



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

11th October 2020

Twenty Eighth Sunday of Year A

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MASS TIMES: Please remember to book

	St John's	St Mary's	St Peter's
Monday	_____	_____	10am Mass
Tuesday	_____	10am Mass	_____
Wednesday	10am Mass	Funeral Mass	10am Mass
Thursday	_____	_____	_____
Friday	Funeral Mass	_____	10am Mass
Saturday	_____	4.30pm Vigil Mass	5.30pm Vigil Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment only

To book a place at Mass in St Mary's please phone the parish office 463461 between **Monday-Friday 9.30am-12pm**. To book a place for Mass in St John's please phone Teresa Thornton on 07564903401 between Monday-Friday 9.30am-2.30pm. You will be asked for a contact number in order that Track and Trace can be achieved if necessary. All Government requirements must be fulfilled with sanitising hands, wearing a face covering and sitting in a designated seat to enable social distancing. Most of our Masses are being livestreamed and they can be accessed on both parish websites by clicking on the Livestream option.

Apologies we were unable to livestream during the week because of problems with YouTube which have now been rectified. GOSPEL REFLECTION. Livestreamed from St John's on Monday's at 7pm. **ROSARY.** For the Month of October will be Livestreamed from St John's on Tuesday's at 7pm since October is Mission Month when we pray for the Spread of the Gospel.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS. Thank you to those who pay by Standing Order, in order to do so details are available from the parish office. The Diocese also has a facility online where you can contribute to your parish by debit card. The Link for the Diocese page is : <http://www.gallowaydiocese.org.uk/parish-collections>. Our specific links for St Mary's and St John's can be found on either rcsaltcoats or rcstevenston link and follow below the instructions. <https://tinyurl.com/rcsaltcoats> <https://tinyurl.com/rcstevenston>. You can also use the QR codes in the same way as web links, which can be found on both websites. **Because of Covid-19 our parish/hall income has fallen dramatically so your support is especially appreciated.**

GALLOWAY VOCATIONS. Parishioners are encouraged to 'Like' the new Facebook page called **GALLOWAYVOCATIONS** which encourages our Diocesan family to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and the Religious Life.

HOLY PLACES AND RETIRED PRIESTS SPECIAL COLLECTIONS. These collections are overdue. Contributions for Holy Places can be made either in the basket in Church or left at both parish houses. Contributions for the Retired Priests Fund can still be handed into both parish houses. Mission Sunday Collection will be open from next weekend.

DIOCESE OF GALLOWAY. A copy of the Safeguarding Statement for October 2020 can be found on the parish websites.

MISSION SUNDAY. Please see noticeboards for further information or visit parish websites.

MESSAGE FROM BISHOPS' OF SCOTLAND TO CLERGY AND PEOPLE. Please see noticeboards or parish websites.

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



Anniversaries: Barry McKeever, Jimmy Crawford,

Recently deceased: Ellen Morton (Helensburgh), Anne Lafferty and Margaret Ann Gallagher

Masses are celebrated also by Fr Gerard McCabe plus Retired Priests, Missio Scotland (Pontifical Mission Societies).

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



For all the sick in our parishes*

Those who have an anniversary: Barry McKeever, Jimmy Crawford, Rose McKay, Sadie & Jos Brayford, Joe O'Rourke, Ellen Murphy, Eileen Higney and Sean Henry.

Those who have died recently: Ellen Morton (Helensburgh), Anne Lafferty, Margaret Ann Gallagher, John McMillan (Blantyre), Padraig McGarvey (Donegal), Catherine Anne Johnson, Daniel Hainey, Reg Byers (Lockerbie) and Paddy Smyth (Portaferry).

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: 18th October 2020; 29th Sunday of Year A; Isaiah 25:6-10; Psalm 22; Philippians 4:12-14.19-20; Matthew 22:1-14

***The new terms of the Data Protection Regulation prevent us from publishing the names of the sick either in electronic form or in paper form in the bulletin.**

ST JOHN'S CHURCH/HOUSE/HALL. Following a spate of vandalism and unruly behaviour affecting our property I will be grateful if people be vigilant of any unwanted activity and if you witness anything please contact Police Scotland on 101. Remember that all damage and repairs have to be paid from parish funds.

C.L.A.S.P. Community Led Action and Support Project. For details of befriending and digital support service Telephone Liz on 07464206592 or email liz@clasps.org.uk. You will then be allocated a Telephone Befriender or a Digital Befriender to give you support during this crisis. Keep Safe.

