



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

22nd November 2015

Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 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	7pm Mass	Service of the Word	10am Mass
Tuesday	Service of the Word	10am Mass	10am Mass
Wednesday	10am Mass	1.30pm Mass in St Anthony's PS	—————
Thursday	10am Mass	7pm Mass	7pm Mass
Friday	Service of the Word	10am Mass	10am Mass
Saturday	10am Mass	—————	10am Mass

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

November Masses: Sunday 22nd at 2pm in Ardrossan Cemetery
Monday 23rd at 7pm in St John's Church
Wednesday 25th at 1.30pm in St Anthony's Primary School
Thursday 26th at 7pm in St Mary's Church

SCOTTISH INTERFAITH WEEK—22ND—29TH NOVEMBER 2015. *"My wish is that the dialogue between us should help to build bridges connecting all people, in such a way that everyone can see in the other not an enemy, not a rival, but a brother or sister to be welcomed and embraced."* (Pope Francis, March 22nd 2013) Today is the beginning of Scottish Interfaith week. It is an opportunity for Catholics to follow the example set by our Holy Father Pope Francis to reach out to our neighbours and to recognise all people of faith as brothers and sisters. Recent events have shown how important this is for world peace. Take the opportunity this week to pray that people of faith might work together for peace in our world and in our country. Interfaith Scotland's website www.interfaithscotland.org gives ideas if you would like to get involved.

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:



Special Intention: For Parishioners

Anniversary: Maria Hume, Daniel & Vera Hume, Dec members of Hume family, (Francis (Frank McGinn), Malcolm Nulty, Cyril Dorrian, Kathleen Poland, Jack Gartland, Margaret McCall (RIP Birthday), John Maxwell, Hannah Kirk and Mary Hamilton.

Recently Deceased: Thomas Lamb and Kevin Mulgrew

November masses for deceased

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 Gerard McCabe & Mission Matters Scotland (Pontifical Mission Societies).

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK.

29th November 2015 — First Sunday of Advent Year C: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 24; I Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:



Special Intentions: Grace Burney (sick), All those affected by cancer and undergoing hospital tests and procedures.

Those who are sick: Grace Burney, John Harrison, Mark McMurdo (Oxford), Baby Lois Andrew, Fiona White, Alex Doherty, Ann Kelly, Frances Crawford, Mary McKenzie, Fr Eddie McGhee, Leslie Meechan, Amie McCann, Anthony DaPrato, Andrew Campbell, Mrs Kelly, Jennifer Tawse, Susan Garland, Matt Lynch and Anne Hand.

Those who have an anniversary: Maria Hume, Daniel & Vera Hume, Dec members of Hume family, (Francis (Frank McGinn), Malcolm Nulty, Kathleen Poland, Jack Gartland, Margaret McCall, Hannah Kirk, Mary Hamilton, Kevin & Patricia MacNamara & Deceased relatives, Gerard Monaghan, Mary Ramsay, Albert White, Sheila Douglas (1st Ann), Cyril Dorrian (1st Ann), Bill McCabe (Cumnock), Jos & Sadie Brayford, Helen & Thomas Durning, Mary Timmons, Cathy Murphy, Catherine Adam, Jean Murray and William Reilly (6th Ann).

Those who have died recently: Kevin Mulgrew, Chic McLelland, John Moore, Hugh White, Robert Kerr, Gerard (Gerry) McMullen (Portaferry), Frank Brennan (East Kilbride), Aileen Allan (Kilwinning), Anne Ross (Alloa) Betty McLean, Pat Walsh, Monica Taylor, Bill Miller and Barry McKeever

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS. St Mary's £879.94 (Cash £414.25; Envelopes £465.69). St John's £727.85 (Cash £151.85; Envelopes £576.00); SCIAF £70.68; Building and Renovations £163.16. Collection envelopes will be returned to the parish of issue and added into the following weeks figures.

RCIA. Meet again this coming Wednesday in St John's at 7.30pm.

R.C.I.C. St Mary's Polish Sacramental Preparation takes place on Monday 5.30pm-6.30pm

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. After 10am Mass in St Mary's. There will be no teas served after 11.30am Mass in St John's today. Please feel free to pop in for a wee cuppa.

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB. Every Tuesday in St Mary's parish hall from 10.30am till 2pm. Food served until 12.30pm.

CHURCH CLEANERS. Thursday's after 10am Mass in St Mary's and Tuesday's 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. Not on this Monday.

KEEP FIT. Meets every Monday at 2pm in St John's Church Hall. New Members Welcome.

