By appointment-Booking Forms available in the Church Porch/Parish Office.
Marriages	At least six months notice is required. Please contact the Parish Priest.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Monday until 11.30am and Friday until 11am.
Devotions	First Saturday Fatima Devotions.
Holy Rosary	Before daily Mass, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and First Saturday.

PARISH GROUPS

Parish Hall Bookings	Please call Trina on 467468 (during reasonable hours please). Please note booking form has to be completed to confirm your booking
Children's Liturgy (during school time)	11.30am Sunday Mass-volunteers needed to assist (not lead!).
Sunday Teas	After 9.30am and 11.30am Masses on Sundays: Volunteers needed for teas after 9.30am and 11.30am Masses.
Tuesday Lunch Club (TLC)	Every Tuesday from 10.30am till 2pm in the Parish Hall. (Food served until 12.30pm)
SVDP	Meets every Tuesday in the Parish Hall from 7pm. Call 07796237890 and leave details to arrange an appointment or a visit.
Church Cleaning Team	Thursdays after 10am Mass in the Church-help always welcome.
Poetry Group	Meets every last Thursday of the month in the Parish House at 7.15pm.

Scottish Charity Number: RC Diocese of Galloway SC 010576.

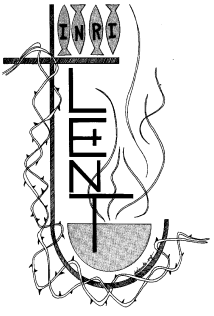
Neighbouring parishes: Canon Martin Poland, St John's, Stevenston (01294) 463225 and Canon Matt McManus, St Peter's, Ardrossan (01294) 464063.

The RC Chaplain at Crosshouse Hospital is Deacon Bill Corbett

Going into Hospital? Ask Father Bell 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 bleeped.



LENTEN SERVICES. The Stations of the Cross will take place each Friday during Lent at 7pm (starting this Friday) and there will be an extra mass at 7am in the morning. I hope you will find these arrangements helpful to your spiritual journey during this holy season.

SCIAF. A big part of Lent for us Scottish Catholics is our support of SCIAF. The WEE BOXES are still available in the Church porch for you to pick-up on your way home. All donations SCIAF receive by 17th May will be doubled by the UK government. The annual Special Collection will take place on the Fourth Sunday of Lent (15th March).

WEEKLY COLLECTION. £1,129.09. Thank you all for your continued support

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK SPECIAL COLLECTION. £694.30. Thank you all once again for your generous support.

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP NOLAN. Bishop Nolan has written to each parish in the Diocese expressing his sincere thanks to all who have welcomed him into the Diocese. A copy of this letter is available at the back of the church and also on our website: www.rcsaltcoats.com, just follow the link.

FR EDDIE MCGHEE. Please keep Fr Eddie in your prayers as he recovers from major heart surgery.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY. St Mary's Conference are making their annual appeal for toiletries for the Ozanam Centre in Glasgow. We are again depending on our parishioners to support us in this project for the homeless men and women who rely for help from the Vincentians who run the Centre. A box will be left in the Church Porch for your donations of soap, shaving items, toothpaste/brushes, wipes, deodorants etc. Thanking you in anticipation for your great support.

PARISH CHOIR FOR EASTER. Would you like to support the singing in our parish, help us learn new hymns and mass parts? Please consider coming along on Monday evenings commencing tomorrow at 7pm in the church. Everyone welcome—no auditions!!

YOUTH FOR LOURDES. The bingo night for Youth for Lourdes raised £850. A huge thank you to everyone for your brilliant generosity and all who attended and donated raffle prizes.

THANK YOU. Masses will be said for all well wishers of Peter Reilly on his birthday with thanks.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER. This year's World Day of Prayer will take place on Friday 6th March in St Cuthbert's Church at 2pm. Tea/coffee will be served in the hall after the service.

300 CLUB. The draw will take place next weekend after 9.30am mass.

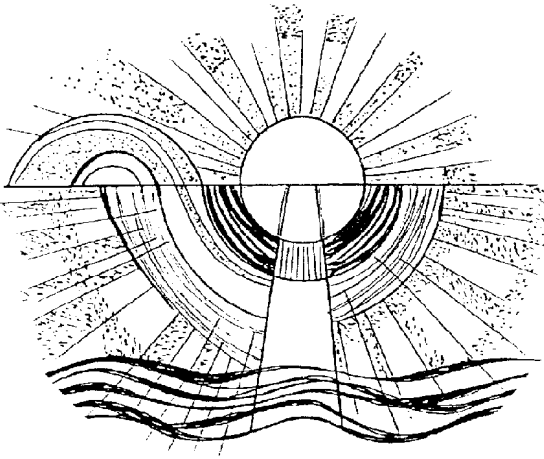
ST ANTHONY'S PS BINGO NIGHT. Will take place this coming Saturday (28th) in the parish hall. Doors open at 7pm with eyes down at 7.15pm. Tickets are priced at £1.50/adult and 50p/child and are available from the school office.

HCPT 'BLINGO' NIGHT. A 'Blingo' Night will be held this coming Friday (27th) at 7pm in St Peter's Church Hall, Ardrossan, to raise funds for HCPT. This is being organised by Krista Ward, a 6th year pupil at St Matthew's Academy as part of her Leadership Award. Please come along and embrace the glitz and glamour and if you're sporting the most bling you can win the Bling King/Queen prize! Price is £5 for under 18's and £7.50 per adult which includes: full bingo games book, Irish standing bingo ticket, tea/coffee with cake and for the adults a glass of Buck's Fizz on arrival. Tickets are available from the school office 606689 or from Krista on stmatthews@ea.n-ayrshire.sch.uk.

