

Welcome to St Mary's



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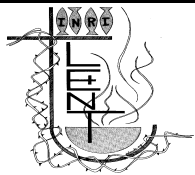
Our Parish Priest is: Fr Graeme Bell, The Parish House, 10 Ardrossan Road, SALTCOATS. KA21 5BW

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.

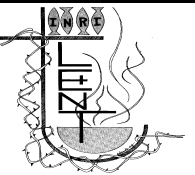
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The latest news can be found on our webpage, including death notices and other information



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

15th 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 4)	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.

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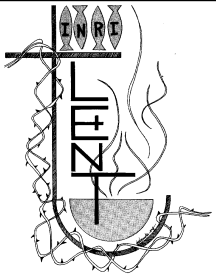
Neighbouring parishes: Canon Martin Poland, St John's, Stevenston (01294) 463225 and Canon Matt McManus, St Peter's, Ardrossan (01294) 464063.

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. Mothers around the world are struggling to provide for their families and give their children a better chance in life. Please give what you can to today's Special Collection and remember the women of Africa in your prayers. Envelopes are available at the back of the church for those who wish to Gift Aid their donation.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY. We send our very best wishes and all our love to the mum's of our parish on this special day.

WEEKLY COLLECTION. £1,168.56. 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.

QUIZ NIGHT. Many thanks to all who attended Betty Valencia's quiz night to fund her HCPT pilgrimage to Lourdes. The night was a great success, making £220 and on the night. Betty also received £65 for her sponsored bike ride, boosting the total to £350 in sponsorship. Betty and her family would like to thank the congregation for their continuous support, as she has now raised enough money to travel to Lourdes again as a helper. Also, a big thank you to Father Graeme for all of his help.

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT. Will take place in St Peter's, Ardrossan next Saturday (21st) at 7pm. Tickets are £1 and include tea/coffee. All proceeds will go towards TFL. BYOB.

SPRING FAYRE. Will take place on Saturday 28th March at 10.30am to 1pm in our parish hall. Proceeds to H.C.P.T group 376 and St Peter's Children's Centre. Tables available £10. Phone Josephine 473030 or Esther 464692.

CHILDREN'S GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church if you wish your child to attend the Good Friday Children's Liturgy which will take place in the hall on 3rd April, starting at 1.15pm. It will last approximately 1hour 30 minutes after which the children will proceed into the Church for Mass. All children aged 3-10 years are welcome.

THANK YOU. Sadie McClumpha and family would like to thank Fr Bell for spiritual comfort and the many people who sent mass cards and cards on their recent sad loss of Jack. Holy Mass will be offered for all.

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 next Sunday (22nd) at 6pm. All are very welcome.

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.

YOUTH 4 LIFE SCOTLAND OFFICIAL LAUNCH. Bishop John Keenan of Paisley will be the keynote speaker at the launch of a new pro-life organisation, Youth 4 Life Scotland, aimed at young people aged 13-19yrs. The event will take place in Turnbull Hall (13-15 Southpark Terrace, Glasgow, G12 8LG), and will be from 6-8pm on the 30th April. It will provide information and more on the pro-life movement, especially for young people.

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.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

A Service of Forgiveness in preparation of Easter will take place in:

Here at St Mary's
Wednesday 25th March at 2pm
St John's, Stevenston
Wednesday 25th March at 7pm
St Peter's, Ardrossan
Thursday 26th March at 7pm

Please celebrate the Sacrament in whichever parish suits best, but please try to do so.

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

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

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

UPCOMING PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Plundering Sons

28th March

(In aid of YFL)

Charlie Gormley

2nd May

19th September

31st October

See Stephen Cavani for tickets

please note that the bar will be open.

DAY AND TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
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
MONDAY 10am	Arthur Cambridge (Ann) Mary Gribben (Ann)
TUESDAY 10am	Bill Hazelton (Rec Dec) Alistair Malloy (1st Ann)
THURSDAY 10am	Nanda McGoogan (Ann) Connell Thomas Snr (Ann) Agnes Kelly (Ann)
FRIDAY 7am	James Farrell (RecDec) Ellen Trewin (RecDec)
FRIDAY 10am	Brownlie Smyth (RecDec) John McMenamin (RecDec)
SATURDAY 4.30pm 21st March	May & Patrick Hanlon (Ann)
SUNDAY 9.30am 22nd March	For the Parish
SUNDAY 11.30am	Catherine Coleman (Ann)

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

Special Intentions: Thanksgiving from Sheila and Ian. 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: Mary Gribben, Alistair Malloy, Connell Thomas Snr, Agnes Kelly, Sarah Crawford, Nanda McGoogan, Annie Clayton, Martha McGuigan, Thomas McGuigan, Isabel Mumford, James Montgomery, Arthur Gallagher, Luke Gargan, Mary Anne Main, Ron Trewin, Thomas Pentleton, David Hanson, Fr Patrick Reilly, Peter Joseph Rankin, Gretta Jennings, Margaret McCairns, Billy Lawler, Lottie Clarke, Con & Mary Ann McGeehan, Kieran Farmer, James & Mary Cassidy, Helen Celendile, Mary Linney, Peter Timmons, Matt Johnson, Justine McAllister, Patrick Curran, Charles Smith, Teresa Morrison (2nd Ann), Billy Lawler, Annie McQuade and James Ward.

Those who have died recently: Margaret Dorrian, Teresa Reid (Stevenston), Jessie Addie, Ella Hamill, Margaret McCarroll, Larry Buchiem (USA), Jack McCiumpha, Winnie McLaughlin, Jim Wright, Eileen Walkans, Jimmy McGrotty, Jimmy Farrell, Betty Frew, Rita Dalton, Aileen Whiston.



The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the Second Book of Chronicles (36:14-16. 19-23)

4.30pm Vigil and 9.30am Mass Response to Psalm 136:

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

11.30am Mass Response:

*O that today you would listen to him,
listen don't harden your hearts.*

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians (2:4-10)

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.
God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son;
Everyone who believes in him has eternal life.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.
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A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

(3:14-21)

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Next Week: 22nd March 2015 – Fifth Sunday of Lent Year (B)
Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 50; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33



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
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	
21st March At 4.30pm	Team 3	Clare McIlhatton Beth Curran Luke Gregory	Margaret	Team 3	Alex Doherty	
22nd March At 9.30am	Team 4	Gemma Ambrosini Sam Taylor Paul Cowan	Laura	Team 3	Pat McMenamin	Kathleen Chapman
At 11.30am	Team 12	Jennifer Northcote Louise White Lewis Docherty	Muriel	Team 3	Stephen McLaughlin	