



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

13th December 2015

Third 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	10am Mass	Service of the Word	10am Mass
Tuesday	Service of the Word	10am Mass	—————
Wednesday	Service of the Word	—————	10am Mass
Thursday	10am Mass	Service of the Word	—————
Friday	Service of the Word	10am Mass	10am Mass
Saturday	10am Mass	—————	10am Mass

Reconciliation:
Exposition:

Saturday at 10.30am in St John's. Saturday at 3.45pm in St Mary's
Thursday at 10.30am in St John's and Friday at 10.30 in St Mary's

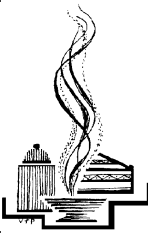
RECONCILIATION SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

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

HOLY DOOR DECREE.

The Holy Door at the Cathedral will open on Sunday 13th December at 3pm
The Holy Door in Whithorn will open on Saturday 19th December at 1pm

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:



Anniversary: Florence Manfredini, Betty Dorby, Dec members of Dorby and Dorrian families, Patricia MacNamara, William Martin, Jean Martin, Mary Ramsay, Kathleen Bann O'Hare, Alex & Rhoda McCall, Sarah Fairlie, Dec Members of Murray and Lennox families, Betty Freeman.

Recently Deceased: Billy Hanna (Co. Down), Ann Graham (Coatbridge), Deborah Johnstone (Largs) and Tommy Frickleton

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.

20th December 2015 — Fourth Sunday Advent Year C: Micah 5:1-4; Psalm 79; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-44

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:



Special Intentions: Edward Clinton (Sick), All those affected by cancer and undergoing hospital tests and procedures.

Those who are sick: Pat Haggarty, Edward Clinton, 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: Florence Manfredini, Betty Dorby, Dec members of Dorby and Dorrian families, Patricia MacNamara, William Martin, Jean Martin, Mary Ramsay, Kathleen Bann O'Hare, Alex & Rhoda McCall, Sarah Fairlie, Dec Members of Murray and Lennox families and Betty Freeman.

Those who have died recently: Billy Hanna (Co. Down), Ann Graham (Coatbridge), Deborah Johnstone (Largs), Tommy Frickleton, Seamus McMullan (Portaferry), James McDade, John Keegan, Margaret Jameson (Glasgow), Joyce Williamson (Irvine), Thomas Lamb and Karen Small

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS. St Mary's £938.29 (Cash £408.65; Envelopes £529.64). St John's £740.53 (Cash £131.25; Envelopes £609.28); SCIAF £189.73; Building and Renovations £121.51. 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. The last class of 2015 in St John's is on Monday 14th December. Class resumes Monday January 11th 2016.

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.

ST MARY'S CAROL SERVICE—CALEDONIA CARE HOME. Could everyone gather at 2.25pm today (Sunday) at Caledonia for a 2.30pm start. Thanks to everyone.

DATES FOR STEVENSTON CAROL SERVICES. Today at 3pm—Three Town Nursing and Carol Service in St John's at 6.30pm..

DIOCESE OF GALLOWAY. Service of Readings and Carols for Advent will take place in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr this coming Wednesday (16th) at 7.30pm.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS. Will take place this coming Saturday (19th) in Dockhead Street at 2pm-3pm.

ST JOHN'S TOWN CHRISTMAS CARD. Is ready for distribution with Church times. Help with the delivery will be appreciated.

CHRISTMAS 2015. Collection at all Christmas Masses for Pro-Life. Gifts left at the crib will be forwarded to Hillhouse Care. Collection box at crib goes to St Margaret's Family Care.

ST JOHN'S CHRISTMAS CLEAN. Will take place at 8pm on Tuesday 15th December, all welcome.

ST JOHN'S P.S. Nativity/Concert will take place on Wednesday 16th at 9.30am. All children will be attending 10am Mass on the 23rd December.

QUIET DAY. Will take place in St John's on Saturday 19th at 1pm-4pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession will be available from 1pm-2.30pm.

TWIN PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD. A sheet is available in St John's church porch for signatures.

ST JOHN'S 300 CLUB. The Christmas Draw will take place at the coffee morning on Sunday, December 20th. New envelopes will also be available from that weekend.

CHRISTMAS CAKE RAFFLE. Tickets will be on sale after 4.30pm and 10am Masses this weekend and next weekend . The draw will take place on 20th December. All proceeds to Fr Keith's Guyana Mission.

ST JOHN'S PS. Are having their Festive Fun Christmas Fayre with Santa tomorrow (Monday) 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.

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.

THE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY. In this Holy Year, we look forward to the experience of opening our hearts to those living on the outermost fringes of society: fringes modern society itself creates. How many uncertain and painful situations there are in the world today! How many are the wounds borne by the flesh of those who have no voice because their cry is muffled and drowned out by the indifference of the rich! During this Jubilee, the Church will be called even more to heal these wounds, to assuage them with the oil of consolation, to bind them with mercy and cure them with solidarity and vigilant care. ***Pope Francis. In his letter calling the Holy Year of Mercy***

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

Midnight Mass

St Bride's, West Kilbride

St Mary's, Irvine

There is no evening Mass on
Christmas Day.

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