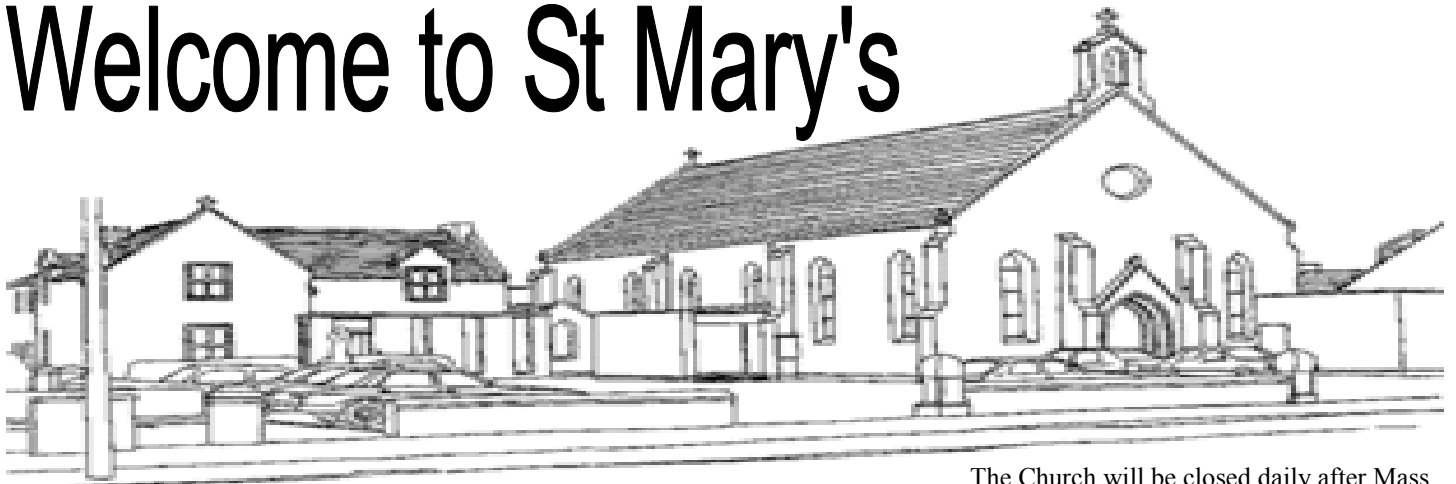


# Welcome to St Mary's



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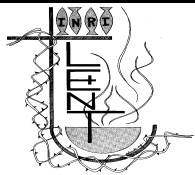
**Our Parish Priest is: Fr Graeme Bell, The Parish House, 10 Ardrossan Road, SALTCOATS. KA21 5BW**

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.

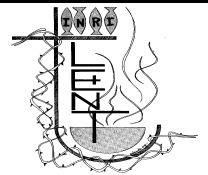
Telephone: (01294) 463461. Email: mail@rcsaltcoats.com Parish website: www.rcsaltcoats.com.

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



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

### 22nd MARCH 2015



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| Sunday Masses                      | 4.30pm Vigil, 9.30am and 11.30am.   |
| Services this week                 | Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 10am.   |
| Morning Prayer (vol 2, wk 1)       | Monday at 9.45am.   |
| Confessions each week              | Saturdays at 3.45pm till 4.15pm.<br>(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

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| Parish Hall Bookings                    | Please call Trina on 467468 (during reasonable hours please).<br>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:<br>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.<br>(Food served until 12.30pm)  |
| SVDP                                    | Meets every Tuesday in the Parish Hall from 7pm.<br>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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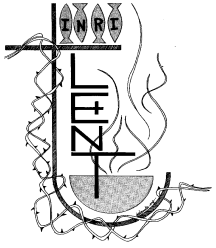
Neighbouring parishes: Canon Martin Poland, St John's, Stevenston (01294) 463225 and Canon Matt McManus, St Peter's, Ardrossan (01294) 464063.

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 beeped.



**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. A hand up for Africa's farmers.** For many women in Africa, farming is the only way to feed their families. They work long hours, using basic tools. Your WEE BOXES can give them a hand up so they can lift themselves out of poverty and hunger.

