

Welcome to St Mary's



The Church will be closed daily after Mass

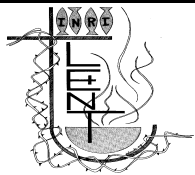
Our Parish Priest is: Fr Graeme Bell, The Parish House, 10 Ardrossan Road, SALTCOATS. KA21 5BW

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.

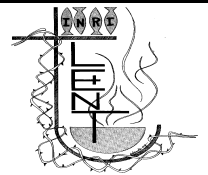
Telephone: (01294) 463461. Email: mail@rcsaltcoats.com Parish website: www.rcsaltcoats.com.

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



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

8th MARCH 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 3)	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.

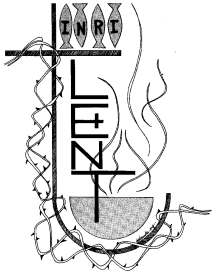
Neighbouring parishes: Canon Martin Poland, St John's, Stevenston (01294) 463225 and Canon Matt McManus, St Peter's, Ardrossan (01294) 464063.

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 and there will also 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. Beat Hunger with the WEE BOX. One in eight people will go to bed hungry tonight. Please give what you can to SCIAF's WEE BOX appeal this lent and together we can make a difference. A special collection will take place at all masses next weekend. Envelopes will be available at the back of the church for those who wish to Gift Aid their donation.

Our sincere condolences and prayers are sent to the family and friends of

Margaret Dorrian RIP

Margaret's Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday at 10am.

+May she rest in peace+

WEEKLY COLLECTION. £1,047.87. Thank you all for your continued support

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 in the church. Everyone welcome—no auditions!! The choir will be at the usual time of 7pm in the church.

CATHEDRAL SUNG EVENING PRAYER FOR LENT. Evening Prayer of the Church will be sung in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr on Sunday 22nd March at 6pm. All are very welcome.

PETER REILLY. Thank you to all who wished Peter Reilly well on the occasion of his 100th birthday on 11th February 2015. Grateful thanks to Bishop Emeritus Maurice Taylor, Father Bell and other clergy, the parish community and beyond for joining in the mass held on his birthday in St Mary's, the celebration thereafter in the hall, the beautiful buffet prepared by the Tuesday Lunch Club (TLC), Mrs Angela Dunbar, for presenting the Queen's birthday card and to everyone who contributed in any way to the celebration. This was much appreciated. Holy Masses will be offered for all.

PALM SUNDAY NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING. Young people aged 11-25 are invited to mark the beginning of Holy Week with other young Catholics from Scotland at Motherwell Cathedral for an afternoon of Bishops' teaching, Mass and social time with a buffet dinner. Cost £5 including transport by coach. Please contact Fr Stephen McGrattan at info@rccumnock.org.uk or phone 01290 421031 for more information.

PLUNDERING SONS. Will be playing in our parish hall on Saturday 28th March at 8pm. Tickets are priced at £5 and are available from Stephen Cavani, Caroline McKenna or the parish office.

ST ANTHONY'S P.S. The Parent Council would like to thank everyone who came along to their recent bingo night. A wonderful £586.50 was raised. As with all fundraising events run by the parent council all proceeds go towards the pupils of the school.

FOOD BANK. Sorry for not keeping parishioners up to date over the last few weeks with the amounts of food donated. After last week's donations were weighed in, the total to date is almost exactly 1000kg or one tonne. This is well ahead of expectations. Thanks to all who contribute and to the volunteers who give of their time each week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, at the Salvation Army Hall.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED. Please join ACN in prayer this March by picking up a prayer card and ask God to strengthen the Christians living in the Middle East who are suffering persecution because of their faith.

BAPTISM PREPARATION. From now on families seeking baptisms for their children are asked to attend a class to prepare for the Sacraments. There will be no class in April due to the Easter Holidays, however if any baptisms are booked a meeting will be arranged to accommodate this. The next class will take place on Thursday 7th May 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.

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

TOWARDS A NEW PENTECOST' CONFERENCE. Will take place on 20th-22nd March with Michelle Moran speaking. We will be exploring the desire of the Church to prepare for a new pentecost, and to prepare ourselves for the new era of grace in the Church and the world. Weekend includes inspired preaching & teaching, prayer ministry in power of the Holy Spirit, adoration and Holy Mass. Donation only event after £5 registration. Meals included this weekend! www.coretlumenchristi.org or stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org or call 016973 45623

PARISH WEBSITE. www.rcsaltcoats.com. The latest news can be found on our webpage, including funeral information and other latest news. Please think of our environment and seriously consider receiving bulletin by email. If you would like to receive the bulletin by email please send a message to the parish office at mail@rcsaltcoats.com

PARISH BAR. If in the future you want to book our parish hall for any function, i.e. wedding or birthday party or any other event please realise that this means using our bar. If you would like to book the bar or for more information please contact our bar manager Caroline McKenna on 07825553243. For all future funerals and christenings please note that the bar will be open.

