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

 **5th SUNDAY OF LENT (C)**

**6th April 2025**

**Parish Priest:** Fr Willie Boyd

Contact: 01292- 313541 or *troon@gallowaydiocese.org.uk**.*

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

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**: 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*or in thebox at back of church

**MASSES THIS WEEK:** Sat - 6pm Vigil, Sun -10am, Mon -10am, Tues-10am, Thurs - 7pm Fr. Martin’s Anniversary Mass, Fri- 10am, Sat -Vigil 6pm, Sun-10am

**COLLECTIONS:** Last week’s collection £339.50. Standing orders for March £3,740.50. Card Machine total £167.30 The special collection for SCIAF last weekend amounted to £1,094.59! Many thanks.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Noreen Davidson

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Elizabeth Whitford, Paul Crolla, Julia O’Kane

**MASS TIMES**: Weekday masses this week will be Monday, Tuesday, and Friday.

**LENTEN SERVICES:** This week: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Friday 10.30am (No Thursday evening Exposition due to Fr Martin’s Mass) Stations of the Cross - Sunday 3pm

**MASS OF CHRISM:** On Tuesday 15th April at 7pm in St Margaret’s Cathedral, Ayr- All welcome.

**RCIA:** The group will meet this Monday (7th) at 6.30pm at the Church.
**PRAYERS:** We ask the parish community to pray for Jack Morrison, Lynsey Morrison, Adam Hughes, Nicola Watson, Louis Caitens, Tony Sockell, Stuart Henderson, Dawn Matthews, Hazel Mynard, Ann Hood and Eleanor Gilligan (adults of our Parish) as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. There will be a reception in the hall following the Vigil Mass to which all parishioners are invited.

**EASTER TRIDUUM:**

17th April Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord’s Supper - 7pm

18th April Good Friday - Celebration of the Lord’s Passion & Veneration of the Cross – 3pm

19th April Easter Vigil 9pm -Reception afterwards in the hall - All welcome

20th April. Easter Sunday Mass 10am - Tea/Coffee afterwards in the hall

**PARISH GARDEN GROUP**: The garden group need some help! Are you free to help with a Spring tidy of the church gardens ahead of upcoming parish events (Fr Martin’s Anniversary Mass, Easter & First Communions)? This Sunday 6th April anytime between 11.30/ 2.30. Please bring your own tools, if possible. Tea/Coffee & cake will be provided for volunteers! Any donations of plants gratefully received. Please leave in front of hall.

**ST ANNE'S GUILD:** Committee meeting Tuesday April 8th. 10.30 church hall

**BISHOP- ELECT MARTIN CHAMBERS**: Bishop Frank Dougan will celebrate Mass this Thursday, 10th April, at 7pm to mark Fr Martin’s first anniversary. Teas/coffee will be available in the hall after Mass for parishioners and the many visitors expected (an invitation has been extended to the wider Diocesan community) - Donations of *home baking would be much appreciated* and can be left in the hall between 12-2pm or before Mass on the 10th.

**PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL**: Minutes of the February P.P.C. meeting are now available on the website.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:**For those who choose to kindly give via envelope, new sets are available at the back of the church - please take a box. It would be helpful if you could note down your name against the corresponding number on the sheet beside the boxes. This will allow Gift Aided donations to be matched to declarations as we enter the new tax year. Many thanks

**GALLOWAY LOURDES 50/50 CLUB** -Annual Subscriptions of £15 now due. Funds raised are to help take Sick Pilgrims to Lourdes. New members most welcome. Contact Anne Cameron, 311509 or Myra Carroll or send direct to the Diocesan Promoter. Cheques as title, please.

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS/READERS:** New rotas from April-July are now available on the website

**WELCOME**: A WARM WELCOMETO ANY VISITORS TO TROON, AND THE PARISH, OVER EASTER - PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE TEAS/COFFEE IN THE HALL (located behind the church) AFTER 10AM SUNDAY MASS. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO DROP IN FOR A CUPPA.

**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*.’