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

**1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)**

**1st 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, Tues-10am, Thurs -10am, Fri -10am \*Saturday 10am\* & 6pm Vigil, Sun-10am

**FEASTS THIS WEEK:** Tues 3rd -St Francis Xavier, Sat 7th -St Ambrose, Sun 8th - 2nd Sunday of Advent

**COLLECTIONS**: Collection last week £221 Education Sunday Special Collection £994.96 Many thanks to all

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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Gerry Kelly, George Fitzsimmons, Margaret Aitken

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Andrea Tanner

**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, you only need to complete this once and thereafter donations are automatically associated to you. Starting next week, it will also be possible to donate to the church online via our website.

**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.  There will be more details on the Parish Website.  Thanks Gail Taylor and Douglas Hutchison (Co-chairs).

**FOLLOW UP FROM PARISH FORUM EVENT**: After the great discussion regarding reenergising the Parish, sign-up sheets are now at the back of the church for volunteers to add their contact details.

**SPRED MASS**- This Sunday, 1st Dec, SPRED Galloway group will join us at 10am for their Annual Advent Mass. Parishioners are welcome for tea/coffee in the hall immediately after mass before the SPRED party begins at 12pm

**RCIA –** the nextmeeting is on Monday 2nd Dec at 7pm in the Church Hall

**ST ANNE'S GUILD -** meet this Tuesday 3rd Dec at 2pm in the Church hall - A visit from Fr Boyd, and our Christmas Raffle to raise funds for The Foodbank.

**DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP** will meet this coming Friday 6th Dec. Commencing with quiet meditation at 2.30, before the Blessed Sacrament. Divine Mercy prayers begin at 3.00pm. Please use the side door. Christmas tea/coffee will be offered in the hall, after the service -All welcome. Please note, there will be NO Adoration and prayers in January (restart in Feb) - For more information, contact; John Byars 07842651612.

**“WALKING WITH THE POOR”** A 2nd edition of Fr Martin’s book ‘Walking with the Poor’ has been printed. This is the fascinating story of his time in Ecuador, money from the sale will go to the Ecuador Trust. These will be available soon and cost £10 each. If interested, please add your name to a list at the back of the church with how many you would like. No payment needed until the books arrive in the Parish.

**CHRISTMAS FAMILY CEILIDH** : Friday 27th Dec in the church hall, in aid of HCPT group 138 trip to Lourdes Easter 2025. Live music and food included in ticket price. More details on noticeboard or on Parish 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 - or to report any good or bad behaviour - they would be very welcome to do so!

**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*.’