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

 **8TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)**

**2nd March 2025**

**Parish Priest:** Fr Willie Boyd

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 **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, Ash Wednesday- 10am & 7pm, Thurs-10am, Fri- 10am, Saturday -Vigil 6pm, Sun-10am

**COLLECTIONS:** Last week’s collection £317.25. Standing orders for February £3658.50. Contactless donations £375.92

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

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** Lent begins this Wednesday 5th March, Ash Wednesday which is a day of fast and abstinence. Mass will be celebrated at 10am and 7pm with the distribution of ashes.

**ST ANNE'S GUILD.** Next meeting Tuesday 4th March - A visit from Fr. Laurent. 2pm church hall.

**PREPARE FOR EASTER:** Ash Wednesday 5th March – Good Friday 18th April – Easter Sunday 20th April.

**PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE PROGRAMME**:  The sign-up sheets are still at the back of the Church and are there till the end of Mass on Sunday this weekend.  There will probably be two groups during the day and one evening group.  The evening group will be each Wednesday of Lent from 7pm to 8pm in the Church Hall starting Wednesday 12th March finishing Wednesday 16th April.  No need to bring anything other than yourself for a relaxing hour learning to pray using the Gospels.  More detail soon on the timing of the weekday groups.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** – Our parish will host this event on Friday 7th March at 2pm. We will be joined by churches from across Troon for the international, ecumenical service with tea/coffee served afterwards in the hall. The service will be led by St Anne’s Guild who extend an invitation to all parishioners to attend.

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING:**  Further safeguarding training sessions have been arranged for new volunteers who missed the recent session in our Parish. Sun 2nd March 1pm & Wed 5th March 7.15pm in St Quivox church hall, Prestwick. To register, please contact Jacqui Morris - *psc.prestwick@gallowaydiocese.org.uk*

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTER MEETING: Thursday 6th March 7.30pm in Church.** A meeting will take place for all existing Eucharistic Ministers, as well as those who have recently volunteered to become Eucharistic Minsters and others who have volunteered for visiting the housebound and sick.  This meeting is also open to anyone who hasn't volunteered yet but would be interested in carrying out this Ministry within our Church. Any questions please contact Tom Gilligan  *tomgilligan@virginmedia.com* /07853403839, Gail Taylor *gail.taylor@sndden.org/* 07905688759 or Fr Willie

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:**  Many thanks to all who attended the P.P.C this week. The minutes of the meeting will be available soon on the website. The nest meeting is scheduled for Thursday 24th April

**MESSY CHURCH** returns this Friday, 7th March at 3.30pm in St Meddan’s Church Halls. Join in for fun crafts, Bible story and a meal. All families welcome!

 **\*A FAMILY JUBILEE WEEKEND OF HOPE AND ADVENTURE**: St. Quivox is organising a family retreat to Abernethy in Aviemore from Fri 20th June - Sun 23rd June to mark the Jubilee Year of Hope. Families from all 3 parishes are invited to participate - Email *gordonericmitchell@gmail.com* for more info.

**\*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, at *vocations@rcdg.org.uk*or 01563 521832

**JUSTICE AND PEACE SCOTLAND:** Current newsletter and details of the latest activities, campaigning and events across the J&P network can be found *at <https://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk/#1037>*

**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\*