



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

7th September 2025 Twenty Third Sunday of Year C

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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 with P7 Pupils from St Anthony's PS 5pm Prayers of Reception John McGlynn	10am Mass (L)
Wednesday	10am Eucharistic Service	10am Funeral Mass (L) John McGlynn	10am Mass (L)
Thursday	_____	10am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)
Friday	10am Mass (L)	_____	10am Mass (L)
Saturday	_____	4.30pm Mass (L)	5.30pm Mass (L)
Sunday	11.30am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)	10.30am Mass (L)

L = LIVESTREAMED

GOSPEL REFLECTION. Tuesday at 2pm but can be viewed on You Tube any time after the livestream. We reflect on the readings for the following Sunday Mass.

EXPOSITION: St Mary's—Tuesday 9.30am-9.45am. St John's—Friday at 10.30am-11am.

RECONCILIATION: St Mary's Saturday 3.45pm—4.15pm. St John's Saturday 10.30am-11am.

Please remember the following in your prayers

John McGlynn RIP

Dusty Millar RIP

John's Prayers of Reception will take place in St Mary's on Tuesday at 5pm.

Funeral Mass on Wednesday 10am. Followed by cremation in Holmsford Bridge Crematorium, Dreghorn.

Dusty's Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place in St Mary's on Tuesday 23rd September at 10am.

Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery

+May they rest in peace+

RETIRED PRIESTS—SPECIAL COLLECTION. Will take place at all masses next weekend. Gift Aid Envelopes available

Pope Leo's Prayer Intentions for September- For our relationship with all of creation. Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect. See the video - <https://thepopevideo.org/>

ST JOHN'S SUMMER FETE. Takes place today, all welcome

**THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE
BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:**

RIP Birthday Intentions: John Mitchell and Rosemary Smith.

Anniversaries: Mary Conti, Matt Lunardi and Tommy Kirk.

Recently deceased: John McGlynn, Dusty Millar, John Hughes, Alan Mousley and Jennifer Williams

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: *Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross -Year C; Numbers 21:4b-9; Psalm 78; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17*

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE
FOLLOWING PEOPLE:**

For all the sick in our parishes.

RIP Birthday Intentions: John Mitchell and Rosemary Smith.

Those who have an anniversary: Mary Conti, Matt Lunardi, Tommy Kirk. Johnny Quinn, Tommy McFarlane, Michael Pollock and James O'Meara

Those who have died recently: Dusty Millar, John Hughes, Jennifer Williams, Danny Dorrans, John McGlynn, Stephen Grimes, Elizabeth Sinclair, Kathleen McCallum, Sam McGrady, Christopher Adams, Alan Mousley, Paul Johnstone (Kings Park), Arthur Breslin, Pauline Lowell (Glasgow), Bishop Timothy Yoa and Ken McAulay.

GOOD WISHES. To Shaun Harnett and Amber Louise Rankin who are to be married in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr this week.

WELCOME. To Peter Sharp who joins us for pastoral experience as part of his training to become a permanent Deacon.

300 CLUB. Congratulations to the winners of the August draw. No 270—J. Mitchell £30 and No 58—B. Boylan £20.

ECUADOR TRUST 200 CLUB. June - Ann McDaid; July - James Connelly (HCPT) and August - Helen Coyne

ST. JOHN'S HALL COMMITTEE – TREASURER NEEDED. The Hall Committee is seeking a volunteer to take on the role of Treasurer. If you are interested in helping out or would like more information, please have a chat with Canon Martin or a member of the Hall Committee.

JUBILEE EVENT. The parishes of North Ayrshire (St Mary's Deanery) will be joined by people from across the Diocese for our event marking 2025 as a Jubilee under the theme "Pilgrims of Hope". Next Sunday (14th) - the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross - we will walk from St John's Church Stevenston to St Peter's Ardrossan on a Pilgrims of Hope walk and then have a picnic for individuals, groups & families on the grass directly in front of St Peter's (near the HMS Dasher memorial). Those unable to walk the whole distance can choose to walk from St Mary's Saltcoats, or even just meet the 'Pilgrims' at St Peter's. After the picnic we will gather in St Peter's Church for a short service and celebration. Should the weather prove too poor to picnic outside we will 'picnic' in St Peter's Hall instead. Please keep the date and start making your plans for the day. Timings are 2:30pm at St John's, 3:15pm at St Mary's with the closing liturgy starting at 5pm in St Peter's Church. All very welcome, please bring your own picnic and come equipped for the weather on the day.

2025 CENTENARY PILGRIMAGE FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF THE VENERABLE MARGARET SINCLAIR. Will take place on Sunday 21st September from 12.30pm-6pm at St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1NA. 12.30pm-1.30pm—Refreshments and sale of candles/goods; 1.30pm-2.30pm—Holy Hour; 3pm-4pm—Reflection; 4.30pm—Holy Mass concelebrated with Archbishop Cushley. Confessions available all day.

ECUADOR TRUST GALA. Will take place on Friday 31st October 2025 at 7pm-Midnight in Christ the King Church Hall, 220 Carmunnock Road, Glasgow, G44 5AP. Tickets are £35 which includes a 3 course meal, please call 07983 803 222.

YOUNG ADULTS (\$5-30) EVENINGS. The next Young Adults evening takes place in St Joseph's, Kilmarnock (KA3 1HB) on Sunday 14th September when Sr Placida McCann will be joining the group to talk about the Missionary Church and her experience as a Missionary in Africa. The evening begins with Mass at 6.00 pm following which Sr Placida will speak in the hall from 6.30 pm.

