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

 **4th SUNDAY OF LENT -C- (LAETARE)**

**30th March 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-10am, Fri- 10am,

 Sat -Vigil 6pm, Sun-10am

**COLLECTIONS:** Last week’s collection £354.60

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Noreen Davidson, Michael Tartaglia, James MacEwan

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

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

**LENTEN SERVICES:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays at 10.30 & Thursdays 7pm-8pm. Stations of the Cross - Sunday at 3pm. Both led by parishioners.

**PENANCE SERVICE:** There will be a joint Penance Service this Thursday 3rd April at 7pm in St Quivox in Prestwick. Please make the effort to come along.

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

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** There will be a special collection this weekend for SCIAF.

**RCIA**: Meeting this Monday 31st March in the church hall at 7pm.

**ST. ANNE'S GUILD**. Tuesday April 1st. Tea and Chat afternoon. 2pm in the church hall.

**DIVINE MERCY**: Meeting this Friday, 4th of April. Adoration; 2.30pm until 3.00pm and Divine Mercy prayers; 3.00pm to 3.30pm, in the church. Please enter via the side door. All welcome

**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)? Next 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.

**BISHOP- ELECT MARTIN CHAMBERS**: Bishop Frank Dougan will celebrate Mass on 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.

**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

**IS GOD CALLING YOU TO PRIESTHOOD? :**If you sense a vocation to be a Priest and would like support to discern this call, please contact Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Stephen McGrattan,*vocations@rcdg.org.uk*or 01563 521832

**GALLOWAY LOURDES 50/50 CLUB** -Annual Subscriptions of £15 now due. Funds raised are to help take Sick Pilgrims to Lourdes, usually on our Diocesan Pilgrimage – next one is 7 July 2025.

New members most welcome. Contact Anne Cameron, 311509 or Myra Carroll or send direct to the Diocesan Promoter. Cheques as title, please.

**PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK:** The Ayr parishes are running a 5-day Pilgrimage to Knock from September 22nd – 26th for the Jubilee Year. The cost is £680 per person sharing a twin room at the Knock House Hotel on a half-board basis. The coach will leave and return from the Cathedral. If you would like to join the Pilgrimage, please call Alba Tours Ltd. on 01698 262941 and Anne Marie or Jim will be delighted to help you book. See parish website for more details.

**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*.’