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 and contact Lorna by Thursday morning in the parish office 463461 email mail@rcsaltcoats.com for St Mary's.

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.

EMBRACING CHANGE AND THE YEAR OF MERCY. With the approach of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy I would like to focus on several points which I believe require attention to enable the celebration of the Holy Year to be for all believers a true moment of encounter with the mercy of God. It is indeed my wish that the Jubilee be a living experience of the closeness of the Father, whose tenderness is almost tangible, so that the faith of every believer may be strengthened and thus testimony to it be ever more effective. **Pope Francis September 2015.** There will be a second chance to hear about Embracing Change in St John's Hall at 7pm on Wednesday. Following on from the Parish Conversations, we are all invited to join in a prayer service and social gathering on Sunday 6th December at 2pm in St Peters, Ardrossan. This will be our first step together in responding to Pope Francis' call throughout the Year of Mercy. Please be part of this important gathering. Donations of home baking for the tea after the service would also be greatly appreciated. These can be left at the hall from 1pm.

WELCOME. To the Comboni Sisters who will be selling their calendars at all masses this weekend.

MARY'S MEALS. Wish to thank everyone who supported their recent visit.

PARISH CAROL SERVICES, SALTCOATS NURSING HOMES. Dates for the carol services this year are Sunday's 13th and 20th December. All parishioners welcome to come along to represent the parishes and sing carols for the residents. A sign up sheet available in the porch next weekend.

CATHEDRAL SUNG EVENING PRAYER FOR ADVENT. Evening Prayer of the Church will be sung in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr to mark the beginning of Advent on Sunday 29th November at 6pm. You will be very welcome.

THANK YOU. Tommy and Anne Brennan would like to thank all friends and parishioners for their kind get well wishes and prayers over the past few weeks as Tommy continues to improve in health. Holy mass will be offered for your intentions.

ASSISTANT HALL KEEPER. Is required for St Mary's church Hall. Please contact Canon Martin or St Mary's parish office for further details. Hours and remuneration to be negotiated, PVG check will be required.

ST JOHN'S PS. Are having their Festive Fun Christmas Fayre with Santa on Monday 14th December from 3pm till 5pm. Entry 50p/adult and 20p/kids, tea/coffee and juice included and £2pp to meet Santa. There will also be a chocolate tombola, bottle stall and a 50/50 raffle where half of all money collected will be given out in cash prizes. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the school, the local shop and after mass. The school are also looking for donations for raffle prizes, thank you in advance.

ST ANTHONY'S PARENT COUNCIL CHRISTMAS FAYRE. Will be held in the school on Wednesday 2nd December from 3pm-5pm. Tickets are: Adults £1.50 and kids 50p which includes refreshments. Stalls including chocolate tombola, bottle stall, kids games, home baking, bric a brac and raffle. Come and visit Santa in his Grotto. Donations for the raffle can be handed into the school office or the parish office.

ST MATTHEW'S ACADEMY CHRISTMAS FAYRE. Will be held on Saturday 5th December from 10am-2pm. A number of activities and a range of stalls selling a host of Christmas gifts from jewellery to reindeer dust; Christmas cards to stocking fillers. There will be the usual attractions; tombola stall, bottle stall, craft stall, home baking and a raffle with music and entertainment.

NEW WEEKLY COLLECTION ENVELOPES. Are ready for collection for St John's. Forms are available to pay your collection through the bank or to gift aid your donation.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE. 10th—17th October 2016. Booking forms are now available in every parish. Initial interest in the pilgrimage has been high and, as places are limited, early booking is recommended. Please see poster on noticeboard for more information.

CHRISTMAS WITH CHARLIE GORMAN. Charlie will be playing in St Mary's church hall next Sunday (29th) at 4pm-8pm. Entry is free. Why not pop along and enjoy a lovely Sunday afternoon.

ST MARY'S 2016 DIARIES. Are now available from the church porch. All proceeds will go towards Fr Keith's Mission in Guyana.

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED). St. John's Church now has an AED located on the premises. This is a portable device that can be used to check the heart rhythm and where needed apply a controlled shock to get the heart working correctly. While this equipment is very simple to use and will give clear audible instruction on its operation so that anyone can use it safely. However, other simple yet essential actions must also be carried out until medical help is available. A short 2 hour course in Basic Life Support is being offered through Heartstart Ayrshire and Arran to any group or individuals who would like to learn this lifesaving skill. This will include a demonstration of the use of an AED. Dates and times of courses will be arranged to meet the demand once this has been fully identified. Please contact Ian Neal on 01294 465630 or Heartstart Ayrshire and Arran directly on 01294 323478 to register your interest.

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