NATIONAL YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS PILGRIMAGE. Join Youth and Young Adults from across Scotland for the annual National Youth Pilgrimage on Saturday 20th September. This year, they'll be gathering in Perth where they'll be talking about the Reformation and the Nicene Creed. In Perth, the group will be split into Youth and Young Adults with content delivered according to age. Free transport is available, but please register to secure your place by going to: youth.rcdg.org.uk and clicking 'National Youth Pilgrimage'.

200 CLUB. Are you passionate about supporting youth and young adults ministry in Galloway? The Youth Office runs events across the Diocese to help young people grow in faith and friendship to come to know and love God through like minded groups. To help continue to run and grow these events, as well as supporting participation for disadvantaged persons, they're launching a new 200 Club. For £5 a month you can help support their work and win cash prizes. For details, and to register, go to: youth.rcdg.org.uk/200-club

GALLOWAY DIOCESAN CHOIR. The Diocesan Choir is looking to recruit new members who enjoy singing as part of a group and are committed to the enhancement of the liturgy through music. This four-part choir has been in existence in its present form for 25 years. They lead the music at diocesan events at least twice a year, and the rehearsal period runs from September to March (with a break in December/January). Rehearsals take place in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr on Wednesday evenings from 7.15 pm until about 8.45 pm. If you are Interested in joining them or would like more information please contact: David Robinson at david.robinson.mj@gmail.com or on 07714 340854.

ST MARY'S AND ST JOHN'S SUNDAY TEAS. After Sunday Masses. **Not in St John's this week**

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

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

SOUP AND CHAT. Will return to St Mary's this coming Wednesday from 11.30am-1.30pm.

JUSTICE & PEACE SCOTLAND NEWSLETTER. Is now available. It highlights a summer of powerful advocacy with gatherings at Faslane and Dungavel, and important campaigns and forthcoming events – including the Red Line For Gaza - you are encouraged to support. Find it at www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk

SVDP. Please call 07379400568 for St Mary's. Please call 07498501326 for St John's. Please call 07825726904 for St Peter's.

A CALL TO PRAYER AND PUBLIC WITNESS FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND. Churches across Britain are asked to pray for peace on Sunday 21st September, coinciding with UN World Peace Day and the global call to prayer from the World Council of Churches. For more information contact office@friendsoftheholyland.org.uk

ST JOHN'S SVDP. Are collecting non perishable food for the Crisis Bags. **FOODBANK STEVENSTON.** 07437 521 930.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED. North Korean defector shares his remarkable story of survival, courage, and hope this coming Wednesday, St Joseph's Church Hall, Clarkston, 7pm – 9pm. Free event. Hear the powerful testimony of a Christian who escaped the brutal regime in North Korea. Reserve your ticket at www.trybooking.com/uk/FDYV. For more information, please contact the ACN Scotland office at scotland@acnuk.org or call 01698 337 470

MONEY SMART. Welfare Rights Advice—North Ayrshire Council 01294 310000 (Option 1) or email moneysmart@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO PRIESTHOOD? If you sense a vocation to be a Priest and would like support to discern this call, please contact Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Stephen McGrattan, at vocations@rcdg.org.uk or 01563 521832.

R.C.I.A. Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or joining the Church should contact the parish office or Canon Martin and register for the programme.

PARISH HALLS. To book any of our halls please call the Parish Office on 463461 for St Mary's and Michael Lafferty on 07813650411 for St John's. Please note a booking form has to be completed to confirm your booking.



GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33

At that time: Great crowds accompanied Jesus, and he turned and said to them, 'If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother, and wife and children, and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the costs, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, "This man began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.'

PROMPTS FOR FAITH SHARING

- Have you ever had a disagreement with someone you love about how to be a Christian? How did you approach this difference? Did you reconcile the situation?
- What is the hardest part about following Christ?
- Do you ever "plan" your methods of being a better Christian? What does this mean to you? How might you plan your own spiritual improvement?
- Read over the psalm. What emotions does it bring up in you?

For Sudan Pope Leo XIV launched an appeal to the international community to provide humanitarian aid for the suffering people in war-ravaged Sudan, and asks for prayers for those affected by devastating mudslides in the country's Darfur region. "Dramatic news is coming out of Sudan, particularly from Darfur. In El Fasher, numerous civilians are trapped in the city, victims of famine and violence," Pope Leo XIV said during his General Audience on Wednesday. The Pope called for a humanitarian response for the hundreds of thousands of suffering people there. **Vatican News.**

COST OF LIVING CRISIS. Funds currently available to assist St Mary's parishioners who need help to cope with rising energy and food costs. Need assistance, please phone 07379 400 568. All contacts will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

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

The Bible and Catechism in a Year Podcast with Fr Mike Schmitz. This podcast can be found on YouTube or on your podcast app. The Bible in 10 minutes video can be found on www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jm3b4Q98vx8

***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 Parish:

Father Duncan McVicar, St Peter's, Ardrossan 464063.

Going into Hospital? Ask Canon Poland for the Anointing of the Sick before you are admitted.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY: The hospital chaplains of Crosshouse and Ayr Hospitals are pleased to visit patients on request. For general visiting in Crosshouse Hospital please contact Fr Stephen McGrattan at stephen.mcgrattan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or on 01563 521832. For general visiting in Ayr Hospital please contact Fr Benjamin Mkeri at benjamin.mkeri@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or on 01655 882145. For the urgent or emergency assistance of a chaplain please ask the hospital staff to page the priest on call.

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS - MISSION STATEMENT

The Catholic Church in Scotland is concerned with the lives, safety, wholeness and well-being of each individual person within God's purpose for everyone. It seeks to safeguard the welfare of people of all ages who are involved in whatever capacity with the Church and its organisations. As a Church community, we accept that it is the responsibility of all of us, ordained, professed, paid and voluntary members, to work together to prevent the physical, sexual, emotional abuse or neglect of children, young people and vulnerable adults.

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