**OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION & ST MEDDAN’S, TROON**

**2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)**

**8thst December 2024**

**Parish Priest:** Fr Willie Boyd

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**Sunday Mass**: 10am: Vigil 6pm (Sat)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**: This week: after Saturday Vigil Mass

**Live stream**: Our Masses are live-streamed on YouTube at RCTroon (live)

**Parish website**: www.rcstmeddans.org.uk

**Bulletin notices by 11am Friday:**[*bulletin.rcstmeddan@aol.com*](mailto:bulletin.rcstmeddan@aol.com)or in thebox at back of church

**MASSES THIS WEEK:** Sat - 6pm Vigil, Sun -10am, Mon -10am & Penitential Service 7pm, Tues-10am,

Thurs -10am, Fri -10am, Saturday 6pm Vigil, Sun-10am

**FEASTS THIS WEEK:** Mon 9th - The Immaculate Conception, Fri 16th-  St Lucy, Sat 14th -St John of the Cross, Sun 15th - 3ʳᵈ Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)

**COLLECTIONS**: Collection last week £401.75 November Standing Orders £3.650.50

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Margaret Gilligan, Paul Crolla, Rose Gallagher

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Betty Hannah

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Gerry Kelly, Jude Anthony Miller, Pat Cameron, Patrick & Elizabeth McShane, Rose Carroll, Agnes Armour, Mary McFarlane, Msgr Peter Murphy

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE** : In preparation for Christmas, the Advent Penitential Service for the 3 parishes, will be celebrated here, in our parish, this Mon 9th Dec, at 7pm. Please do your best to attend. All very welcome.

Mass of Christmas Night will be celebrated **Christmas Eve at 7pm** (Prestwick 9pm) **Christmas Day** Mass will be **10am** both here and in Prestwick

**CONTACTLESS DONATIONS:**It’s now possible to donate to the church through contactless card payments, this isn’t replacing normal cash collections but is offered as an alternative for those who don’t carry cash. To make a donation, you can use the contactless terminals at either entrance to the Church. It’s really easy to do: 1. Select the Collection – 2. Select the amount. – 3. Tap your card. – 4. *(If you are a taxpayer)* Enter your email address to sign up for Gift Aid. For Gift Aid donors, complete this once and thereafter donations are automatically associated to you.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**:  The new PPC met for the first time recently and was very well attended.  We discussed the purpose and structure of the PPC. The next meeting will be in January. We are gradually finding our way and the door is still open for anyone who feels they want to contribute. More details to follow on the Parish Website. Following on from the parish forum event - The volunteer sign-up sheets have now been removed from the back of the church. However, volunteers are still required in a number of positions. If interested in adding your name to any of the rotas, please speak to Gail Taylor and Douglas Hutchison (Co-chairs) or email the P.P.C ([*ppcolandstm@gmail.com*](mailto:ppcolandstm@gmail.com)*)*

**“WALKING WITH THE POOR”** A 2nd edition of Fr Martin’s book ‘Walking with the Poor’ has been printed and copies have arrived in the parish. This is the fascinating story of his time in Ecuador, with all proceeds going to The Martin Chamber’s Ecuador Trust. At a cost of £10, these would make an ideal Christmas present. Books will be available after both masses this weekend and in the hall after Sunday morning Mass. Anyone who left their names on the list can collect their reserved copy.

**ST PAUL VI PRAYER GROUP** (Pray for life): next meeting Wednesday 11th Dec 7pm *in church hall,*

followed by tea & cake. All welcome.

**TEAS/COFFEE :** All very welcome for Tea/Coffee in the hall after 10am on Sundays.

**CHRISTMAS FAMILY CEILIDH** : Friday 27th Dec in the church hall. More details on noticeboard & website.

**A SPECIAL LAPLAND DELIVERY:** has arrived in the church hall. Some elves have dropped off a magical pillar box for children to post their letters directly to Santa and they have promised every one of them will be answered by  December 22. Unfortunately any received after December 20 will miss the post this year. Keep a lookout for replies arriving back in the church hall. If mums, dads or guardians would like to give Santa any other information in case he can't read the handwriting, they would be very welcome to do so.

**GALLOWAY DIOCESE NEWS:** The latest edition is now available at the back of church.

**HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY:** For Crosshouse, contact Fr. Stephen (01563 521832) and for Ayr Hospital Contact Fr. Benjamin (01655 882145) For *emergencies*, please ask the Hospital staff to page the ‘*priest on call*.’