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

 **2nd SUNDAY OF LENT (C)**

**16th 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 17h - St Patrick, Wed 19h- St Joseph, Sun 23rd – 3rd Sunday of Lent

**COLLECTIONS:** Last week’s collection £435.52. Many thanks for your generosity.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Kenneth MacEwan, Gerald MacEwan, Alice Price

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

**CHANGE TO MASS TIMES: Weekday masses this week will be Monday and Friday only. Also note that Fr Willie will *not* be available for the next few days – in emergency please contact Fr Borland 01292-263488**

**LENTEN SERVICES:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays 10.30 & Thursdays 7pm-8pm. Sheet at the back of church 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.

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

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.

**HCPT COFFEE MORNING & BINGO:** - This Sunday- 16th March after 10am Mass. Donations of home baking gratefully received and can be left in hall on Sunday morning. Please come along and help raise funds for HCPT before they head off to Lourdes next month. Coffee/Hot Rolls/ Bingo and more!

**ST. ANNE'S GUILD:** Tuesday 18th St. Patrick’s afternoon. 2pm. Church Hall.

**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*

**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

**MESSAGE FROM CANON PAT KEEGANS**: "Good news, ECG, Treadmill and echocardiogram tests have shown that my heart is sound. There is an issue with high blood pressure to be managed by medication. Many, many thanks for all your prayers, help and encouragement. I am taking things easy for a bit, but I look forward to helping out again.”

**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**.*

**TAIZÉ -** The monthly ecumenical service will be held at St Ninian's Church, Troon, at 7:30 pm on Thursday 20th March. All are welcome.

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED:** Scottish Conference 'Courage to be Catholic' Saturday 29th Mar, Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, 9:30 - 4:00. Including 25 Catholic charities, 4 international speakers, laity, clergy and bishops from across Scotland eager to build the Faith. <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EHSR> to register.

**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*.’