



St John the Evangelist
Stevenson

24th October 2021 Thirtieth Sunday of 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	6pm Reception William Dolan	10am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)
Wednesday	10am Funeral Mass William Dolan	—————	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

MONDAY. Gospel Reflection live streamed at **2pm on Monday**. Meetings will be suspended during the Sycamore Courses.

TUESDAY. Rosary will take place in St John's at 7pm during the month of October.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: WHAT IS A SYNOD? 'Synod' is an ancient word in the Tradition of the Church. The concept of 'synod' is evident from the earliest days of the Catholic Church, for example the Jerusalem 'Council' described in Acts 15. For the first time, Pope Francis is inviting all baptised people to participate in a synod on synodality, called For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission. Over the coming months, you will hear the words 'synod' and 'synodality' regularly. Essentially, a synod is a meeting or assembly of the Church to prayerfully contemplate and discern the path forward, guided by the Holy Spirit. Synodality means journeying together in a prayerful way. Bishop Nolan has produced a video to invite all of us to participate in the Synod on Synodality. He tells us that "Pope Francis asks that we have the courage to speak out, to voice our opinions, but also that we have humility - the humility to listen...to other viewpoints, the humility to be open to change our minds". We will do this through prayerful encounters which will be facilitated by people who have been trained for this role. The video can be seen at gallowaydiocese.org.uk/synod, or at the dedicated Facebook page <https://fb.me/gallowaysynod>.

SYCAMORE COURSE. Bishop Nolan has invited the diocese to come together to discern the will of God in the way we take forward our faith and Catholic Christian witness after the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic. It is a call and an opportunity for the whole diocesan family to pray, reflect and support one another whilst respecting our diversity. The Sycamore Course offers a pastoral response through building faith, prayer, mission and community. If interested please contact your parish Co-Ordinator; Julie Breen Tel: 07877741739 or email jmtbreen@aol.com for St Mary's and Tricia Monaghan Tel: 07778660712 or email pmonagh25@gmail.com for St John's. **The next session 'The Gift of Faith'** will take place tomorrow (Monday) 7pm-8:30pm in St John's parish hall and Tuesday 1pm-2pm in St Mary's parish hall. All welcome. **The Youth Ministry Office** invites all young people (upto 26yrs) to join them in their 6 week sessions on Sunday's from 6pm-8pm in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr. More information can be found on our website or contact youth@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or visit their facebook page.

Please remember the following deaths in your prayers

William Dolan RIP — Vigil Reception will take place in St John's on Tuesday at 6pm.

Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday at 10am followed by burial in High Road Cemetery

Bernadette Christian RIP—Graveside Service will take place in High Road Cemetery on Wednesday at 2pm.

+May they rest in peace+

MISSION SUNDAY. Special Collection will be taken up over the next few weeks.

Parishes of the RC Diocese of Galloway Charity Registration No: SCO10576

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Birthday Intention

Anniversaries: Stephen (Tiney) Brennan, Charlie Conti, George Lafferty, Sarah Murray, James McCann, Ellen & Gordon Morton (1st), Bobby Fleming, Patrick (Pat) McMenamin and John McCann.

Recently deceased: William Dolan, Rosemary Duncan, Constance O'Hare, Bernadette Christian, Maureen Agnew and Janet Reilly.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: 31st Sunday of Year B— Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Psalm 17; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28-34

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

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

Birthday Intention

Those who have an anniversary: Stephen (Tiney) Brennan, Charlie Conti, George Lafferty, Sarah Murray, James McCann, Ellen & Gordon Morton (1st), Bobby Fleming, Patrick (Pat) McMenamin, John McCann, Hamish Fraser (35yrs), Monica Anne Taylor, Jimmy Crawford, Ellen Murphy, Joe Coleman and Francis & Josephine Morrison.

Those who have died recently: William Dolan, Rosemary Duncan, Constance O'Hare, Bernadette Christian, Maureen Agnew, Janet Reilly, June Piacentini, John Slater, Tony King, Kay Fletcher, Ian Hastings, Ian Robertson, William Fraser, Harriet Roe (Glasgow), Frank Roxburgh, Annie Nolan, Seamus Boyle, Miriam Graham, Annette O'Dea, Sr Dorothee (SPC—Thailand), David Munn and Fr Joe Holmes.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS. Lists are available for our deceased relatives and friends during the month of November. Please hand them into St Mary's parish office or St John's Sacristy where they will be placed on the Altar during this month. Those included on the list will be remembered in masses in both churches as well as Canon Matt and Fr McCabe in Cape Town.

CHANA. The Lunch Club meets in the Kirkgate every Friday.

ST JOHN'S YOUTH CLUB. If anyone is interested in becoming a Leader for the group please contact Canon Martin.