ST PETER'S CHILDREN'S CENTRE. The parent and toddler group is now open on a Wednesday afternoon 12.30pm to 2.30pm and on Monday and Friday mornings 9.30am to 11.30am in the parish centre. For more information phone Josephine Coulter on 473030

UPCOMING PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Plundering Sons
28th March
(In aid of YFL)
Charlie Gormley
2nd May
13th June
19th September
31st October

See Stephen Cavani for tickets

DAY AND TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
SATURDAY 4.30pm 7th March	Teresa Morrison (2nd Ann) James Ward (Ann)
SUNDAY 9.30am 8th March	For the Parish
SUNDAY 11.30am	James Millar (Ann)
MONDAY 10am	Justine McAllister (Ann) Christopher Millar (Ann)
TUESDAY 10am	Mary Monan (RecDec) Charles Smith (Ann) Helen Celendile (Ann)
THURSDAY 10am	Funeral Mass for Margaret Dorrian
FRIDAY 7am	Patrick Curran (Ann) Mary Linney (Ann)
FRIDAY 10am	Rose Hand (RecDec) John Clark (RecDec)
SATURDAY 4.30pm 14th March	Billy Lawler (Ann) John Tonner (Ann)
SUNDAY 9.30am 15th March	Sarah Crawford (Ann)
SUNDAY 11.30am	For the Parish

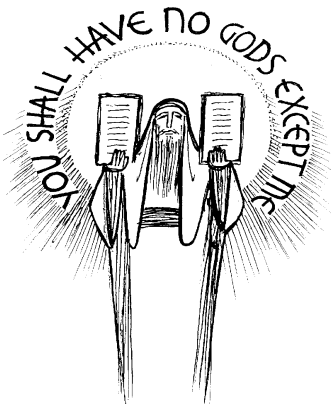
YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

Special Intentions: Thanksgiving from Sheila Ian, Catherine Foley (Renfrew) (90th Birthday wishes). All those affected by Cancer and undergoing Hospital tests and procedures.

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

Those who have an anniversary: Helen Celendile, Mary Linney, Peter Timmons, Matt Johnson, Justine McAllister, Patrick Curran, Charles Smith, Teresa Morrison (2nd Ann), Billy Lawler, Annie McQuade, Michael Reilly, Mary Malloy, Arthur Cambridge, John Tonner, Molly McFarlane and James Ward.

Those who have died recently: Margaret McCarroll, Larry Buchiem (USA), Jack McClumpha, Winnie McLaughlin, Margaret McCarroll, Jim Wright, Eileen Walkans, Jimmy McGrotty, Jimmy Farrell, Betty Frew, Rita Dalton, Aileen Whiston, John O'Hare, Maisie Hollywood, Richard Hughes, Alfie Willis, Jake McBlain and Mrs Forrester.



The Liturgy of the Word

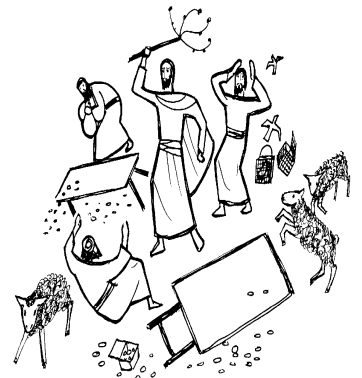
A reading from the Book of Exodus (20:1-17)

All Masses response to Psalm 18:
You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (1:22-25)

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.
 Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.
 I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord,
 whoever believes in me will never die.
 Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.
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A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
 (2:13-25)



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Next Week: 15th March 2015 —Fourth Sunday of Lent Year (B)
II Chronicles 36:14-16; Psalm 136; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

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
7th March At 4.30pm	Team 1	Lewis Docherty Ann McSkimming Luke Gregory	Margaret	Team 3	Danny McGoogan	
8th March At 9.30am	Team 7	Agnes Forbes Hugh McCreath Tommy Murphy	Andrea	Team 3	Frank Turbet	Kathleen Chapman
At 11.30am	Team 10	Youth for Lourdes	RoseAnn	Team 3	John Cavani	
14th March At 4.30pm	Team 2	Helen Tracey Christopher Simpson Josh Watson	Anne Marie	Team 3	Eileen Henderson	
15th March At 9.30am	Team 8	George Jackson Martin McAllister Franco Ambrosini	Agnes	Team 3	Charles Monaghan	Trina McAvoy
At 11.30am	Team 11	Maureen Moffat Michael White John Mitchell	Teresa/ Hannah	Team 3	Alan Burns	