



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

27th June 2021 Thirteenth Sunday of Year B



Our Lady Star of the Sea
Saltcoats

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Day	St John's	St Mary's	St Peter's
Monday	7pm Mass (L)	—————	10am Mass (L)
Tuesday	11am Mass (L)	9.30am Mass 7pm Mass	10am Mass (L)
Wednesday	10am Mass (L)	—————	10am Mass (L)
Thursday	—————	10am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)
Friday	10am Mass (L)	—————	10am Mass (L)
Saturday	—————	4.30pm Vigil Mass (L)	5.30pm Mass (L)
Sunday	11.30am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)	10.30am Mass (L)

L = LIVESTREAMED

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 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. Your weekly parish collection envelopes can be left in both parish houses if you are not able to get to Mass.**

Bookings for Weekend Masses can be made Monday -Friday between 09.30am—2.30pm for St Mary's on 463461 and for Sunday Mass bookings can be made Monday-Friday 11am-2pm for St John's on 07564903401. **You no longer have to book for weekday Masses, but you will still be asked to leave your contact details for our Track and Trace records when attending these Masses.** All Masses/Services will be livestreamed. **Please note that weekday masses are subject to change if there is a funeral.**

SUNDAY. Holy Hour livestreamed at 5.30pm-6.30pm

TUESDAY Gospel Reflection livestreamed at 7pm.

WEDNESDAY. A Talk on Gratitude with Fr Benjamin livestreamed at 7pm.

ST JOHN'S. Are urgently looking for more cleaners to help out after the weekday Masses in line with Government Guidelines.

STANDING ORDERS. Thank you to those who have started paying by Standing Order. If you are a taxpayer and would like to Gift-aid your donation please contact the parish office or Canon Martin to fill out a Gift Aid Declaration Form. If you have already filled out a Declaration Form in the past and your circumstances have changed please also let us know.

FEAST OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL. Vigil Mass Monday 7pm and Tuesday 11am in St John's and Tuesday 9.30am and 7pm in St Mary's. Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR PETER'S PENCE. Will be taken up over the next few weekends.

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Anniversaries: Martin Bell, Janet Collins and Peter Reilly (3rd).

Recently deceased: Millie Ferguson, James Carson (Ireland), Hugh O'Neil, Lily Barrett (Glasgow) and Fr Louis Mendy Cssp.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Fourteenth Sunday of Year B— Ezekiel 2:2-5; Psalm 122; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

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

Father's Day Remembrance: Graham Kane and Andrew Murchie.

Those who have an anniversary: Martin Bell, Janet Collins and Peter Reilly (3rd), Jim Moffat, Jim Taylor, Margaret Taylor (1st), Brian Murray (1st), Harry Boyle, Joe McKeever, Elizabeth Murchie, Jean Paton and John & Moira Gowrie.

Those who have died recently: Millie Ferguson, James Carson (Ireland), Hugh O'Neil, Lily Barrett (Glasgow), Fr Louis Mendy Cssp, Claire Walsh, Mr B McDonald (Northern Ireland), Jim Feeney and Thomas Harkins.

CONGRATULATIONS. To Angie & Billy Slater who are celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary (60 years).

SACRAMENTS. The final First Communion Mass will take place today (Sunday) at 4pm for those who were disappointed and isolating last Sunday. I take this opportunity to thank those in our schools for their help in the preparation and celebration of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Thanks also to our parishioners who have helped with booking, stewarding, music, reading and cleaning. This year there will have been seven services for First Reconciliation and ten Masses First Eucharist because of social distancing. Thanks to everyone including Sr Ursula and Sr Marie Monique and congratulations to all our Candidates. It is hoped that the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated around September / October this year.

ADVERTISING IN THE PARISH BULLETIN. We have a few spaces available on our advertising page. If you would like a space please contact Lorna in the parish office. The cost for advertising is £75 for 6 months and £150 for 12 months.

DIOCESE OF GALLOWAY NEWS. The digital Summer Edition is available on the parish website. If you would like a paper copy please contact the parish office.

HALLKEEPERS. We are looking for a hall keeper for both St Mary's and St John's Church halls. If you are interested please contact the parish office or Canon Martin.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR PARISH VOLUNTEERS. When we resume normal worship and return to parish ministries, it will be necessary for *all* parish volunteers who work with children and vulnerable adults to complete their second Safeguarding Induction Training session, if they require a PVG to carry out their ministries. It is possible to do this training online and to book a place please visit www.gallowaydiocese.org.uk/safeguarding-calendar. If you are unsure whether you need to attend, please contact your Parish Safeguarding Coordinator. Thank you for your commitment to your parishes. **All stewards and those between 16 and 18 years who wish to assist with cleaning in St Mary's must undergo training and complete a volunteer application form. The relevant training and recruitment guidance can be downloaded at Roman Catholic Bishops' Conference of Scotland > COVID-19 > COVID Resources (bcos.org.uk). Application forms, if you have not already completed one, are available by contacting the parish office.**

MONTHLY SAFEGUARDING BULLETIN. Issue 5 Can be found on our parish website or if you would like a paper copy please contact the parish office.

ST. MARY'S WEEKLY ENVELOPES. Are still available from the parish office. And can be returned to the parish house if you are unable to get to Church.

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY - IRVINE AND THREE TOWNS DEBT CENTRE. Are a Christian Organisation that helps people struggling with personal debt issues to begin a journey out of debt. This service is free and they can see clients face to face at the Connexions centre, Irvine or at any office location where strict health & safety guidelines are being met. To use us the first step is for a client to call our freephone number which is 0800 328 0006. Poster on church noticeboards for more information.

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

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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.

'If I can touch, even his clothes,' she had told herself, 'I shall be well again.' She was a woman rejected by society. It is important to consider this condition — of being rejected — in order to understand the state of her soul: she feels that Jesus can free her from disease and from the state of marginalization and indignity in which, for years, she has had to live. In one word: she knows, she feels that Jesus can save her. **Pope Francis**

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE. *The beauty of marriage. Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.*

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: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. To be—for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying. Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover. **The Word of the Lord**

PSALM

R/ I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **R/**
2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **R/**
3. The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing, O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **R/**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7.9. 13-15

You always have the most of everything—of faith, of eloquence of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection—so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much has non too much, the man who gathered little did not go short. **The Word of the Lord**



Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life." Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him: they were pressing all round him.

Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she had spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. "If I can touch even his clothes," she had told herself, "I shall be well again." And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" His disciples said to him, "You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, 'Who touched me'" But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. "My daughter" he said, "your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint." While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, "Your daughter is dead; why put the Master to any further trouble?" But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, "Do not be afraid; only have faith." And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep." But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand to said to her, "Talitha, kum!" which means, "Little girl, I tell you to get up." The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them go give her something to eat.

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

The first reading from the book of Wisdom reminds us that we have been formed in "the image of God's own nature." How does this impact your understanding of God and your understanding of humanity?

The psalmist praises God, "You have rescued me." How have you experienced God's saving action in your own life?

St Paul lists several areas of "having the most of everything" to the Corinthians, faith, understanding, keenness and affection. Which one of these do you feel most comfortable with? Which are you being called to grow in?

In the Gospel, Jesus tells Jairus, "Do not be afraid; only have faith." Where is fear impacting your ability to trust in God?

***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.**

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