



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

31st January 2021 Fourth Sunday of Year B



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Day	St John's	St Mary's	St Peter's
Monday	—————	10am Funeral Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)
Tuesday	—————	10am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)
Wednesday	10am Mass (L)	2pm Funeral Mass	10am Funeral Mass
Thursday	—————	10am Funeral Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)
Friday	10am Mass (L)	—————	10am Mass (L)
Saturday	—————	4.30pm Vigil Mass (L)	5.30pm Vigil Mass (L)

L = LIVESTREAMED

COVID—19

Greetings everyone

As a result of the ongoing Coronavirus situation the instructions are that all public worship should once again cease and the churches be closed. I wish to remind you that Mass is celebrated each day for the people of our parishes and their intentions. I hope to use bulletin/information sheet and the parish websites to provide the Sunday readings that people can sit quietly and reflect on them.

Funeral Masses will still be able to take place but with only 20 people in attendance following Government guidelines.

GOSPEL REFLECTION. Livestreamed from St John's on Monday's at 7pm.

A TALK ON FAITH AND REASON WITH FR BENJAMIN. Will be livestreamed from St John's on Wednesday at 7pm.

HOLY HOUR. Will be livestreamed from St John's on Sunday's at 5.30pm-6.30pm

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.**

Please remember the following deaths in your prayers

Monday—Sarah (Sadie) Gallagher 10am in St Mary's

Wednesday—Janet Mullen 2pm in St Mary's

Thursday—Kathleen McAuliffe 10am in St Mary's

+May they rest in peace+

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Wedding Anniversary: William & Grace Lundie (RIP)
Anniversaries: Margaret Nellis, Rachel Cairnie, Thomas Girvan, Elizabeth Dunwoodie, Ellen Jane Harbinson, Patsy Reid, Agnes Hazelton, Teresa Fitzsimmons and Julia McRoberts

Recently deceased: Mollie Currie (Colrairie), Michael McManus (Greenock, Canon Matt's Brother) Tom Slimmon, Colm Gillespie (Donegal), Jim Downie, Gordon Morton (Helensburgh), Kathleen McAuliffe, Janet Mullen and Sarah (Sadie) Gallagher

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Fifth Sunday of Year B—
Job 7:1-4.6-7; Psalm 146; I Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23;
Mark 1:29-39

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

For all the sick in our parishes and those with COVID-19*

Wedding Anniversary: William & Grace Lundie (RIP)

Those who have an anniversary: Margaret Nellis, Rachel Cairnie, Thomas Girvan, Elizabeth Dunwoodie, Ellen Jane Harbinson, Patsy Reid, Agnes Hazelton, Eileen Fairlie, David McGowan, Teresa Fitzsimmons and Julia McRoberts.

Those who have died recently: Mollie Currie (Colrairie), Michael McManus (Greenock, Canon Matt's Brother), Tom Slimmon, Colm Gillespie (Donegal), Jim Downie, Gordon Morton (Helensburgh), Kathleen McAuliffe, Janet Mullen, Sarah (Sadie) Gallagher, Phyllis McCulloch (Gough), James Murphy, Josephine Motroni, June Farrell, Susan Ambrosini, Teresa Conlan, Peter Cartwright, Jean Hamilton, Archbishop Philip Tartaglia, Bishop Vincent Logan, Janet Mullen, Harriett Fay (Dublin), Tom Gallagher (Wexford) and John Carroll (Paisley).

ST MARGARET'S CHILDREN AND FAMILY CARE SOCIETY. 'VIRTUAL CRIB'. Has been extended to 6th February this year. To make a donation please visit their website: www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk

300 CLUB. Congratulations to the winners of the January draw. No 21—C. Kennedy £30 and No 169 J. Murphy £20.

ST ANTHONY'S AND ST JOHN'S. Enrolment for Primary School and Nursery is online this year.

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ST MARY'S SVDP. Please call 07379 400 568. **ST JOHN'S SVDP:** Please call 07498 501 326.

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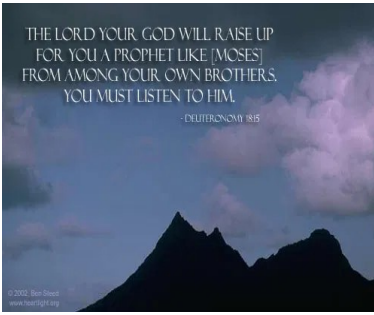
***The new terms of the Data Protection Regulation prevent us from publishing the names of the sick either in electronic form or in paper form in the bulletin.**

ST MARY'S PARISH OFFICE. Unfortunately due to the updated Government Guidelines, I am now having to work from home. I am however still available Monday-Friday 09.30am-2.30pm. You can still contact the parish on 463461, as calls will be redirected. Please note that for anything urgent outwith these hours please contact Canon Martin at St John's on 463225. Please take care and stay safe and hope to see you all soon—*Lorna*

ASK YOUR MP TO SIGN A PARLIAMENTARY MOTION CALLING ON THE GOVERNMENT TO INTRODUCE NEW GUIDANCE ON FETAL PAIN. A new parliamentary motion (EDM 1340) is calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. The evidence that babies can feel pain in the womb, and during many abortions, highlights the humanity of the unborn child and provides another important reason to introduce legislation to protect the unborn child from abortion. Right To Life UK have set up an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple to contact your MP, and ask them to sign this motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. It only takes 30 seconds using this easy-to-use tool. This tool can be accessed by visiting: www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion

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: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said to the people: “Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. ‘Do not let me hear again’ you said ‘the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die’; and the Lord said to me, ‘All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.’”

The Word of the Lord

PSALM

R/ O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts

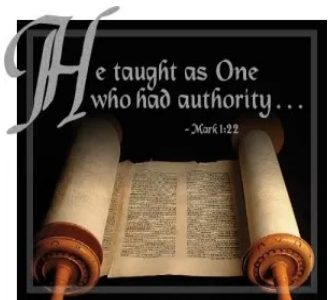
1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R/**
2. Come in; let us kneel and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture., the flock that is led by his hand. **R/**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! “Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.” **R/**

Second Reading: I Corinthians 7:32-35

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord’s affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world’s affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord’s affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world’s affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord. **The Word of the Lord**

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

They went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are ; the Holy One of God.” But Jesus said sharply, “Be quiet! Come out of him!” And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. “Here is a teaching that is new” they said “and with authority behind it; he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.” And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.



PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

In the first reading God promises to raise up a prophet to speak his words to the people. Who are our modern-day prophets who call us to walk in the ways of the Lord?

The psalm says, “O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.” What message is God inviting you to be open to this day?

St Paul urges the Corinthians to be free from worries and distractions. What spiritual practices help you to be firmly centered in God’s peace?

In the gospel we hear that the people of Capernaum “were astonished” at Jesus’s teaching. What words of Jesus in the gospels do you find astonishing or even shocking?

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for February. *Violence Against Women. We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.*

To communicate the Word. *The Evangelist Mark, recounts that, since it was the Sabbath, Jesus went straight to the Synagogue and began to teach. Arriving in Capernaum, Jesus does not delay proclaiming the Gospel, does not think first about the necessary logistics of his small community, does not tarry over the organisation. His primary concern is to communicate the Word of God with the power of the Holy Spirit. And the people in the Synagogue were astonished, because Jesus “taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes” (v. 22). Pope Francis*

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