



St John the Evangelist  
Stevenson

# 20th January 2019

## Second Sunday of the Year C



Our Lady Star of the Sea  
Saltcoats

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Canon Matt McManus (Retired)

**Sunday Masses:**      **St Mary's 4.30pm Vigil and 10am**  
                                 **St John's 11.30am**

### WEEKDAY MASS / SERVICE TIMES

	St John's	St Mary's	St Peter's
Monday	10am Mass	10am Service of the Word	10am Mass
Tuesday	10am Service of the Word	10am Mass	10am Funeral Mass
Wednesday	10am Mass	—————	10am Mass
Thursday	10am Mass	10am Service of the Word	10am Funeral Mass
Friday	10am Service of the Word	10am Mass	10am Mass
Saturday	10am Mass	—————	9am Funeral Mass

**Reconciliation:** St John's Saturday at 10.30am. St Mary's Saturday 3.45pm  
**Exposition:** St John's Thursday at 10.30am. St Mary's Friday at 10.30am  
**Morning Prayers:** St Mary's Tuesday at 9.30am.  
**Daily Reflection:** Monday—Friday at 9am in St John's

#### David Hume RIP

David's Prayers of Reception will take place on Thursday 31st January at 6pm in St John's  
His Funeral Mass will take place on Friday 1st February at 10am followed by burial in Hugh Road Cemetery.  
*+May he rest in peace+*

**All Bishops Clearly Understand.** The papal spokesperson Alessandro Gisotti, said the forthcoming February meeting of Bishops "has a concrete purpose: the goal is that all of the bishops clearly understand what they need to do to prevent and combat the worldwide problem of the sexual abuse of minors." **Catholic News Agency.**

**Together we can rejoice.** "I believe that it is truly important for everyone to confront in dialogue the historical reality of the Reformation, its consequences and the responses it elicited. Catholics and Protestants can ask forgiveness for the harm they have caused one another and for their offences committed in the sight of God. Together we can rejoice in the longing for unity which the Lord has awakened in our hearts, and which makes us look with hope to the future." **Pope Francis**

**Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for January - Evangelisation – Young People.** That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

**Prayer for Unity.** Eternal Father, we praise you for sending your Son to be one of us and to save us. Look upon your people with mercy, for we are divided in so many ways, and give us the Spirit of Jesus to make us one in love. We ask this gift, loving Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:**



**Anniversary:** Gretta Taylor, Sabina & Patrick Moran, Mary Whiston and Kathleen (Bann) O'Hare.

**Recently Deceased:** David Hume, Isobel McHugh, Betty McShane (Shotts), Jim Collins (Ireland), Maura Lapsley, Anne Marie McMail, Anne Mallon (Linlithgow), Ina del Greco, Pat Kelly, Andy Leitch and Laura Cambridge

*Masses are celebrated also by Priests in country parishes in our Diocese, retired priests, Fr Keith, Fr Gerard McCabe & Mission Matters Scotland (Pontifical Mission Societies).*

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:**



**For all the sick in our parishes\***

**Birthday wishes.**

**Those who have an anniversary:** Gretta Taylor, Sabina & Patrick Moran, Mary Whiston, Kathleen (Bann) O'Hare, Mary Fraser, Robert Hastings Snr, Catherine O'Meara, Anne Marie O'Brien, Margaret Taylor, James Whiston, James Monan, Paul Millar, Claire Burke, Jane Cairns, Agnes McIntyre, Edward McIntyre, Larry O'Keefe and Jennifer Ford.

**Those who have died recently:** David Hume, Isobel McHugh, Betty McShane (Shotts), Jim Collins (Ireland), Maura Lapsley, Anne Marie McMail, Anne Mallon (Linlithgow), Ina del Greco, Pat Kelly, Andy Leitch, Laura Cambridge, Eileen D'Agostino, Mary Ann Callaghan, Ron Walker (Canada), Helen Templeton, Gerry Pentleton, Mary Ann Callaghan (Wakefield), Christopher Young Wylie, Philomena Yelverton, Jean Stuart and Anne Evans

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK.** 27th January 2019; Third Sunday of the Year C; Nehemiah 8:2-6.8-10; Psalm 18; I Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4;4:14-21

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS.**

**St Mary's:** £998.12 (Envelopes £606.93. Cash £391.19).

**Crib:** £192.64 **St John's:** £650.39. (Envelopes £546.77 Cash £103.62). **SCIAF:** £49.83. **Building and Renovations:** £118.78. **Crib:** £257.90. Collection envelopes will be returned to the parish of issue and added into the following weeks figures.

