



St John the Evangelist  
Stevenston

# 12th October 2025 Twenty Eighth Sunday of Year C

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Saltcoats

| Day       | St John's                | St Mary's                | St Peter's       |
|-----------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Monday    | _____                    | _____                    | 10am Mass (L)    |
| Tuesday   | _____                    | 10am Eucharistic Service | 10am Mass (L)    |
| Wednesday | 10am Eucharistic Service | _____                    | 10am Mass (L)    |
| Thursday  | _____                    | 10am Eucharistic Service | 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**

**EXPOSITION:** St Mary's—Tuesday 9.30am-10am.

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

**ROSARY:** In St John's at 7pm every Tuesday during October.

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

**CONFLICT IN THE HOLY LAND** - Thank you to all those who attended the meeting in St Mary's Hall, last Sunday. A packed hall heard first hand about the dire situation facing people in Gaza and the West Bank not only currently but over many years. We also remembered those who died on 7th October 2023, their families and those who were taken hostage. A collection raised £595 for Medical Aid to Palestinians.

**WELCOME NEWS.** The Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa has welcomed with joy the announcement of an agreement that foresees a cessation of attacks in the Gaza Strip and the immediate release of hostages and Palestinian prisoners. **Vatican News**

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY—19TH OCTOBER.** Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday when we are called by Pope Leo to be "Missionaries of Hope". We can do this by being part of the Church's missionary efforts, supporting missionary priests, religious sisters and brothers, and lay catechists who provide hope to those most in need. Let us pray for the Church's missionary work and offer our financial support through Missio Scotland for our Catholic brothers and sisters in mission countries.

*Please remember Elizabeth in your prayers*

**Elizabeth (Libby) McKinnon RIP**

Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 22nd October at 10am in St Mary's.

Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery.

*+May she rest in peace+*

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

**Special Intentions for parish community**

**Anniversary:** Barry McKeever, Seamus Boyle,

**Recently deceased:** Chris Spence (Glasgow), Alex Menzies, Elizabeth (Libby) McKinnon (McCann), Peter McCourt, Mark Tarbet, Allison (Trayner) (Ayr) - *(Funeral Mass in St. Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr this Tuesday at 10am).*

*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: *Twenty Ninth Sunday—Year C; Exodus 17:8-13; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8***

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

**For all the sick in our parishes.**

**Special Intentions for parish community**

**Those who have an anniversary:** Barry McKeever, Seamus Boyle, Ann Lafferty, Bill Hazelton and Sean Pentleton.

**Those who have died recently:** Chris Spence (Glasgow), Alex Menzies, Elizabeth (Libby) McKinnon (McCann), Peter McCourt, Mark Tarbet, Agnes McCann (Houston), Joe Callaghan (Edinburgh), Mary Byars, Phia Allison (Trayner) (Ayr) - *(Funeral Mass in St. Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr this Tuesday at 10am)*, Philomena McKee, Margaret Nolan (Wishaw), Maureen Anne Robinson and Dusty Millar.

**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.

**THANK YOU.** Mary Burnett and Margaret McCreath would like to thank you all for donations received at their recent McMillan Coffee Morning. A wonderful £940 was raised.

**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 email: [ecuadortrust@gmail.com](mailto:ecuadortrust@gmail.com).

**YOUTH (P6-S4) EVENINGS.** Join Youth from across the cluster for their next monthly Youth Evening in St Peter's Ardrossan on Sunday 26th October. Open to all young people in P6-S4, and led by their S3 Junior Leaders, the evenings offer young people an opportunity to come together and to grow in friendship and faith through Mass, games, activities, pizza, and a talk. The theme this month is "Mary". The evening begins with Mass at 5pm, following which they'll continue in the Hall, finishing at 7pm. Interested? Save time on the night and complete a parental consent form on their website: [youth.rcdg.org.uk](http://youth.rcdg.org.uk). Travelling to the evening or want to stay to see what's happening? There's an area set aside for parents with tea, coffee, and biscuits provided. See you there!

**ADVENT YOUTH (P7-S4) RETREAT.** P7-S4? Join young people from across the Diocese for their Advent Retreat from 28th-30th November at Gowanbank (near Darvel). The weekend includes a range of outdoor activities, as well as games, talks, prayer and plenty of time to relax and get to know other young people from across the Diocese better – all led by the Youth Office team. For full details, and to register, go to: [youth.rcdg.org.uk](http://youth.rcdg.org.uk) and click on 'Advent Youth Retreat'.

