



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

16th August 2015

Twentieth Sunday of Year B



Our Lady Star of the Sea
Saltcoats

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**Sunday Masses: St Mary's—4.30pm Vigil and 10am
St John's—11.30am**

WEEKDAY MASS / SERVICE TIMES

	St John's	St Mary's	St Peter's
Monday	10am Mass	Service of the Word	10am Mass
Tuesday	Service of the Word	10am Mass	10am Mass
Wednesday	Service of the Word	10am Funeral Mass	10am Mass
Thursday	10am Mass	Service of the Word	7pm Mass
Friday	Service of the Word	9.30am Mass	10.30am Funeral Mass
Saturday	10am Mass	—————	10am Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30am in St John's. Saturday 3.45pm in St Mary's

Exposition: Thursday at 10.30am in St. John's. Friday at 10.30am in St. Mary's

NATIONAL YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO NUNRAW ABBEY: To celebrate the "Year of Religious Life" the young people of Scotland aged 11-25 are invited to walk from St Mary's Church in Haddington to Sancta Maria Abbey, Nunraw on Sunday, 13th September. A coach will travel from Galloway diocese. We will visit the pre-reformation pilgrimage centre (Our Lady of Haddington & the Chapel of the Three Wise Men) before embarking on a 7 mile Pilgrim Walk from Haddington to Nunraw. At Sancta Maria Abbey, we will be joined by the Abbot and his fellow Cistercian Monks where we will celebrate Mass followed with light refreshments. More information from Fr Stephen McGrattan info@rccumnock.org.uk or www.gallowayyouth.org.uk.

ST. JOHN'S SUMMER FETE. Will take place this Sunday from 12.30pm in St. John's Grounds & Hall.

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED WITH WEEK:



Recently Deceased: Patricia Barry, Iain Hamilton, Alexander Crawford, Fr Con Botter's Sister, Marion and Joe Burns.

Anniversaries: Cyril Dorrian (9 months mind), Hugh McCutcheon, Jean McGuire and Maria Roxburgh

Mass intentions from St John's and St Mary's are celebrated also by Priests in country parishes in our Diocese, retired priests, Fr Keith, Fr Gerald McCabe & Mission Matters Scotland (Pontifical Mission Societies).

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK.

23rd August 2015 — Twenty-First Sunday of the Year (B); Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18; Psalm 33; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:



Special Intentions: John Quinn, All those affected by cancer and undergoing hospital tests and procedures.

Those who are sick: John Quinn, Frances Crawford, Mary McKenzie, Madeleine Thekés-Franssens, Fr Eddie McGhee, Leslie Meechan, Amie McCann, Anthony DaPrato, Andrew Campbell, Mrs Kelly, Jennifer Tawse, Susan Garland, Liam Chalmers, Matt Lynch, Anne Hand and Alex Doherty.

Those who have an anniversary: Maria Roxburgh, Jean McGuire, Cyril Dorrian (9 months mind) Hugh McCutcheon, Eddie McGuire, Roberta Breslin, May Gibson Hugh O'Neil, Mary O'Neil, Michael McKernon, Isabel Platts; Eddie Clinton Snr; Eddie Clinton Jnr.

Those who have died recently: John Ferguson, Mr Maguire, Joe Burns, Iain Hamilton, Alexander Crawford, Patricia Barry, Charlie Hughes (Irvine), and Anne Marie Donnelly.

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

Iain Hamilton RIP
Alexander Crawford RIP
Miss Patricia Barry RIP

Iain's Funeral Mass took place in St John's on Friday.

Alexander's Prayers of Reception will take place in St Mary's on Tuesday at 6pm.

His Funeral Mass will take place Wednesday at 10am followed by burial in High Road Cemetery.

Patricia's Funeral Mass will take place in St Peter's on Friday at 10.30am

+May they rest in peace+

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS. St Mary's £1013.01 (Cash £423.56; Envelopes £589.45). St John's £765.41 (Cash £145.71; Envelopes £619.70); SCIAF £86.62; Building & Renovation Fund: £139.21. Collection envelopes will be returned to the parish of issue and added into the following weeks figures.

PARISH HALLS. To book any of our halls please call Trina on 467468 for St Mary's and Rosemary on 466129 for St John's. Please note booking form has to be completed to confirm your booking.

SUNDAY TEAS. Takes place after 10am Mass in St Mary's and 11.30am Mass in St John's. Please feel free to pop in for a wee cuppa.

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB. Will reopen again this coming Tuesday (18th).

CHURCH CLEANERS. Meet every Thursday after 10am Mass in St Mary's and every Tuesday at 7.30pm in St John's. Help always welcome.

POETRY GROUP. Meets every last Thursday of the month in St Mary's parish hall at 7.15pm.

S.V.D.P. Please call 07796237890 for Saltcoats and call St John's Parish House for Stevenston.

