



St John the Evangelist
Stevenson

17th October 2021

Twenty Ninth 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	_____	10am Mass (L)	10am Funeral Mass (L) William Boyd
Wednesday	10am Funeral Mass Seamus Boyle (L)	_____	10am Mass (L)
Thursday	10am Funeral Mass Annie Nolan (L)	10am Funeral Mass Ian Hastings	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.

COP26 - Global Justice. Climate change is also an ongoing threat to poverty reduction, and it will intensify in coming years. New analyses for this report estimate that climate change will drive 68 million to 135 million into poverty by 2030. Climate change is a particularly grave threat for countries of SubSaharan Africa and South Asia — the regions where most of the global poor are concentrated. The impacts of climate change can also include higher food prices, deteriorating health conditions, and exposure to disasters, such as floods, that affect both the poor and the general population. Especially for the poorest small countries, climate change is perhaps the most vexing challenge, and the problem is not of those countries' making. Human-induced rises in global temperatures and sea levels are almost entirely a product of levels of energy use by high-income nations and large, rapidly growing middle-income countries. **The World Bank**

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 first session 'The Community of the Church'** 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 beginning next Sunday (24th) 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.

SYNOD. The Synod is meant to offer as many people as possible a truly synodal experience of listening to one another and walking forward together guided by the Holy Spirit. The Diocesan phase of the Synod is from October to April 2022 when consultation will be made among the parishes and deaneries.

Please remember the following deaths in your prayers

Seamus Boyle RIP—Funeral Mass will take place in St John's on Wednesday at 10am followed by burial in Hawkhill Cemetery

Annie Nolan RIP—Funeral Mass will take place in St John's on Thursday at 10am followed by Cremation in Holmsford Bridge

Ian Hastings RIP—Funeral Mass will take place in St Mary's on Thursday at 10am followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery

+May they rest in peace+

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Anniversaries: Hamish Fraser (35yrs), Monica Anne Taylor, Jimmy Crawford, Ellen Murphy, Joe Coleman and Francis & Josephine Morrison.

Recently deceased: June Piacentini, John Slater, Ian Hastings, David Munn, Annie Nolan, Seamus Boyle, Tony King and Kay Fletcher.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: 30th Sunday of Year B—
Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 125; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

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

Those who have an anniversary: Hamish Fraser (35yrs), Monica Anne Taylor, Jimmy Crawford, Ellen Murphy, Joe Coleman, Francis & Josephine Morrison, Pat McAvoy (1st) and Barry McKeever.

Those who have died recently: 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, Fr Joe Holmes (*Reception St Columba’s Annan on Thursday at 6pm, Requiem Mass St Andrew’s Dumfries on Friday at 11am*), Joseph Supasit Saenglimsuwan, Katherine Conwell and Isabel Alexander.

MISSION SUNDAY. Special Collection will be taken up from next weekend.

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. On Thursday 28th October, 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.

PILGRIMAGE OF HEALING & HOPE. Virtual Pilgrimage through the Holy Land with Mary Magdalene Directed by Kathleen Nichols, with Fr. Eamon Kelly, LC and the Magdala Team till 2nd November 2021. Pilgrimage October 2021 – Magdala Tourist Center. We embark on a new virtual adventure! This October we invite you to travel through the Holy Land on a pilgrimage of healing and hope, inspired by Mary Magdalene. Visiting the sites where Jesus healed from the comfort of your own home. There is no cost for the pilgrimage. Please register online : <https://youtu.be/7E2LbZ5G9IQ>

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.

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.

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

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: Isaiah 53:10-11

The Lord has been pleased to crush him with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done. His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

The Word of the Lord.



PSALM 32

R/ May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.
R/
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R/**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **R/**

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us, but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help. **The Word of the Lord**



Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. "Master," they said to him "we want you to do us a favour." he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" They said to him, "Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory." "You do not know what you are asking" Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?" They replied, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant: they belong to those to whom they have been allotted." When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that among the pagans, their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

The psalm says "The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love." How have you experienced God's justice in creation recently?

Today's psalm also proclaims, "Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield." In what areas of life are you in need of the Lord's help and protection?

The author of the letter to the Hebrews urges us to "to be confident in approaching the throne of grace." How do you pray with confidence?

Jesus tells the disciples, "The Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve." Who is a model of Christian servanthood in your 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 biblical tradition, the Son of Man is the one who receives from God "dominion, glory and kingship". Jesus fills this image with new meaning. He shows us that He enjoys dominion because He is a servant, glory because He is capable of abasement, kingship because He is fully prepared to lay down His life. By His passion and death, He takes the lowest place, attains the heights of grandeur in service and bestows this upon His Church" ...Pope Francis

COP 26 *Lord, open our hearts and minds as we pray. Give us the wisdom to listen, and strength to act. Today, we ask that COP26 will lead to a breakthrough for those facing the greatest impact from the climate crisis. May the voices of the most vulnerable be heard and may they know a sense of hope that only you can bring. Amen*

***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**

Neighbouring Parishes:

Father Duncan McVicar, St Peter's, Ardrossan 464063. Father Gerard Magee, St Winin's, Kilwinning 552276.

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