



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

21st February 2021 First Sunday in Lent Year B

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Our Lady Star of the Sea
Saltcoats

Day	St John's	St Mary's	St Peter's
Monday	—————	—————	10am Mass (L)
Tuesday	1.30pm Mass with St John's PS (L)	10am Mass (L)	10am Funeral Mass (L)
Wednesday	10am Mass (L)	1.30pm Mass with St Anthony's PS (L)	10am Mass (L)
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 FASTING 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 death in your prayers
Anne O'Neill—Funeral Mass St Mary's Thursday at 10am
+May she rest in peace+
Anne Hughes—RIP
Anne's Funeral Mass will take place in South Queensferry

SCIAF. Please remember you can use any container to collect your SCIAF collection during Lent.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS. Will be livestreamed during Lent—Tuesday at 9.30am from St Mary's and Friday at 7pm from St John's. More information can be found on both parish websites.

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Anniversaries: James & Irene Millar, Christopher Millar, Margaret Kelly and Brendan Dorrian.

Recently deceased: Anne O'Neill, Peter Finnegan, David O'Reilly, Kathleen McShane (Shotts), Robert Ferguson and Anne Hughes

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Second Sunday in Lent Year B— Genesis 22:1-2.9-13.15-18; Psalm 115; Romans 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10

2021 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE - FRIDAY 5TH MARCH. This year's service has been written by the Christian women of Vanuata in the South Pacific Ocean with the theme 'Build on a Strong Foundation'. Due to the restrictions placed on church gatherings there will be no Service in Saltcoats this year, however the WDP Scottish Committee have advised that there will be an online service available and invite you to join them in a live Zoom service at 2pm on the day. It is being hosted by Augustine United Church in Edinburgh with participants from across Scotland. For joining details see the WDP website or WDP Scotland Facebook or use the Zoom link Webinar ID: 895 9398 3883 Passcode: 901656 If you do not have internet access you can join using a landline 0131 4601196. And you will be asked for the above webinar ID and passcode. There may be costs involved. The service will then be posted on our website and Facebook Page for later access.

MARY'S MEALS. Dear friends, in recent weeks you may have heard something of the grave news from Tigray in northern Ethiopia. An armed conflict between the federal and regional governments has escalated into a shocking humanitarian crisis. We are hearing harrowing reports of tens of thousands of families displaced from their homes and that as many as 4.5 million people are without access to basic food, medical and sanitary supplies across the region! We have been working in Tigray for many years where our trusted partners the Daughters of Charity normally serve over 24,000 children Mary's Meals. We are now working with the Daughters of Charity to respond to this crisis and provide support to children and families affected by this crisis. As people of faith we are asking you to partner with us by holding the people of Tigray and the emergency work we are doing there in your prayers. To find out more about this appeal please visit <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk>. Thank you.

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

C.L.A.S.P. Community Led Action and Support Project. For details of befriending and digital support service Telephone Liz on 07464 206 592 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.

FOOD BANK, STEVENSTON AND SALTCOATS. Phone the Three Towns Hub on **310000** from 9am to 1pm.

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*

BULLETINS. If you are able to access the bulletin online and have a printer, you might want to pass on a copy to someone who you think might like to keep up to date with all recent parish news.

SCHOENSTATT SCOTLAND. Have produced over 30 E-Retreats both small and more-lengthy, which are available through website www.schoenstatt.co.uk Also now have a significant presence on Instagram. Simply log on to Instagram and key in schoenstattscotlanduk. Also our Own YouTube Channel; and will have a Lenten E-Burst going out daily till Easter Sunday available on Instagram and on our Facebook site.

***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.**

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

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

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

RIP Birthday Wishes: Peter Reilly (106yrs old)

Those who have an anniversary: James & Irene Millar, Christopher Millar, Margaret Kelly, Brendan Dorrian, Cathy McCubbin, Patrick Joseph Hamilton Snr, Michael Boyd, Pat Maxwell, Albert Garrett, Tommy Murray, Harry Crawford, James (Bud) Cassidy.

Those who have died recently: Peter Finnegan, Anne O'Neill, David O'Reilly, , Kathleen McShane (Shotts), Robert Ferguson, Anne Hughes, Douglas Wills, Michael McCann (Portsmouth), Mary Hollywood, Mary Catherine Spence, Paul Spence, Cacialia Eberhard (Switzerland), Tom Slimmon, Frank Barrett (Glasgow), Mary Quinn, Anne O'Neill, Joseph Taylor, Edith Smith Boyle, Monsignor Joe Boyd, Susan Whyte, Mrs Morris (Coatbridge), Mary Margaret Whyte (Coatbridge), Mollie Currie (Colrairie), Michael McManus (Greenock, Canon Matt's Brother), Colm Gillespie (Donegal), Jim Downie, Gordon Morton (Helensburgh) and Jean Hamilton.



First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

God spoke to Noah and his sons, "See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again." God said, "Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.

The Word of the Lord

PSALM

R/ Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour **R/**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **R/**
3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **R/**

Second Reading: I Peter 3:18-22

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people "by water", and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects. **The Word of the Lord**

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him. After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. "The time has come" he said "and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News."



PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

In the first reading God institutes a covenant between himself and the earth. What role do you see creation playing on our relationship with God?

The psalm says, "Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant." How would you like to grow in love and faithfulness this Lenten season?

Today's verse before the gospel reminds us, "Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God" What nourishment have you received from God's word recently?

After Jesus's baptism, the Spirit drives "Jesus out into the wilderness." Where do you find solitude and quiet to be with God?

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.

"On this first Sunday of Lent, we are invited to listen carefully and to hear Jesus' appeal to convert, and to believe in the Gospel. We are exhorted to begin the journey towards Easter with commitment, to embrace evermore the grace of God who wishes to transform the world into a kingdom of justice, peace and fraternity." Pope Francis

DRUMALIS. A number of events are happening during Lent. Marian Curran will offer 6 Monday mornings, 11-12.30 Lenten Lockdown Prayer: A Lenten Prayer Journey in Ignatian Spirituality. Justine Sweeney and Suzanne Hesketh will offer 5 Sunday evenings, 7.30-9, An Introduction to Ignatian Spirituality- Connect **Both of the above courses are free of charge although we would welcome voluntary donations. More information can be found on both parish websites.**

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED. Have issued a Parish Newsletter, this can be found on parish websites.

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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