GOSPEL REFLECTION. Meets every Monday from 7pm to 8pm in St John's Parish House.

KEEP FIT. Will recommence on Monday 24th August at 2pm in St John's Church Hall. New Members Welcome.

SVDP SALTCOATS. Annual Ozanam Mass and Blessing of the Sick will take place on Thursday 27th August at 7.00pm. If transport required a sheet is in the Church Porch for names and addresses. Hospitality in the Hall after Mass. All Welcome.

Neighbouring Parishes:

Canon Matt McManus, St Peter's, Ardrossan 464063. Father Gerard Magee, St Winin's, Kilwinning 552276.
RC Chaplain at Crosshouse Hospital is Deacon Bill Corbett 01292 521208

Going into Hospital? Ask Canon Poland 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 paged.

WHITHORN PILGRIMAGE. Will take place on Sunday 30th August with Mass at St. Ninian's Cave at 4pm. Mass in St Martin & St Ninian Church at 4.45pm for those unable to walk to the cave. This will be the first time Bishop Nolan will lead this Pilgrimage. Lists are available for those who would like to travel by bus leaving St. Mary's, Saltcoats at 10.45am and St. John's, Stevenston at 11am.

SCIAF. A Diocesan Mass marking the 50th Anniversary of SCIAF foundation will be celebrated in St. Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr on Thursday 3rd September at 7pm. A SCIAF Roadshow will be at St. Mary's, Saltcoats next Sunday (23rd) following 10am Mass in the parish hall.

CONGRATULATIONS. We send our warmest best wishes to Sandy & Julie Ann McCaig who celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary on Tuesday.

ST MARY'S 300 CLUB. Began 18 years ago and has raised over £25,000 to support the parish minibus. Membership is now critically low and less than £400 will be donated this year. Of the original committee and team of collectors only Anne McCauley (466415) and Tommy Murphy (468101) remain active. New blood to reinvigorate the Club is vital. Please contact Canon Martin or either of the above if you can help

THANK YOU. To all who supported the recent bingo night in St Mary's parish hall, between the bingo raffle and donations the total raised for North Ayrshire Cancer Care was £1,203, this has now been handed over.

SCHOOLS. We wish our schools a successful academic year and welcome our new Head Teachers to St. Anthony's and St John's Primary Schools.

STELLA MARES YOUTH CLUB. The AGM will take place this coming Friday (21st) at 7pm in St Mary's Parish hall, helpers/volunteers can also sign up on the night. Registration Night for P4-P7's will take place on Friday 27th August at 7pm also in the hall, helpers/volunteers can also sign up on this night as well.

NO TO THE INEQUALITY WHICH SPAWNS VIOLENCE – POPE FRANCIS EVANGELII GAUDIUM 2013. Today in many places we hear a call for greater security. But until exclusion and inequality in society and between peoples are reversed, it will be impossible to eliminate violence. The poor and the poorer peoples are accused of violence, yet without equal opportunities the different forms of aggression and conflict will find a fertile terrain for growth and eventually explode. When a society – whether local, national or global – is willing to leave a part of itself on the fringes, no political programmes or resources spent on law enforcement or surveillance systems can indefinitely guarantee tranquillity. This is not the case simply because inequality provokes a violent reaction from those excluded from the system, but because the socioeconomic system is unjust at its root.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION - 1ST SEPTEMBER. In his letter establishing this annual event, Pope Francis said:- "Whilst I look forward to the widest possible cooperation for the best start and development of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, I invoke the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God and of St. Francis of Assisi, whose Canticle of the Creatures inspires so many men and women of goodwill to live in praise of the Creator and with respect for creation."

HELP REQUIRED. Thanks to St. Mary's there is now a possibility of utilising their bus for the 11.30am Mass at St. John's on Sundays. This however will require drivers and helpers to allow this service to be started. Note: We do require 2 volunteers for each bus run to allow a secure and safe service to be provided. Please contact Canon Poland if you are willing to help. Telephone 01294 463225.

TUESDAY CLUB. Are you available on a Tuesday Evening for 2 hours from 7—9pm. If so, would you consider becoming a volunteer helper at our long established Social Club for Adults who have Additional Needs. The Club operates from September until May during school term time and is held in James Reid School, Saltcoats. People of all ages required. Please contact Liz Petrie 01294 467296 or Esther Coulter 01294 464692. Thank You.

RCIA. Anyone interested in joining the Church or finding out more information about Catholic Faith should contact Canon Martin in the first instance with the view of the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) beginning in the Autumn.

BULLETIN NOTICES. If you wish anything in the parish bulletin please contact Ian Neal by Wednesday evening on 465630 or email st.john.bulletin@btinternet.com for St John's or Lorna on 463461 or mail@rcsaltcoats.com for St Mary's by Thursday morning.

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