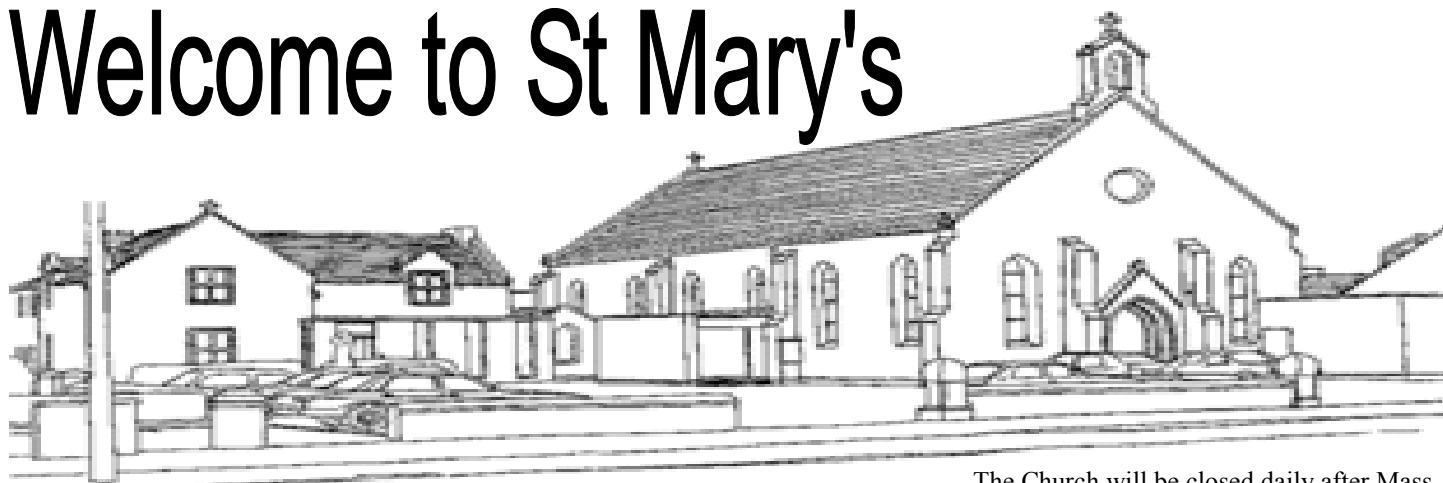


Welcome to St Mary's



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



PALM SUNDAY YEAR B

29th MARCH 2015



Sunday Masses	9pm VIGIL THIS SATURDAY, 9.30am and 11.30am.
Services this week	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 10am.
Morning Prayer (vol 2, wk 2)	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 beeped.

SCIAF. WEE BOX, BIG THANKS. All of us at SCIAF send our thanks to you for joining with us this year's Lenten Appeal. Please pray with us for a joyful Easter and return your WEE BOXES during Holy Week so the UK government can double your donations.

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. £1,085.69. Thank you all for your continued support

CHRISM MASS. The annual Chrism Mass will be celebrated in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr this coming Tuesday at 7.30pm. During this Mass Bishop Nolan will bless the new oils for use in the celebration of the Sacraments and the Priests will renew their commitment. A free coach has been organised, leaving from the church at 6.30pm. If you would like to come along, please sign-up in the Church Porch. Children under aged 16 must be supervised by an adult aged 18+. Thank You.

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.

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.

EASTER SUNDAY. Children aged 3-10yrs are invited to an Easter Egg hunt after 11.30 am Mass.

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.

T.L.C. Please note that the Tuesday Lunch Club will be closed this coming Tuesday and 7th April for their Easter Break. They will open again on 14th April. They wish you all a joyful Easter and thank you for your 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.

FR KEITH'S SHOP. We have given Fr Bell £1,000 on the 23rd March 2015. Thanks to everyone for donations and customers to the shop, also for those who give jars of money. On Fr Keith's behalf we thank you for your generosity which enable him to keep sending our his food parcels.

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. The draw will take place after 9.30am mass today.

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.

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.

