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

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

**9th 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**, **Fri- 10am**, Sat -Vigil 6pm, Sun-10am

**FEASTS THIS WEEK**: Mon 10th Mar- St John Ogilvie, Sun 16th Mar- 2nd Sunday of Lent

**COLLECTIONS:** Last week’s collection £305.94

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Veronica Cosker, Isabella Trainor

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

**FR LAURENT:** “You will now know that Fr Laurent has asked to move on from the parishes and from the Diocese, and I agree with and respect his decision.  Fr Laurent has been in the UK for over seven years and has decided to return to his home Diocese in Uganda.  I am grateful to him for his ministry here from August last year.  I wish him well and invite you to pray for him, that the Lord will continue to bless him in his priesthood.” Bishop Frank

**CHANGE TO MASS TIMES: Please note weekday masses this week will be Monday and Friday only. Also note that Fr Willie will *not* be available towards the end of this week – in emergency please contact Fr Borland 01292-263488**

**LENT SERVICES:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays 10.30 & Thursdays 7pm-8pm (start 13/3) Sheet at back for volunteers to cover this hour. Stations of the Cross Sunday at 3pm. Both led by parishioners.

**\*PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE PROGRAMME**:  Thank you to all those who have signed up.

**Evening groups** are: Wed 7pm - church hall. Sunday 7.30pm church house. Those who signed up for the evening groups will be contacted to see which evening suits best.

**Daytime groups** are: Tues 2pm -church house, Thurs 10.30am -church hall, Friday 2pm -church house

There will be sign-up sheets at Masses this weekend for the daytime groups to indicate a preferred time.

As all groups are following the same prayer programme if there was a week you could not attend your chosen day then it is possible to join another group that week.

**PARISH ANNUAL FINANCIAL RETURN:**  The 2024 Parish Annual Financial return has been submitted to the diocese and a copy is now available on the parish website – www.rcstmeddans.org.uk

**VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED!** Help us bring the Mass to YouTube for those who can’t attend in person! We’re looking for volunteers to assist with Vigil and Sunday Masses. No experience needed - training provided! For more info, contact Colin Hogg at 07446290458 or *colinmhogg81@gmail.com**.*

**ST PAUL VI PRAYER GROUP:** (Pray for Life) Next meeting Wed 12th March 7pm in Church. All welcome.

**MESSAGE FROM BISHOP FRANK:** Dear Brothers and Sisters, you may have seen news in the past week of a civil action taken by a survivor of abuse against the Diocese. Firstly, it is essential that the survivor’s anonymity is preserved, so I can only say so much. I have made the following statement:

“No words of mine can erase the suffering of the survivor in this case. But I hope and pray that they will be able to find some healing following the resolution of this case. While the events of the past may be beyond our control, as a Church we can and must ensure that children and vulnerable groups are kept safe, and I renew our commitment to do so.” Please keep everyone involved in your prayers.

**HCPT COFFEE MORNING & BINGO:** - Next Sunday- 16th March after 10am Mass. Please come along and help raise funds for HCPT before they head off to Lourdes next month. Coffee/Hot Rolls/ Bingo and more!

**\*PRO-LIFE INFORMATION:** Including Lent Stations of the Cross via Zoom can be found on the parish website

**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*.’

\* Further details of these items, and more, are available on Parish website on “Upcoming Events” page\*