

St John the Evangelist  
Stevenston

# 29th November 2015 First Sunday of Advent Year C



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

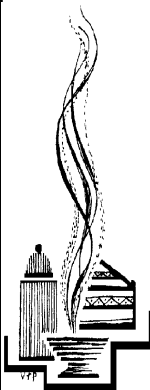
	St John's	St Mary's	St Peter's
Monday	Service of the Word	Service of the Word	10am Mass
Tuesday	Service of the Word	10am Mass	—————
Wednesday	10am Mass	—————	—————
Thursday	10am Mass	Service of the Word	7pm Mass
Friday	Service of the Word	10am Mass	10am Mass
Saturday	10am Mass	—————	10am Mass

**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  
 Friday at 10.30am in St Mary's

**EMBRACING CHANGE AND THE YEAR OF MERCY.** 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.

**HOLY DOOR DECREE.** In accordance with the wishes of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, the Door of Mercy will be opened at both St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr and St Martin & St Ninian, Whithorn. Please see full Holy Door Decree on the church noticeboard.

**THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:**



**Anniversary:** Sadie Donnelly (Kilwinning), Margaret Joseph McKeever, Willie & Maureen McKenna, Vincent Carden (1stAnn), Cathie Pllu, Gerry Henery, Thomas Harbison and Margaret Magowan.

**Recently Deceased:** John Keegan, Margaret Jameson (Glasgow), Joyce Williamson (Irvine), Thomas Lamb and Karen Small

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.**

6th December 2015 — Second Sunday of Advent Year C: Baruch 5:1-9; Psalm 125; Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11; Luke 3:1-6

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



**Special Intentions:** 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:** Sadie Donnelly (Kilwinning), Margaret Joseph McKeever, Willie & Maureen McKenna, Vincent Carden (1stAnn), Cathie Pllu, Gerry Henery, Thomas Harbison and Margaret Magowan. Maria Hume, Daniel & Vera Hume, Dec members of Hume family, (Francis (Frank McGinn), Malcolm Nulty, Kathleen Poland, Jack Gartland, Hannah Kirk and Mary Hamilton

**Those who have died recently:** John Keegan, Margaret Jameson (Glasgow), Joyce Williamson (Irvine), Thomas Lamb, Karen Small, Kevin Mulgrew, Chic McLelland, John Moore, Hugh White, Robert Kerr, Gerard (Gerry) McMullen (Portaferry), Frank Brennan (East Kilbride), Aileen Allan (Kilwinning), Anne Ross (Alloa) Walsh, Bill Miller and Barry McKeever

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS.** St Mary's £894.69 (Cash £326.06; Envelopes £568.63). St John's £812.98 (Cash £102.79; Envelopes £710.19); SCIAF £72.01; Building and Renovations £128.22. 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. After 11.30am Mass in St John's. 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.** Meets every Monday from 7pm to 8pm in St John's Parish House.

**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](mailto:st.john.bulletin@btinternet.com) for St John's and contact Lorna by Thursday morning in the parish office 463461 email [mail@rcsaltcoats.com](mailto: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.

**DATES FOR CAROL SERVICES.** Caledonia Care Home—Sunday 13th December at 2.30pm and Arran View—Sunday 20th December at 2pm. A sign up sheet for names is available in the church porch. Everyone, all age groups, welcome. On behalf of the residents, thank you so much.

**ST MARY'S CHURCH HEATING.** Just a wee reminder that St Mary's church will be closed from Monday 7th until Saturday 12th December to allow for a new heating system to be installed. Help needed to freshen up the church after the works are completed on Saturday morning (12th) at 10am. The more volunteers the quicker the clean-up will be done.

**COMBONI SISTERS.** A wonderful £526 was raised between the two parishes.

**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 tonight (Sunday) at 6pm. You will be very welcome.

**ASSISTANT HALL KEEPER.** Closing date for applicants is Monday 30th November. Thank you to the 3 people who have expressed an interest so far.

**CHRISTMAS CAKE RAFFLE.** Tickets will be on sale after 4.30pm and 10am Masses on the weekends of 12th/13th and 19th/20th December. The draw will take place on 20th December. All proceeds to Fr Keith's Guyana Mission.

**ST JOHN'S PS.** Have a "St Andrew's Assembly" on Monday at 2pm.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION.** For St Anthony's P3 children takes place in St Mary's on Tuesday 1st December at 7pm.

**HCPT GROUP 207.** Are running a Christmas Fayre this Sunday 29 November after the 11.30am Mass in St. John's Church Hall. Other charities will have a table at this event e.g. Chernobyl's Children's Lifeline amongst others. Come along and have a hot roll, Christmas music, browse our various tables and for the children there is Santa who will make an appearance. It's a great fun day. All proceeds go to each charity.

**THANK YOU.** To the 4 teams who attended the quiz night last Friday. We raised £200 towards taking children and young people to Lourdes this Easter. We would like to thank our Quiz Master - Stephen Higgins who was absolutely magnificent as everyone agreed. Thank you also to Aldo's Chip Shop who donated the chips - everyone enjoyed the chip butties!

**WAYSIDE CLUB.** A big thank you to all from St. John's and St. Mary's for their kind and generous donations. Thanks to everyone who helped on the day. It was much appreciated by the men and woman from the Wayside Club.

**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 this coming Wednesday (2nd) 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.

**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.

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

**ST. JOHN'S 2016 DIARIES.** For sale at the back of the Church.

## RECONCILIATION SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

Tuesday 15th at **7pm**  
in St John's  
Thursday 17th at **2pm**  
in St Mary's  
Thursday 17th at **7pm**  
in St Peter's

## CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

**Christmas Eve**  
Vigil at 4.30pm & 8.30pm  
in St Mary's.  
Vigil 6.30pm in St John's  
**Christmas Day**  
9.30am in St John's  
11.30am in St Mary's

There is no evening Mass on  
Christmas Day.

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