



St John the Evangelist
Stevenson

21st November 2021
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the
Universe—Solemnity 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 Mass (L)
Wednesday	10am Mass (L) 6pm Reception—Madge McGuire 7pm Mass for the Dead (L)		10am Mass (L)
Thursday	10am Funeral Mass Madge McGuire (L)	10am Mass 7pm Mass for the Dead (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 livestreamed at 7pm. Why not join us ?

SYNOD TOPIC TWO - LISTENING. The first step in walking together is to really listen to one another, without prejudice or personal agenda. When we can listen like this, we may hear God's voice speaking to us through other people. You are invited to consider the following questions: How well do we listen, especially to people who have different views than our own? How can we better listen to young people, women and minority groups? Fr. Stephen Latham has created a short video reflection, which is available at gallowaydiocese.org.uk/synod-news, or at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=97UCeiWckHU>, to help you consider these questions. Please discuss them with your family members, and email the diocesan team at synod@gallowaydiocese.org.uk with any responses which you would like to share with us. If you wish to discuss these questions with people who no longer attend church or who have fallen away from their faith, this will be very welcome and should be done with the aim of listening to what they have to say, without seeking to try and make them understand your own point of view. The diocesan team will be pleased to receive all feedback on these questions, which will also be addressed during parish synod encounters in the coming weeks.

The Synod Co-ordinators for our parishes will be Danny Murray and Mary Theresa Russell for St John's and Peter Timmons and Margaret Millar for St Mary's. Details of the consultations will be provided soon.

MASS FOR ALL OUR DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS. The Annual Parish Mass for all our deceased relatives and friends and all members of both Parish Communities will take place in St John's on Wednesday (24th) at 7pm and St Mary's on Thursday (25th) at 7pm.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS. You can still hand your lists 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.

Please remember the following death in your prayers

Madge McGuire RIP—Reception will take place in St John's on Wednesday at 6pm. Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday at 10am followed by burial in High Road Cemetery.
+May she rest in peace+

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION. Is now being collected and for the next few weeks.

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Anniversaries: Burns family, Fitzpatrick family, Catherine Pllu, Kathleen Poland, John Maxwell, Hannah Kirk,

Recently deceased: Michael McGrail, Peter Butterly, Madge McGuire, Mr T. Ross

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: First Sunday of Advent Year C: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 24; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

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

RIP Birthday: Michael Boyd

Those who have an anniversary: Burns family, Fitzpatrick family, Catherine Pllu, Kathleen Poland, John Maxwell, Hannah Kirk, Amedeo Badialli, Sharon Lafferty, Cyril Martin Dorrian, John Maxwell, Setti Cavani, Jack Gartland, Billy Cassidy and Margaret Martin.

Those who have died recently: Michael McGrail, Peter Butterly, Madge McGuire, Mr T. Ross, Alison Reid and Danny Brown.

THANK YOU. To Julie Breen and Tricia Monaghan for leading the Sycamore Programme in our parishes. We hope the next stage will take place over a 6 week period starting just before Lent next year.

NEW WEEKLY COLLECTION ENVELOPES. Are available at St John's. If you wish to pay your collection through the bank or gift aid your donation (if you pay tax) there are forms available in the Church.

ARDROSSAN CEMETERY MASS. Sunday 28th November at 2pm.

PRISONERS WEEK. Please remember all who are in prison, their families and victims of crime during this week.

2022 PARISH DIARIES. Are now available for £1 from both church stalls.

THE CARDINAL WINNING LECTURE. Will take place next Saturday (27th) 2021 from 11.15am until 12.30pm. For more information and to register for this event please see poster on noticeboards or on the parish website.

THE WAYSIDE CLUB. Are unable to visit this year but we hope to send items to them at the beginning of December. As usual hats, scarves, etc will be welcome but must be unused and financial donations are welcome. Please hand donations into St John's house or the parish office.

