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

**3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C) (Gaudete)**

**15th December 2024**

**Parish Priest:** Fr Willie Boyd Contact: 01292- 313541 or [*troon@gallowaydiocese.org.uk*](mailto:troon@gallowaydiocese.org.uk)*.*

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

**COLLECTIONS**: Collection last week £360.66

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Betty Hannah’s Memorial Mass will be celebrated here on Mon 30th Dec at 10am.

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE** : Mass of Christmas Night will be celebrated **Christmas Eve at 7pm** (Prestwick 9pm) **Christmas Day** **Mass at 10am** both here and in Prestwick. See Website for Mass times throughout the Diocese.

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY**: this week is our last session of the year. Our children’s liturgy party will be held in the church hall after 10am mass this Sunday (15th ) We will return with children’s liturgy on Sunday12th Jan.

**RCIA :** the next meeting is taking place on Monday (16th) in the church hall at 7pm.

**ST.ANNE'S GUILD :** Christmas Lunch. This Tuesday (17th ) - Piersland House Hotel 12.30 for 1pm

**CONTACTLESS DONATIONS:**It’s now possible to donate to the church through contactless card payments (terminals at both entrances), this isn’t replacing normal cash collections but is offered as an alternative for those who don’t carry cash. To make a donation. 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 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 PPC ([*ppcolandstm@gmail.com*](mailto:ppcolandstm@gmail.com)*)*

**ST PATRICK’S PRIMARY P1 REGISTRATION** opens for any child whose 5th birthday is between 1 March 2025 and 28 February 2026 on Monday 13th January until Friday 17th January. Please follow the link below register

[**Register for Primary 1 - South Ayrshire Council**](https://south-ayrshire.gov.uk/p1-registration) If live in Troon, Barassie, Auchengate, Dundonald, Loans or Muirhead, St Patrick’s Primary is one of your local catchment schools. If you live 2 miles or more from the school you will be entitled to free school transport. For further information please contact the Head Teacher, Lynsey May (school -01292 690070), who will be more than happy to help.

**NATIVITY-** St Patrick’s School Nativity will take place on Tues 17th at 6pm. Although this is a school-only event, parishioners will be able to join online via the live-stream link on YouTube (rc troon live)

**FR MARTIN’S BOOK ‘**Walking with the Poor’ will be on sale again this week at both the Masses. Anyone can buy one, the list at the back of the church was to gauge the number of books needed in the parish. I am pleased to say we had to get extra boxes of books. Thank you to all who have bought a copy already. All profits go to the Ecuador Trust.

**JUSTICE & PEACE SCOTLAND:** TheBishops’ Conference of Scotland recent statement on the two-child benefit cap along with J & P’s current newsletter can be viewed at [www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk](http://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk/).

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

**SPRED :**On Wednesday the 18th December 11am till 2pm some of the Spred group will be carol singing at Ayr Central Shopping Centre. If you fancy popping along and helping, please text Scott on: 07542398236

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

**A SPECIAL LAPLAND DELIVERY:** The pillar box for children to post their letters directly to Santa is still in the church hall. Each letter will be answered by December 22.(deadline December 20) Keep a lookout for replies arriving back in the church hall.

**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*.’