**EMBRACING CHANGE.** Out of all the Embracing Change meetings five groups have emerged, all lay led but with priests taking part. These are: **Care of the Poor:** How the parishes can work together in service, how to breathe new life into long-running groups and share resources, et cetera. **Formation for Ministry:** How to get more and younger people involved in the many ministries lay people can provide for the Church, how we will manage with fewer priests but more lay participation. **Spirituality:** How can we share times of prayer, adoration and devotion across the parishes of the deanery, what can we do in one place rather than in five or six and deanery services rather than parish services. **Youth:** Working with young people to re-energise faith and practice. **Education and Truth:** improving communication, ensuring we learn and teach good doctrine, keeping in touch with what the Church really teaches, what Pope Francis is saying and moving us away from 'the priest knows best' to 'the priest is here to serve'. These groups are meeting and working.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION.** £1,019.71. 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.

**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 1 hour 30 minutes after which the children will proceed into the Church for Mass. All children aged 3-10 years are welcome.

**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 tonight (Sunday) at 6pm. All are very welcome.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOLY WEEK.** Readers, Extra-Ordinary Ministers, Feet Washing volunteers, are all needed for the Liturgies of Holy Week—please volunteer by adding your name to the sign-up sheet available in the sacristy.

**WEEKLY ENVELOPES.** Those of you who use weekly offering envelopes may pick up your new sets for the coming year at masses this weekend. If you do not Gift Aid yet—please consider doing so—it makes such a difference. Please contact the parish office.

**300 CLUB.** February winners were: M. O'Mara (48); A. Millar (182); M. Jackson (54); M. Bennan (7) and B. Gough (41). Each receive £10. Collections will be taken up this weekend. The draw will take place next weekend after 9.30am mass

**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](mailto:info@rccumnock.org.uk) or phone 01290 421031 for more information.

#### LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

A Service of Forgiveness in preparation of Easter will take place in:  
**Here at St Mary's**  
**This Wednesday at 2pm**  
St John's, Stevenston  
This Wednesday at 7pm  
St Peter's, Ardrossan  
This Thursday at 7pm  
**Please celebrate the Sacrament in whichever parish suits best, but please try to do so.**

#### HOLY WEEK SERVICES.

- **Chrism Mass**  
Tuesday 31st March at 7.30pm  
in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr
- **Holy Thursday—2nd April**  
10am Morning Prayer  
**Mass of the Lord's Supper** at 7pm  
**Watching before the Blessed Sacrament**  
till 10pm
- **Good Friday—3rd April**  
10am Morning Prayer  
**The Lord's Passion** at 3pm  
**Stations of the Cross** at 7pm
- **Holy Saturday—4th April**  
**PLEASE NOTE THE VIGIL TODAY IS AT 9PM ONLY.**  
**Morning Prayer** at 10am.  
**The Church will close at 1pm.**  
**Vigil of the Resurrection** at 9pm.
- **Easter Sunday—5th April**  
9.30am and 11.30am Masses.

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

**STELLA MARIS YOUTH GROUP.** Are having a 'spring tea' on Saturday 25th April from 10am-2pm in the hall. Tickets priced £2 for an adult and £1 for a child are available from Susan Ambrosini, Elaine Cairns or the parish office or pay at the door on the day. Raffle tickets will also be on sale over the weekend of 25th/26th April.

**TASS THISTLE.** Are currently looking for boys/girls to start up a new team. If your son/daughter would like to start football training and were born in 2010 then please bring them along to St Matthew's Academy playing fields on Saturday 11th April at 10am.

**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.

**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.

**PARISH WEBSITE.** [www.rcsaltcoats.com](http://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](mailto: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.