ST JOHNS HALL COMMITTEE. Are holding a Christmas craft fair in St John's Church hall on Sunday 5th December 12.30 - 3pm. Tables are £10 each and are limited so book early by contacting Michael on 07813650411 or any member of the hall committee.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2022. Has been postponed until 2023. You can find more information from Bishop Nolan on the parish noticeboards and website.

SUNDAY TEAS. Why not pop into the parish halls after Mass for a cuppa and a chat. Current restrictions are still in place, ie, track and trace and face coverings will need to be worn inside hall when moving around. **Volunteers required for St John's.**

"IN GOD'S IMAGE VERSION 2. Following changes to legislation and a 9 month period of consultation and reflection, the Safeguarding instruction of the Scottish Catholic Church has been revised and is now available for download, either by visiting bcos.org.uk/InGodsImageV2, or by scanning the QR code on the poster at the back of the church. This new document replaces the previous version. It is important that everyone with Safeguarding responsibilities in our parish communities has a copy of IGIv2. If you are unable to download a copy, please contact the diocesan office who will be able to assist.

SPUC SCOTLAND. Annual Torchlight Procession. This coming Thursday, to remember the lives lost from abortion over the last 54 years. Gathering at George Square, Glasgow, from 6pm, Rosary will commence at 6.30pm followed by the procession at 7pm to St Andrew's Cathedral, where Mass will begin at 7.30pm. All are welcome. For further information, please contact SPUC Scotland on 0141 221 2094.

CHURCH STALLS. Hopefully will open soon. Help required for St. John's Stall. **St. Mary's Stall:** If anyone wishes to place an order for Christmas please contact Maureen Moffat.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR PARISH VOLUNTEERS. All parish volunteers who work with children and vulnerable adults need 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.

YOGA FOR REST AND RELAXATION. Will take place on Saturday 6th November from 1pm-3pm in St John's hall. It will be an opportunity to slow down and find a little ease in the body. Tea & snacks available after till 3.30pm. Also a goodie bag to take home. To book a place please go to the website, www.threetownsyoga.com or email at threetownsyoga@gmail.com and also call 07470435735

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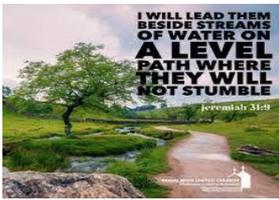
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ST. JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP. Welcome musicians to join them. If interested please contact Bernadette on 07983 803 222.

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: Jeremiah 31:7-9

The Lord says this: Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout: “The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel!” See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son. **The Word of the Lord.**

PSALM 125

R/ What marvels the Lord worked for us. Indeed we were glad.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R/**
2. The heathens themselves said: “What marvels the Lord worked for them!” What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R/**
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R/**
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **R/**

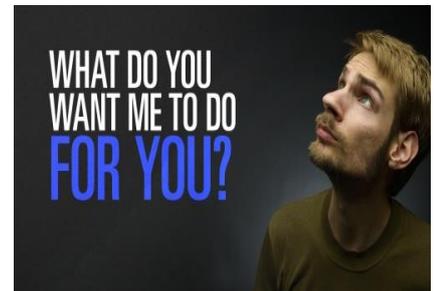
Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one take this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, “Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.” And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, “Son of David, have pity on me.” Jesus stopped and said, “Call him here.” So they called the blind man, “Courage,” they said “get up; he is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, “What do you want me to do for you?” “Rabbuni,” the blind man said to him “Master, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has saved you.” And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.



PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

- Today’s psalm tells us, “Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.” How have you experienced this in your life?*
- The letter to the Hebrews says that a “high priest he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain.” How do you treat others with compassion, especially those you disagree with?*
- The disciples tell Bartimaeus, “Courage; get up; he is calling you.” How have you experienced the call of Jesus in your life?*
- Where are you in need of courage at this moment on your journey of faith?*

COP26 - Delegates Mass. A Celebration of Mass during COP26, Glasgow for Conference Delegates, Visitors to Glasgow and the Faithful of Scotland will take place on Sunday 7th November at 1pm in St Aloysius’ Church, Glasgow. Places must be booked on Eventbrite in order to attend. To register a place visit bit.ly/MassCop26. Registration opens today (Sunday) at 3pm.

“LAUDATO SI’, mi’ Signore” – “Praise be to you, my Lord”. In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. “Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs”. This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her. We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will. The violence present in our hearts, wounded by sin, is also reflected in the symptoms of sickness evident in the soil, in the water, in the air and in all forms of life.

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions - October- Missionary Disciples. We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

In the end, Bartimaeus follows Jesus on his path. He did not only regain his sight, but he joined the community of those who walk with Jesus... Let us follow the path that the Lord desires. Let us ask him to turn to us with his healing and saving gaze, which knows how to radiate light, as it recalls the splendour which illuminates it. Never allowing ourselves to be tarnished by pessimism or sin, let us seek and look upon the glory of God, which shines forth in men and women who are fully alive. **Pope Francis**

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