



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

20th December 2015

Fourth 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 Funeral Mass	10am Mass
Wednesday	10am Mass	—————	10am Mass
Thursday	6.30pm Mass	4.30pm Mass 8.30pm Mass	5.30pm Mass 8.30pm Mass
Friday	9.30am Mass	11.30am Mass	11am Mass
Saturday	—————	4.30pm Mass	10am Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

Christmas Eve Vigil at 4.30pm & 8.30pm in St Mary's
Vigil 6.30pm in St John's

Midnight Mass St Bride's, West Kilbride and St Mary's, Irvine

Christmas Day 9.30am in St John's and 11.30am in St Mary's

Reconciliation: On request
Exposition: No exposition for the next 2 weeks

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:



Christmas Remembrance: Deceased Members of Lennox & Murray family, St Mary's Parishioners. Eddie McGuire, Gordon Burns, William Burns, Susan Mansfield, Fr McHugh, deceased members of Kane and Murchie family, Gerald Monaghan, Jim Taggart, Joe and Sarah Murray, Derrick Whitehead, John & Janet Collins,

Tom Kerrigan, George Kearney, Margaret Magowan and Anne Law.

Sick: Maureen West (Ireland).

RIP Birthday Intention: Jim Webster

Anniversary: Jimmy Gailey, Mary Dunn, James Morrison, Annie McKernon, Patricia MacNamara, Pat McCann, Martha & Daniel Murphy, William Meechan, deceased members of the Meechan family, George Forbes, Romana Craig, Kthleen (Kitty) Boyle, John MacNamara, Mairi Grier.

Recently Deceased: Jean Leslie, Cathie Graham, Kenny Brown and Thomas Forrest (Irvine).

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.

27th December 2015 — Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph; Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalm 127; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:41-52

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:



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Those who are sick: 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: Jimmy Gailey, Mary Dunn, James Morrison, Annie McKernon, Patricia MacNamara, Pat McCann, Martha & Daniel Murphy, William Meechan, deceased members of the Meechan family, George Forbes, Romana Craig, Kthleen (Kitty) Boyle, John MacNamara, Mairi Grier, 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: Pat Haggarty, Jean Leslie, Monica Taylor, Billy Hanna (Co. Down), Ann Graham (Coatbridge), Deborah Johnstone (Largs) and Tommy Frickleton.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS. St Mary's £931.06 (Cash £386.26; Envelopes £544.80). St John's £716.89 (Cash £109.47; Envelopes £607.42); SCIAF £61.90; Building and Renovations £132.12. 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. 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.

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. Class resumes Monday January 11th 2016.

BULLETIN NOTICES. If you wish anything in the parish bulletin please contact Ian Neal by Tuesday over the next 2 weeks on 465630 or email stjohnbulletinstevenston@gmail.com for both parishes

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.

Our sincere condolences and prayers are sent to the family and friends of
Cathie Graham RIP
Cathie's Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday in St Mary's at 10am
Followed by interment at Ardrossan
+May she rest in peace+

CHRISTMAS WISHES. Canon Poland would like to wish everyone a happy and holy Christmas and good wishes to all travelling away for Christmas.

THANK YOU. To all volunteers who helped clean St Mary's church last weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS. To our young people in our nativity plays, concerts and shows and the staff in all our schools who have helped with the production.

ST MARY'S VOLUNTEERS. If you would like to read or minister at any of St Mary's Christmas masses then please add your name to the sign up sheet available in the Sacristy.

ST MARY'S CAROL SERVICE—ARRAN VIEW CARE HOME. Could everyone gather today (Sunday) in Whiting Bay Unit for a 2pm start. Thank you to everyone.

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.

ANNUAL CRIB APPEAL. This year St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society have launched their "Small Box Campaign", please take one home with you for your crib donations.

ST JOHN'S 300 CLUB. The Christmas Draw will take place at the coffee morning today. 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. The draw will take place on 20th December. All proceeds to Fr Keith's Guyana Mission.

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB. Please note the Tuesday Lunch club have now closed for the Christmas Holidays will be back on the 19th January 2016. We wish you all a holy and peaceful Christmas and joyful New Year. We also thank you for your support and hope we will be seeing you all when we return.

H.C.P.T LOURDES GROUP 376. Come and join us for a walk with Santa and carol singing dress up as a Christmas character, today (Sunday) start at 2pm at Oscars/Apollo Saltcoats walk to St Peter's Parish Centre for mulled wine and mince pies, children's disco and a visit to Santa. There is no charge for this event but donations gratefully received. For further information contact Esther Coulter 464692.

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*

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