



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

23rd August 2015 Twenty First 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	Service of the Word	Service of the Word	10am Funeral Mass
Tuesday	Service of the Word	10am Mass	10am Mass
Wednesday	10am Mass	—————	10am Funeral Mass
Thursday	10am Mass	7pm Mass	7pm Mass
Friday	Service of the Word	10am 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.

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED WITH WEEK:



Recently Deceased: Bill Mynes, Dorothy Barkey (Kilmarnock), Joe Burns, Margaret Quigg, Ian McTurk, Bernard Toal Coatbridge), Angus MacKinnon (Troon), Margaret Kelly, Ray Morton, Paul Townsley, Iain Hamilton and Patricia Barry.

Anniversaries: Denis Burns, David Munn, George McCulloch, Daniel Callaghan, Patrick Coleman, Eileen Yelverton, Mary & James McEvoy, Mary & George Templeton and Michael McDermott.

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.

30th August 2015 — Twenty Second Sunday of the Year (B); Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8; Psalm 14; James 1:17-18.21-22.27; Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

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: Eileen Yelverton, Mary & James McEvoy, Mary & George Templeton, George McCulloch, Daniel Callaghan, Patrick Coleman, Maria Roxburgh, Jean McGuire and Cyril Dorrian (9 months mind)

Those who have died recently: Bill Mynes, Dorothy Barkey (Kilmarnock), Joe Burns, Margaret Quigg, Ian McTurk, Bernard Toal (Coatbridge), Angus MacKinnon (Troon), Margaret Kelly, Ray Morton, Paul Townsley, John Ferguson, Mr Maguire, Joe Burns, Iain Hamilton, Alexander Crawford and Patricia Barry.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS. St Mary's £1,004.82 (Cash £398.42; Envelopes £606.40). St John's £622.87 (Cash £485.96; Envelopes £136.91); SCIAF £26.52. Collection envelopes will be returned to the parish of issue and added into the following weeks figures. A Special Collection will take place at all masses next weekend for Retired Priests Fund.

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. Takes place every Tuesday in St Mary's parish hall from 10.30am till 2pm. Food served until 12.30pm.

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 this coming Thursday (27th) at 7pm. If you require transport, a sheet is in the Church Porch for names and addresses. Hospitality in the Hall after Mass. All Welcome.

SVDP STEVENSTON. The members of St. John's Conference wish to thank everyone who donated prizes for the Wheel of Fortune, which contributed to the success of the Garden Fete.

WORLD YOUTH DAY, KRAKOW. Young people age 16-30 from Galloway Diocese are invited to join World Youth Day in Krakow from 20th July – 2nd August 2016. Cost £690. Please register before the end of September. Full details and registration at www.gallowayyouth.org.uk.

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 next Sunday (30th) 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. 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 50TH ANNIVERSARY MASS: Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Nolan in St Margaret's Cathedral on Thursday, 3rd September at 7.30pm. Alistair Dutton, Director of SCIAF, will give a short address and after Mass the SCIAF staff will showcase the work of the organisation. All are welcome. Our SCIAF Roadshow will be at St. Mary's, Saltcoats this Sunday following 10am Mass in the parish hall. This Lent, both parishes helped raise a record-breaking £1.7million for the WEE BOX Lenten Appeal. Once the add on Gift Aid and the money that's being doubled by the UK government, it comes to an astonishing £3.5million which will help to transform so many lives for the better. As part of a Global Catholic Climate Movement, there is a petition at the back of the church, by adding your names to the petition, you're joining Catholics across the UK in a powerful demonstration of our faith. For more information, a leaflet is available at the back of the church.

SAFEGUARDING IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. Leaflets regarding the response to the McLellan Commission are available at the back of the church.

ST MARY'S 300 CLUB. New blood to reinvigorate this Club is vital. Please contact Canon Martin if you can help.

STELLA MARES YOUTH CLUB. Registration Night for P4-P7's will take place this coming Friday (28th) at 7pm also in the hall, helpers/volunteers can also sign up on this night as well.

ST JOHN'S SUMMER FETE. Raised £3,338.00. Thanks to all who donated goods, worked before and on the day and all who supported the event and made this amount possible. Thanks to the many businesses who contributed—full list on display in St John's Church.

LIVING LIFE DAY. Will take place on Tuesday 25th August. See poster in porch for more details.

BLOOD DONATION. A donating bus will be in the customer car park at Morrison's, Kilwinning on Thursday 3rd September from 1pm-3.30pm and 5pm-7.30pm and Friday 4th September at 9.30am—11.30am and 1pm—3.30pm.

NATIONAL GATHERING FOR THE SUCCESS OF SYNOD ON THE FAMILY. Will take place at Carfin Grotto on Sunday 6th September with Mass at 3pm.

CATHEDRAL SUNG EVENING PRAYER FOR THE FEAST OF ST NINIAN. Evening Prayer of the Church will be sung in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr to anticipate the Feast of St Ninian on Sunday 13th September at 6 pm. You will be very welcome.

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."

TEACHERS FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS. In East Ayrshire there is presently a shortage of Church approved primary teachers who have a teaching qualification in Catholic Religious Education. Teachers who have this qualification, who would obtain approval and would like to teach in a Catholic school are invited to approach Kenneth McNamara (Kenneth.McNamara@east-ayrshire.gov.uk) of the Human Resources Department of East Ayrshire Council. He will be able to make known to you the opportunities for employment in the Catholic schools of East Ayrshire.

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.

ST JOHN'S 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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