**SUPPORTING YOUTH MINISTRY.** The Youth Office's new online store is now open for business! Go to [youth.rcdg.org.uk/shop](http://youth.rcdg.org.uk/shop) to get a range of different items including their 2026 Calendar featuring photos from all of their events this year, including the launch of their Youth Evenings in Ayr and Ardrossan. Order today for delivery in early November. Alternatively, email [youth@rcdg.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcdg.org.uk) for an order form. By buying these products you'll receive a great quality product and be helping to support youth ministry in the Diocese.

**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](http://youth.rcdg.org.uk/200-club)

**CHANA (Churches Homeless Action North Ayrshire).** If anyone has any suitcases in reasonable condition they could be donated to the Homeless Hostel in Ardrossan, 87 Princes Street, Ardrossan, KA22 8DQ. Thank you.

**ST MARY'S AND ST JOHN'S SUNDAY TEAS.** After Sunday Masses.

**SOUP AND CHAT.** St John's every Monday from 11.30am-1.30pm. St Mary's every Wednesday from 11.30am-1.30pm (No soup and chat this Wednesday)

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – ST JOHN'S HALL COMMITTEE EVENTS.**

**Wayside Club Visit** – Sunday 23rd November. We would be very grateful for donations of toiletries, raffle prizes, hats, scarves or gloves in support of this visit.

**Christmas Craft Fayre** – Sunday 30th November, 12:30pm. Join us in the church hall for our annual Christmas Craft Fayre. Tables available for crafters at £15 each. *Please note:* The hall committee is not responsible for items sold by stallholders. To book a table or for more details, please contact: Brenda – 07812758415, Lorna – 07833347035, Michael – 07813650411

**New Year's Eve Ceilidh** – Wednesday 31st December, 7:30pm–12:30am. Our Annual Ceilidh will be held in the church hall to raise funds for the Ukraine Appeal. Tickets: £15 each includes tea and coffee – (Please bring your own snacks) For tickets or more info, contact: Michael – 07813650411

**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](http://www.gallowaydiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy-and-gdpr)

**SVDP.** Please call 07379400568 for St Mary's. Please call 07498501326 for St John's. Please call 07825726904 for St Peter's  
**GALLOWAY DIOCESAN CHOIR.** Rehearsals take place in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr on Wednesday evenings from 7.15pm until about 8.45pm. 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 JOHN'S SVDP.** Are collecting non perishable food for the Crisis Bags. **FOODBANK STEVENSTON.** 07437 521 930.

**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.

**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. **Please note that St Mary's Parish Hall will be closed from Monday—Friday for maintenance work.**

**TRY A TASTE OF NATION DISH.** On Sunday 26th October following the 11.30am Mass in St. John's - dishes to sample from India, Nigeria, Philippines, Korea etc in the Church Hall. All welcome.



**GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.' When he saw them he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, 'Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' And he said to him, 'Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.'

**Practically a Pagan.** All but one: a Samaritan, a foreigner living on the fringes of the chosen people, practically a pagan! This man was not content with being healed by his faith, but brought that healing to completion by returning to express his gratitude for the gift received. He recognized in Jesus the true Priest, who raised him up and saved him, who can now set him on his way and accept him as one of his disciples. **Pope Francis.**

**PROMPTS FOR FAITH SHARING**

Have you ever forgotten to be thankful for something someone else did for you? What would happen if you reached out now?

Why do you think Jesus told the lepers to go to the priest, instead of healing them on the spot?

Have you ever, like Elisha, refused a gift of gratitude that someone was trying to give you? Why?

What is a situation in which the Lord revealed to you the saving power of his love?

**Pope Leo: Faith cannot be separated from love for the poor - his first Apostolic Exhortation, 4th October.** Taking up Francis' desire "that all Christians come to appreciate the close connection between Christ's love and his summons to care for the poor", Pope Leo XIV issued his first Apostolic Exhortation, "Dilexi te", "I have loved you", as a call to Christ's disciples "to recognise him in the poor and the suffering". **Vatican News**

**Pope Leo's Prayer Intentions for October - For collaboration between different religious traditions.** Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

**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](https://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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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