SCIAF. Digital copies of their IMPACT Magazine 2020 can be found on our websites.

DRUMALIS. The closure of the house will be until the Spring of 2021. Courses will be held through Zoom until November 2020. For more information and payment details please phone 028 28272196/28276455.

CAN YOU HELP? Can you help with stewarding people to their seats, helping to clean the church (a requirement after every Mass and takes about 20 minutes), or willing to help with live-streaming Mass? Without people helping to steward or clean our churches they will not be open as frequently. Call the numbers already given if you can assist.

ST MARY'S SVDP. Please call 07379400568. **ST JOHN'S SVDP.** Please call 07498501326.

FOOD BANK, STEVENSTON AND SALTCOATS. Phone the Three Towns Hub on **310000** from 9am to 1pm. Groceries will be delivered to your house.

WEST COAST FURNITURE BANK. This is a charity which distributes donated household items to families in need. The contact number is 07576 232 969.

EU SETTLEMENT SCHEME. North Ayrshire Council is assisting EU, EEA and Swiss citizens to apply for Settled Status which will allow you to stay in the UK after 31st December 2020. Full details on how to apply can be found at the back of both churches or at: <https://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/council/eu-settlement-scheme.aspx>.

ST MARY'S SCAFFOLDING. A section is missing and is required for works if you know where it is can you please inform the parish office.

DIOCESE WEB PAGE: GALLOWAYDIOCESE.ORG.UK/FUNDRAISING. GIVE AS YOU LIVE. Do you want to help the Diocese of Galloway raise even more for FREE? You can by shopping via Give as you Live Online! Please follow this link www.giveasyoulive.com/join/rc-diocese-of-galloway-scotland. **AMAZON SMILE.** The prices on amazon smile are the same as on the regular Amazon site. However Amazon donates 0.5% of spending to the nominated charity. This is a good way for those who use Amazon to support diocesan finances at no extra cost. Please follow this link <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/SC010576>. More information can be found on parish websites.

ONLINE COURSES. The Sisters of the Cross and Passion, who in the past were very actively involved in education in the diocese, are celebrating the 200th anniversary of the birth of their founder, Elizabeth Prout. The sisters run the retreat centre in Drumalis and are hosting a series of Zoom lectures. The first is on 22nd October at 7pm. The speaker is Gemma Simmonds who is speaking on the subject "Hope in a Time of Pandemic". Please see poster in Church porches for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS. To Anne and Tam Reid on their Ruby Wedding Anniversary.

ST MARY'S PARISH OFFICE. Will be closed until Monday 19th October. You can still however phone for Mass bookings at the amended times of **9.30am-12pm Monday-Friday**.

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



First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The Word of the Lord

PSALM

R/ In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. R/
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. R/
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. R/
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. R/

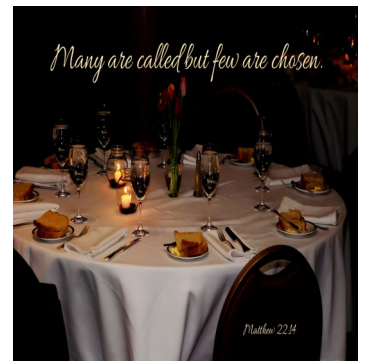
Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere; full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-10

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited," he said, "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.'



PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

Isaiah prophesies, 'The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek'. Where is there suffering or sadness in your community? How might God be calling you to be a source of comfort for others?

St Paul tells the Philippians, 'I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too'. What do you think is the key to living well in differing situations?

St Paul writes, 'There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength'. Where are you in need of God's strength to take on a new challenge?

In today's parable, Jesus likens the kingdom of God to a wedding feast. In what ways do you think this might be an apt description of heaven?

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER. *The Laity's Mission in the Church - We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.*

The Pope's new Encyclical. Fratelli Tutti - *The Death Penalty There is yet another way to eliminate others, one aimed not at countries but at individuals. It is the death penalty. Saint John Paul II stated clearly and firmly that the death penalty is inadequate from a moral standpoint and no longer necessary from that of penal justice. There can be no stepping back from this position. Today we state clearly that "the death penalty is inadmissible" and the Church is firmly committed to calling for its abolition worldwide.*

Neighbouring Parishes:

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

RC Chaplain at Crosshouse and Ayr Hospitals is Deacon Bill Corbett 01292 521208

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