**PARISH HALLS.** To book any of our halls please call Trina on 467468 for St Mary's and Michael Lafferty on 461234 for St John's. Please note booking form has to be completed to confirm your booking.

**ST. JOHN'S FUNERAL TEAS.** Further information from Christina Harnett on 07562360517 or 01294 466084.

**SUNDAY TEAS.** After 10am Mass in St Mary's (New rota is available in the hall kitchen, can all volunteers please add their name to which Sundays they are willing to help out). After 11.30am Mass in St John's.

**RCIA.** Will meet on Tuesday at 7.30pm in St John's parish house.

**ST MARY'S TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB.** Every Tuesday 10.30am till 2pm . Food served until 12.30pm.

**MARY'S MEALS.** A box is available in both Church porches for donations.

**CHURCH CLEANERS.** Tuesdays at 7.30pm in St John's and Thursdays after 10am Mass in St Mary's.

**GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP.** Meet every Monday at 7 pm in St John's Church House. We reflect and pray using the readings for the following Sunday. New members will be made very welcome.

**S.V.D.P.** Please call 07379400568 (please note new number) for Saltcoats and 07498501326 for Stevenston.

**FOOD BANK, STEVENSTON.** Foodbank is open each Wednesday from 4pm till 5pm in the parish hall.

**FOOD BANK, SALTCOATS .** The Foodbank is open at the Salvation Army Hall and will distribute boxes from there each Tuesday from 2pm until 3.30pm. We need more volunteers in distributing the food , if you can help please phone 07979873747 for details.

**ST MARY'S PARISH HALL.** Our parish hall is available for approved social functions. A small meeting room is also available. We have a licensed bar available for functions. If you would like to book the hall please contact Trina on 467468 or for more bar information please contact our bar manager Caroline McKenna on 07825553243. (Please note that if you wish to use our parish bar at least 6 weeks notice is required to allow us to apply for licence). **Please note that you are not permitted to bring in your own alcohol to any function.**

**BULLETIN NOTICES.** If you wish anything in the parish bulletin please contact Lorna at St Mary's parish office on 463461 or email [saltcoats@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:saltcoats@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) by Thursday morning or Ian Neal for St John's by Wednesday evening on 465630 or email [stjohnstevenston@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnstevenston@gmail.com)

**\*The new terms of the Data Protection Regulation (See below) prevent us from publishing the names of the sick either in electronic form or in paper form in the bulletin. A new folder containing the names of the sick will be brought through the Church in the offertory procession each week so that these people are included in our prayers. Please inform the parish office in writing of any names to be either included or taken out of this list.**

**GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION**

The Regulation came into force on Friday 25th May 2018, and gives individuals greater rights and control over the use of their personal information. Your privacy is important to the Parish Communities of St. John's and St. Mary's. We use the personal data, provided by you for Pastoral support and the administration of weekly collections. The information is held securely and confidentially in electronic or paper format. We will not share this information with third parties without your prior consent. A fuller Privacy Notice is now available on the Diocesan website. [www.gallowaydiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy-and-gdpr](http://www.gallowaydiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy-and-gdpr)

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB.** For those from St Anthony's preparing for Confirmation and First Eucharist will meet at St. Mary's Church Hall, tomorrow (Monday) and next Monday (28th). Transport to St. Mary's will be provided but children should be collected from the hall at 4pm.

**PARENTS MEETING.** In St Anthony's Primary School for those preparing for Confirmation and First Eucharist on Wednesday at 6pm.

**CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK.** United Service in St John's today at 3pm. Monday—Friday; Daily Reflection at 9am for 20 minutes. Sunday 20th at 3pm in South Beach Baptist Church for Saltcoats.

**CRISIS BAG VOLUNTEERS.** We are looking for 2 volunteer drivers from St John's who would consider distributing bags of food to families who are struggling in our community. Please speak to Canon Martin if you are interested in helping out.