SPRED. Mass will be celebrated on 12th December at 2pm in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr. All welcome. We would like you to be involved in our upcoming Mass as much as you feel able. If you have any special memories of your time in SPRED, and would like to share them, then please send them into the SPRED office before 25th November or email [Email Annie.Stevens@spredgalloway.org.uk](mailto:EmailAnnie.Stevens@spredgalloway.org.uk). This could be a picture, or a photograph, a song, or a piece of writing. It doesn't have to be big, just something that describes what SPRED means to you, or a special memory. These can then be collected together and displayed on 12th December.

ST ANTHONY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL. Will be holding a Christmas Fayre on Friday 10th December 2021 at St Peter's Church from 3:30pm - 5:30pm. Tables are £20 each. Please contact the school office on 01294 468559.

52ND AYRSHIRE / 1ST SALTCOATS SCOUT GROUP—A PLEA FOR HELP. We find ourselves in a position where we need YOUR help desperately so that Scouting can continue here in Saltcoats. We need people to work with the young people in the Beavers (aged 6 – 8), the Cubs (aged 8 – 10 ½) and the Scouts (aged 10 ½ - 14). We also need someone to manage the group, someone who would support the leaders. If you think you can help in any way please get in touch with Pat Campbell 01563 526325 or Margaret Craik 07747770687. Please see poster in church and parish hall noticeboard and parish website for more information.

NOVEMBER 2021 ISSUE OF SAFEGUARDING BULLETIN. Copies are available from the parish office or website.

CHANA—Donations of Christmas Gifts. Are teaming up with the charity Night before Christmas (NB4CC) to provide those who are homeless and being supported by North Ayrshire Council a Christmas present. Last year we donated £790, not counting the direct donations. We would be delighted if people would contribute to this charity. This can be done by visiting NB4CC's "Justgiving" page <https://www.justgiving.com/nb4cc> or putting your donation in an envelope marked "NB4CC" in the church collection". **The Lunch Club meets in the Kirkgate every Friday.**

ST JOHNS HALL COMMITTEE. Are looking for donations for our bottle stall, new items for tombola stall and some home baking for our teas and coffees. All items can be handed into the church or the hall before or after mass on any Sunday. We are also looking for some volunteers to help with the teas and coffees at the fayre on the 5th December, if you could please let a member of the hall committee know if you are able to help. If you need items picked up or some more information can you contact Brenda Robertson 07812758415; Lorna Walker 07833347035 or Michael Lafferty 07813650411.

“IN GOD’S IMAGE VERSION 2. 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. 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.

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

FOODBANK STEVENSTON. St John's Hall from 4pm to 5pm on Wednesdays.

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First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was lead into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, gory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed. **The Word of the Lord**

PSALM 92

R/ The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed

1. The Lord is king with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power. **R/**
2. The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **R/**
3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time. **R/**

Second Reading: Apocalypse 1:5-8

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega" says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel: John 18:33-37

"Are you the king of the Jews?" Pilate asked. Jesus replied, "Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?" Jesus replied, "Mine is not a kingdom of this world, if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind." "So you are a king then?" said Pilate. "It is you who say it" answered Jesus. "Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice."



PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

Today is the last Sunday before beginning the new liturgical year. What have been your spiritual triumphs and struggles this past year?

Next Sunday we enter into the season of Advent. What Advent practices are you planning to embrace as you prepare for Christmas?

Jesus tells Pilate, "and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice." What role does a commitment to truth have in your spiritual life?

On this feast of Christ the King of the Universe, how is your life affected by living it under the kingship of Jesus?

MASS WITH THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK. Has not been possible this year but if anyone would like the Sacrament of the Sick please let a member of the St Vincent de Paul, the parish office or one of the priests have your name and contact number

SCIAF REAL GIFTS. Please keep in mind their Real Gifts Appeal as a Christmas present this year. Please see parish websites or visit SCIAF's website for more information.

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 will see clients face to face at the Connexions centre, Irvine or at any office location. Please call our freephone number which is 0800 328 0006.

Contrast the two Kingdoms. The kingdoms of this world at times are sustained by arrogance, rivalries and oppression; the reign of Christ is a "kingdom of justice, love and peace".

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for November - We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

***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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