CLOTHING APPEAL IN AID OF CHERNOBYL CHILDREN'S LIFELINE. We will have another group of 10 girls coming from the Ukraine to Ayrshire in June for 4 weeks. These children have been selected because they either have parents in the military fighting in the East of Ukraine or they have been displaced due to the war, so they all need our help more than ever. We are looking to make up a bag pack for each child for when they arrive so we are looking donations of new pyjamas, underwear, socks, leggings, t-shirts, to fit girls aged 9 – 14 we also need felt pens, coloured pencils a pencil case etc or any financial help would be greatly appreciated. If you have anything to donate or would be interested in finding out more about the charity please contact Michael or Lisa Lafferty on 461234 or 07813650411

UPCOMING PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Charlie Gorman

2nd May

19th September

31st October

See Stephen Cavani for tickets

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. 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.

DAY AND TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
SATURDAY 4.30pm 28th March	Jane Monan (Ann)
SUNDAY 9.30am 29th March	Frank P. Fitzpatrick (Ann)
SUNDAY 11.30am	Frank F. Fitzpatrick (Ann)
MONDAY 10am	Parish Intentions
TUESDAY 10am	Parish Intentions
MAUNDY THURSDAY 10am	Morning Prayer
GOOD FRIDAY 10am	Morning Prayer
HOLY SATURDAY 10am	Morning Prayer
HOLY SATURDAY 9pm Vigil 4th April	Parish Intentions
EASTER SUNDAY 9.30am 5th April	Parish Intentions
SUNDAY 11.30am	Parish Intentions

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

Special Intentions: Jim Vernon (RIP Birthday), 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: John & Kate Dorrian, Amelia Dickson, Rev Canon P. Kelly, Mary & Dan Gallagher, Hugh McInnes, Billy McInnes, Catherine McInnes, Jane Monan, Canon Patrick Reilly, John Clarke, Sarah Gough, John & Maria Mulgrew, Jackie Giffney, Arthur Jewell, William & Jeanie Smyth, 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 and Michael Anderson.

Those who have died recently: Annie Currie, Billy Shanks, Michael Taylor, Joseph Hollywood (Birmingham), Thomas Cairney, Terry Kelly, Ruby Carr Clark, Margaret Dorrian, Teresa Reid, Jessie Addie, Ella Hamill, Margaret McCarroll and Larry Buchiem,



The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah (50:4-7)

Psalm 21:
All Masses response:

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

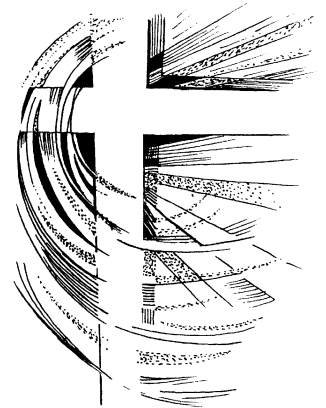
A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians (2:6-11)

O that today you would listen to his voice,
O that today you would hear.
Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.
But god raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.
O that today you would listen to his voice,
O that today you would hear.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
(26:14-27:66)

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Next Week: 5th April 2015 –Easter Sunday (B)
Acts 10:34. 37-43; Psalm 117; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9



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
28th March At 4.30pm	Team 1	Alex Tulloch Betty Doherty John Watson	Anne Marie	Team 3	Danny McGoogan	
29th March At 9.30am	Team 5	Barbara Griffen Agnes Forbes Hugh McCreath	Yolanda	Team 3	Dennis Hopkins	Elizabeth Lynch
At 11.30am	Team 10	Margaret Millar RoseAnn Mitchell Maureen Moffat	Muriel	Team 3	Martin Cosgrove	

Saturday 4th April- There is no 4.30pm vigil Mass tonight as the Great Vigil of Easter takes place at 9pm.

5th April At 9.30am	Team 6	Margaret McCreath Michael Murray Tommy Murphy	Agnes	Team 4	Martin McAllister	No teas today
At 11.30am	Team 11	Michael White John Mitchell Jennifer Northcote	Lauren	Team 4	Michael Clarke	