R.C.I.A. Meet every Monday at 7pm in the parish house.

BAPTISM PREPARATION. From now on families seeking baptisms for their children are asked to attend a class to prepare for the Sacraments. The next class will take place on Thursday 5th March at 6.30pm.

MASS REQUESTS. To avoid disappointment when a date may already have been allocated, this is a friendly reminder to hand in your requests for Anniversaries and Special Intentions at least 3 months in advance of the occasion if possible. I know you will understand that Funerals take priority over all other requests.



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. Concerns may be raised with any of the parish care co-ordinators: Mrs Angela Dunbar (461473) and Mr Brian Burns (463717) or the National Office in Glasgow (0141 353 1177) or of course Fr Bell.

BESURE TRAVEL INSURANCE. BeSure Travel Insurance is designed to provide cover for people of all ages with medical conditions and their travelling companions, even if you have a medical condition you can travel with security and peace of mind. Every policy purchased generates a donation to our church fund. Use Promo Code: STM when purchasing your policy.

PRIVATE TUITION. Please contact Clare on 01294 282055 or 07776045056 if you would like Spanish/Italian and English classes and tuition.

UPCOMING PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Plundering Sons
28th March
(In aid of YFL)

Charlie Gormley
2nd May
13th June
8th August
19th September
31st October

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

Special Intentions: Michael & Helen McKernon, Thomas McCormick (Birthday wishes), For the Parish, Peter Reilly (100th Birthday wishes). All those affected by Cancer and undergoing Hospital tests and procedures.

Those who are sick: Fr Eddie McGhee, Jim Wright, Ian Hamilton, Leslie Meechan, Amie McCann, Anthony DaPrato, Andrew Campbell, Jennifer Tawse, Mrs Kelly, Isabel Mullen, Susan Garland, Liam Chalmers, Marion Mullen, Matt Lynch, Irene Smith, Anne Hand and Alex Doherty.

Those who have an anniversary: Bridget Ward, Agnes Kelly, Canon Michael O'Connor, Dr Michael McCann, James & Agnes Delahunt, Jean Lynn, Sadie McCaw, Sadie Loye, Angela Fleming, Moira McGoogans, Robert Cairns, Ellen Reilly, Connell Thomas, Joseph Mooney, Peter Campbell, James Millar, Christopher Millar, Lennox Family, Murray Family, Molly Cunningham, Marie Anderson, Brendan Dorrian, Albert Garrett, Hannah & William Garrett, Pat Maxwell, Mary Ann Con McGeehan, Mabel Kean and Margaret Nellis.

Those who have died recently: Jimmy Farrell, Betty Frew, Rita Dalton, Aileen Whiston, John O'Hare, Maisie Hollywood, Richard Hughes, Alfie Willis, Jake McBlain, Mrs Forrester, Hugh Ross, Pat McCann, Agnes Morrison, Margaret Munn, Harry Reynolds, Dick McGonigle, Flora Mullin, Bobby Boyle, John Brady, Maria Tomelty, Stephen Cambridge, Margaret Bell, Mary Marshall, Jennifer Ford and Colette McInnes.

DAY AND TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
SATURDAY 4.30pm 21st February	Harry Crawford (Ann) Marie Anderson (Ann)
SUNDAY 9.30am 22nd February	Molly Cunningham (Ann)
SUNDAY 11.30am	For the Parish
MONDAY 10am	James Rourke (2nd Ann) Marion Callaghan (RecDec)
TUESDAY 10am	Marie Anderson (Ann) Mary Malloy (Ann)
THURSDAY 10am	Tony Fraser (RecDec) Michael & Helen McKernon (Sp Int)
FRIDAY 7am	Eileen Fairlie (RecDec) Sandra Grant (RecDec)
FRIDAY 10am	May Steele (RecDec) Robert Cairns (Ann)
SATURDAY 4.30pm 28th February	Peter Reilly (100th Birthday wishes)
SUNDAY 9.30am 1st March	Bridget Ward (Ann)
SUNDAY 11.30am	For the Parish



The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the Book of Genesis (9:8-15)

All Masses response to Psalm 24:

*Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love
for those who keep your covenant.*

A reading from the First Letter of St Peter to the Corinthians (3:18-22)

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.
Man does not live on bread alone,
But on every word that comes from the mouth of God
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.
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A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (1:12-15)

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Next Week: 1st March 2015 – Second Sunday of Lent Year (B)
Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18; Psalm 115; Romans 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10



MINISTRY ROTA						
Please find a replacement if for some reason you are unable to fulfil your ministry. Thank you.						
SUNDAY MASS	EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS	READERS	SERVERS SUPERVISORS	COUNTERS	MINIBUS TEAM	SUNDAY TEAS
21st February At 4.30pm	Team 2	Betty Doherty Alex Tulloch Luke Gregory	Margaret	Team 2	Eileen Henderson	
22nd February At 9.30am	Team 5	Martin McAllister Gemma Ambrosini George Jackson	Laura	Team 2	Mark Heron	Elizabeth Lynch
At 11.30am	Team 11	Louise White RoseAnn Mitchell Maureen Moffat	Angela	Team 2	Michael Clarke	
28th February At 4.30pm	Team 3	Michelle de Valencia Susan Clarke Josh Watson	Anne Marie	Team 3	Alex Doherty	
1st March At 9.30am	Team 6	Sam Taylor Paul Cowan Barbara Griffen	Yolanda	Team 3	Sandy McCaig	Kathleen Chapman
At 11.30am	Team 12	Jennifer Northcote John Mitchell Louise White	Isabel	Team 3	Volunteer please	