



St John the Evangelist  
Stevenston

# 14th February 2021 Sixth 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)
Ash Wednesday	10am Mass (L)	7pm Mass (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.

**THERE WILL BE NO TALK WITH FR BENJAMIN THIS WEEK.**

**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—Mary Hollywood 10am in St Mary's*

*Thursday—Mary Quinn 10am in St Mary's*

*+May they rest in peace+*

**Wednesday** is Ash Wednesday and a Day of Fasting and Abstinence but owing to restrictions there will be no ashes available this year. Masses will be livestreamed at 10am and 7pm. A service for the schools will be livestreamed at 1.30pm. There is also a liturgy on the website for people to use at home if they wish. Lent is a season when we try to help our brothers and sisters through the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund—boxes are not available this year but any jars or containers can be used to help the work of SCIAF. Monies can be sent directly to SCIAF or handed to the parish office or parish houses.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS.** Will be livestreamed during the first week of 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:**

**RIP Birthday Wishes:** Peter Reilly (106yrs old)

**Anniversaries:** Cathy McCubbin, Patrick Joseph Hamilton Snr, Michael Boyd, Pat Maxwell, Albert Garrett, Tommy Murray, Harry Crawford and James (Bud) Cassidy.

**Recently deceased:** Douglas Wills, Michael McCann (Portsmouth) Mary Hollywood, Mary Catherine Spence, Paul Spence, Cacialia Eberhard (Switzerland), Tom Slimmon, Frank Barrett (Glasgow), Mary Quinn and Anne O'Neill

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

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:** First Sunday in Lent Year B— Genesis 9:8-15; Psalm 24; I Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

**Friday** is a Day of Prayer for those who have suffered abuse—more information can be found on both parish websites.

**FUNERAL MASS FOR MONSIGNOR JOE BOYD.** Will be livestreamed from St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr on Tuesday (16th) at 12 Noon.

**CONGRATULATIONS.** To Florence and James McKendrick who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary this week.

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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*

**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.

**NEW MONTHLY SAFEGUARDING BULLETIN.** Is available on both parish websites. Please contact the parish office if you wish a paper copy.

**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:** Cathy McCubbin, Patrick Joseph Hamilton Snr, Michael Boyd, Pat Maxwell, Albert Garrett, Tommy Murray, Harry Crawford, James (Bud) Cassidy. Pat Moran Jnr, Bernadette (Bernie) Doyle (3rd), Joseph McGarvey, Moira Grant (3rd)

**Those who have died recently:** 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), Kathleen McAuliffe, Janet Mullen, Sarah (Sadie) Gallagher, Phyllis McCulloch (Gough), Jean Hamilton, Archbishop Philip Taglia, Bishop Vincent Logan, Harriett Fay (Dublin) and Tom Gallagher (Wexford).

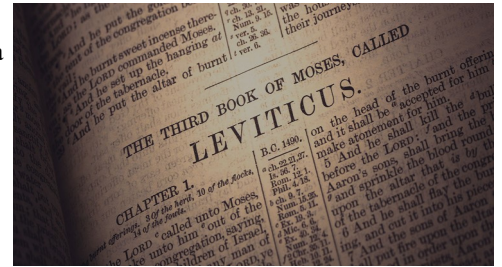
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### First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2. 45-46

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons. "A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, 'Unclean, unclean'. As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp."

**The Word of the Lord**



### PSALM

**R/ You are my hiding place, O Lord; you surround me with cries of deliverance**

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted. O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes not guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. **R/**
2. But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide. I said: "I will confess my offence to the Lord." And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. **R/**
3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just! O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. **R/**

### Second Reading: I Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone—to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

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### Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: "If you want to" he said "you can cure me." Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. "Of course I want to!" he said. "Be cured!" And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, "Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery." The man went away, but the started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

### PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

*In the first reading from Leviticus we hear of people with leprosy being ostracised from the community due to fear over their disease. Which groups in your community face ostracism and isolation due to fear?*

*The responsorial psalm lifts up the joy to be found in the Lord, even in the midst of trouble. Where do you experience the most joy in your life at this moment?*

*St Paul urges the Corinthians to "do it for the glory of God." How does your parish community live out this command?*

*We hear that Jesus is "feeling sorry for him" at the plight of the leper and reaches out to touch him, breaking the law at the time. How as Christians shall we respond when law, rules or regulations stand in the way of compassion?*

**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.

**'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.'** Pope Francis invited us to repeat "this little phrase" often. Because Jesus has compassion, the Pope explained, "He is capable of involving Himself in our sorrows, in the problems of others". Jesus, he said, did not come simply to give a few sermons and then return to heaven; not to wash His hands. He came to be close to us, and He remains always at our side. **From a homily in January 2020**

**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.**

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