#### UPCOMING PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

##### Plundering Sons

28th March

(In aid of YFL)

##### Charlie Gorman

2nd May

19th September

31st October

See Stephen Cavani for tickets

| DAY AND TIME                  | MASS INTENTIONS  |
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| SATURDAY 4.30pm<br>21st March | May & Patrick Hanlon (Ann)   |
| SUNDAY 9.30am<br>22nd March   | For the Parish   |
| SUNDAY 11.30am                | Catherine Coleman (Ann)  |
| MONDAY 10am                   | Matt Johnson (Ann)<br>Annie McKeever (Ann)                                     |
| TUESDAY 10am                  | Thanksgiving from Sheila & Ian<br>Peter Timmons (Ann)<br>Martha McGuigan (Ann) |
| THURSDAY 10am                 | Michael Anderson (Ann)<br>Annie Clayton (Ann)<br>Thomas McGuigan (Ann)         |
| FRIDAY 7am                    | Service of the Word with<br>Holy Communion                                     |
| FRIDAY 10am                   | Service of the Word with<br>Holy Communion                                     |
| SATURDAY 4.30pm<br>28th March | Jane Monan (Ann)   |
| SUNDAY 9.30am<br>29th March   | Frank P. Fitzpatrick (Ann)   |
| SUNDAY 11.30am                | Frank F. Fitzpatrick (Ann)   |

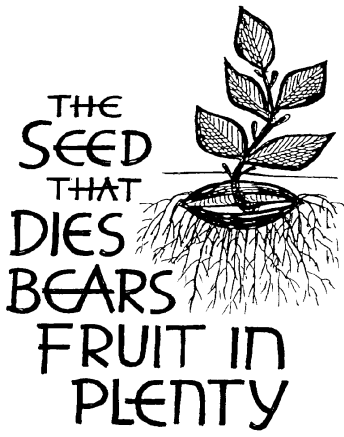
### YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

**Special Intentions:** Clare Neilson, 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:** William H. McCann, Michael Reilly, Jackie & Agnes Giffney, Johnny Salutous, James Mulhern (Mucker), Fr G Bourke Csr, Annie McKeever, John F. Fitzpatrick, John P. Fitzpatrick, Agnes Finnegan, James Joseph Dorrian, Susan Reid, Norman Gough, Margaret McGarvey, Mary Donald, Hugh Kelly, Gregory Main, Rosaria Abuene, Catherine Coleman, Michael Anderson, 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, Lottie Clarke, Con & Mary Ann McGeehan, Kieran Farmer and James & Mary Cassidy.

**Those who have died recently:** Terry Kelly, Ruby Carr Clark, Margaret Dorrian, Teresa Reid, Jessie Addie, Ella Hamill, Margaret McCarroll, Larry Buchiem, Jack McClumpha, Winnie McLaughlin, Jim Wright and Eileen Walkans.



# The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah (31:31-34)

All Mass response to Psalm 50:  
A pure heart create for me, O God.

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Hebrews (5:7-9)

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.  
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.  
If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me,  
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.  
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.  
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A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
(12:20-33)



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Next Week: 29th March 2015 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (B)  
Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 21; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66

| MINISTRY ROTA   |                          |   |                     |          |                    |                  |
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| 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 March<br>At 4.30pm   | Team 3                   | Clare McIlhatton<br>Beth Curran<br>Luke Gregory       | Margaret            | Team 3   | Alex Doherty       |                  |
| 22nd March<br>At 9.30am   | Team 4                   | Gemma Ambrosini<br>Sam Taylor<br>Paul Cowan           | Laura               | Team 3   | Pat McMenamin      | Kathleen Chapman |
| At 11.30am  | Team 12                  | Jennifer Northcote<br>Louise White<br>Lewis Docherty  | Muriel              | Team 3   | Stephen McLaughlin |                  |
| 28th March<br>At 4.30pm   | Team 1                   | Alex Tulloch<br>Betty Doherty<br>John Watson          | Anne Marie          | Team 3   | Danny McGoogan     |                  |
| 29th March<br>At 9.30am   | Team 5                   | Barbara Griffen<br>Agnes Forbes<br>Hugh McCreath      | Yolanda             | Team 3   | Dennis Hopkins     | Elizabeth Lynch  |
| At 11.30am  | Team 10                  | Margaret Millar<br>RoseAnn Mitchell<br>Maureen Moffat | Muriel              | Team 3   | Martin Cosgrove    |                  |