**MARY'S MEALS.** Donations up to 1st March will be match funded by the UK Government.

**NEW PARISH EMAILS.** St Mary's: saltcoats@gallowaydiocese.org.uk and St John's: stevenston@gallowaydiocese.org.uk

**SALTCOATS FOOD BANK.** Thanks for the extra efforts over the Christmas/New Year period. Donations helped us to buy lots of "extras" for families in need. We were also able to help two families with special donations; one with a lovely package of food made up by a parishioner over the "Twelve days of Christmas" and the other with a large turkey, donated to our group, three days before Christmas.

**THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL.** It turns out it is not a series of talks by Fr. Willie McFadden but a Study Course on the Pope's ground breaking encyclical **The Joy of the Gospel** which Fr. Willie has organised. The idea is to read a chapter of the booklet and share your thoughts with others. There will be one session a month for 6 months - no more than one hour. The first is in St. John's Hall on Tuesday 29th January at 7pm. The booklets are beside the Names List in the porch. Please take a booklet and tick your name off the list.

**ST MATTHEWS'S ACADEMY.** Will be hosting a quiz night on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February in St. Mary's church hall, to raise funds to enable us to welcome a group of pupils and teachers from our Partnership school St. Peter's in Malawi. This promises to be a fun-filled night with games, raffle, and a bar. Tickets are £5 for an adult and £3 for a concession and include a snack and will be available for purchase from St Matthews Academy's school office or on the night. Doors open at 7pm. Come and support your local school, test your knowledge and win some exciting prizes! We look forward to seeing you there!

**CHANA - Churches Homeless Action North Ayrshire** Thank you so much for the donations of shampoo and rubber gloves. We are going to use January to take stock of the needs and will make a fresh appeal soon. **Thank you. This is from a letter from the Homeless Dept. of North Ayrshire Council :-** You have once again outdone yourselves with the quantity and quality of donations which we received. Parcels were made up and distributed to Ardrossan Hostel, Green Street Hostel, Victoria House Hostel, Barnardo's, Ardrossan Children and Families Services and our widespread temporary furnished accommodation in the community. This made sure that everyone within our service had a gift to open on Christmas day and provided some much needed festive cheer to some of the most vulnerable members of our community, in what can be an emotional and often lonely time of year.

**DIOCESAN WORLD DAY OF THE SICK.** Will take place on Sunday 10th February in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr. Pilgrimage Volunteer Sign-up and PVG session at 2pm-3.30pm; World Day of Prayer for the Sick Mass at 4pm and AGM of Galloway Lourdes Hospitalite at 5.30pm.

**PARISH FINANCES.** As 31st December is the end of the financial year, can all those who operate bank accounts please compose a statement of income and expenditure from 1st January 2018 to 31st December 2018, together with a January 2019 bank statement. These figures have to be submitted to the Diocese before the end of January.

**SCIAF LENTEN TRAINING.** SCIAF will be presenting Lenten Training on Saturday 2nd February 2019, 11am. until 1pm in the Church Hall of Our Lady and St Meddan's, Troon. This event is open to everyone who is interested in SCIAF and their Lenten Programme. Anyone wishing to reserve a place should contact Jim Berry:- Jimb40@btinternet.com Mobile: 07951165873 or 01292 311155

**DAVID WELLS.** Is a catechist and author and the Embracing change Spirituality Group in North Ayrshire has invited David to come to the Deanery to speak about Pope Francis' recent Apostolic Exhortation, 'Gaudete et Exsultate' (Rejoice and be Glad). On Sunday 10th February at 3pm he will address the assembled gathering in St Peter's, Ardrossan, Following his talk there will be an opportunity for small group discussions to take place in the church hall before a final plenary session in the Church. There will also be periods of prayer at the beginning and end of the event.

**PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK 17<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2019.** Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019. £649.00 pp sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, from Edinburgh, transfers in Ireland, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. WCHR rooms on request. Single room supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

**Neighbouring Parishes:**

**Father Duncan McVicar, St Peter's, Ardrossan 464063. Father Gerard Magee, St Winin's, Kilwinning 552276.  
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