



St John the Evangelist  
Stevenston

# 29th July 2018

## Seventeenth Sunday of Year B

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**Sunday Masses: St John's 4.30pm, 10am and 11.30am**

### WEEKDAY MASS / SERVICE TIMES

	St John's	St Mary's	St Peter's
Monday	10am Mass	_____	10am Mass
Tuesday	10am Mass	_____	10am Mass
Wednesday	10am Mass	_____	10am Mass
Thursday	10am Mass	_____	10am Mass
Friday	10am Mass	_____	10am Mass
Saturday	10am Mass	_____	10am Mass

**Exposition:** St John's Friday at 10.30am

**Reconciliation:** St John's Saturday at 10.30am and 3.45pm till 4.15pm.

**ST MARY'S CHURCH REFURBISHMENT.** Work continues in the Church and throughout the work involved **the church will be closed to the public for health and safety reasons.** The proposed works will take approximately 12 weeks and the 4.30pm Vigil Mass and 10am Sunday Mass will be celebrated in St John's, Stevenston. St Mary's parish office will be closed until 13th August.

**Marc Devlin RIP**  
**George Burnett RIP**

Marc's Funeral Service will take place in Holmsford Bridge Crematorium on Tuesday (31st) at 1.30pm.  
George's Funeral Service will take place in Holmsford Bridge Crematorium on Wednesday 1st August at 3.30pm  
*+May they rest in peace+*

**CHURCH ETIQUETTE.** There are no reserved seats in any church so please be considerate and polite if someone is sitting in your usual place. Recent visitors have had a bad experience this way.

The level of noise in church before Mass begins is getting louder and louder and is a distraction to people who are trying to say their Prayers. In the five minutes before Mass begins can we have a quieter atmosphere to help everyone prepare for Mass.

**Vatican City, Jul 22, 2018.** A Christian can stay on the right path to Heaven, and grow in love for God and his neighbour, only by keeping close to Christ and his love, Pope Francis said last Sunday. "When one moves away from Jesus and his love, one loses oneself and existence turns into disappointment and dissatisfaction. With Jesus at [our] side we can proceed with security, we can overcome trials, we progress in love for God and for our neighbour." "To find the right orientation of life," everyone needs the truth – which is Christ – to guide and enlighten their path, he continued. **Catholic News Agency**

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



**Anniversary:** Des Blanch, Jane Reilly, Hugh McConnell, Michael McKernon, Joe Murray and John McGarvey.

**Recently Deceased:** Marc Devlin and George Burnett

*Masses are celebrated also by Priests in country parishes in our Diocese, retired priests, Fr Keith, Fr Gerard McCabe & Mission Matters Scotland (Pontifical Mission Societies).*

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



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

**Those who have an anniversary:** Des Blanch, Jane Reilly, Hugh McConnell, Michael McKernon, Joe Murray, John McGarvey, Rose Anne McAteer, Bill & Mona Smith, Matthew Brady Snr, Rose Brady (Sr Anne of Jesus), John Quinn and John Giffney,

**Those who have died recently:** Marc Devlin, George Burnett, Mary Imrie, Peter Dougan, Anne Murray (Kilmarnock), Alice Stakim (Auchinleck), Ellen Wardrope, Paddy Yelverton (England), Theresa Dodson (Yelverton) (Ireland), Brian McNulty, Geraldine, Eileen Loughran, Christine Nicol, Peter Reilly, Liz McCabe (Irvine), Elizabeth (Betty) McGowan (Blantyre) and Frank Lowey.

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK.** 5th August 2018; Eighteenth Sunday of the Year B; Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15; Psalm 77; Ephesians 4:17. 20-24; John 6:24-35

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS.** St Mary's: £627.73. (Envelopes £417.55; Cash £200.18). St John's: £798.27. (Envelopes £616.02; Cash £182.25). SCIAF; £58.27. Building & Renovations £132.07. Collection envelopes will be returned to the parish of issue and added into the following weeks figures.

**PARISH HALLS.** To book any of our halls please call Trina on 467468 for St Mary's and Michael Lafferty on 461234 for St John's. Please note booking form has to be completed to confirm your booking.

**ST. JOHN'S FUNERAL TEAS.** Further information from Christina Harnett on 07562360517 or 01294 466084.

**SUNDAY TEAS.** After 11.30am Mass in St John's.

**ST MARY'S TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB.** Have now closed for their well deserved summer break and will re-open in August.

**CHURCH CLEANERS.** Tuesday's at 7.30pm in St John's.

**POETRY GROUP.** Meets every last Thursday of the month in St Mary's parish hall at 7.15pm.

**GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP.** Will meet again after the holidays.

**S.V.D.P.** Please call 07796237890 for Saltcoats and call 07498501326 for Stevenston.

**FOOD BANK, STEVENSTON.** Foodbank is open each Wednesday from 4pm till 5pm in the parish hall.

**FOOD BANK, SALTCOATS .** The Foodbank is open at the Salvation Army Hall and will distribute boxes from there each Tuesday from 2pm until 3.30pm.

**ST MARY'S PARISH HALL.** Our parish hall is available for all types of functions i.e. baptism, wedding or birthday party or any other event. We have a licensed bar available for all of these functions. If you would like to book the hall please contact Trina on 467468 or for more bar information please contact our bar manager Caroline McKenna on 07825553243. (Please note that if you wish to use our parish bar at least 6 weeks notice is required to allow us to apply for licence).

**BULLETIN NOTICES.** St Mary's Parish Office will be closed until 13th August if you wish anything in the parish bulletin please contact Ian Neal for St John's by Wednesday evening on 465630 or email [stjohnstevenston@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnstevenston@gmail.com)

**\*The new terms of the Data Protection Regulation (See below) prevent us from publishing the names of the sick either in electronic form or in paper form in the bulletin. A new folder containing the names of the sick will be brought through the Church in the offertory procession each week so that these people are included in our prayers. Please inform the parish office in writing of any names to be either included or taken out of this list.**

**POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY 2018. EVANGELISATION – Priests and their Pastoral Ministry.** That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

**Where is Christ? .** Anyone who is to find Christ must first find the church. How could anyone know where Christ is and what faith is in him unless he knew where his believers are? Martin Luther

**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 will be published shortly

**KEVIN RENNIE.** Church Student in Rome, arrives this week for his Pastoral Placement during the month of August.

**ST JOHN'S HALL COMMITTEE.** There is a meeting today after 11.30am Mass.

**ST JOHN'S SUMMER FETE.** Is being organised for the **9th September 2018** and we need volunteers for the stalls that have been organised and to give other volunteers a break. We are also looking for prizes for this event, bottles for the bottle stall, home baking, briki-a-brak, books, good quality second hand toys, tombola prizes, plants, toiletries, soft toys, new unwanted electrical goods, vouchers or gift voucher. We cannot take clothes, used electrical goods or videos, sorry. Thank you in advance for your support.

**LUCKY BOXES.** Are now available to buy at the back of the Church and will be drawn at the Summer Fete.

**CHANA - Churches Housing Action North Ayrshire.** We have had a further meeting about establishing a Care and Share/ Lunch Club in the Kirkgate, Saltcoats for those who are homeless. We agreed that we would start on Friday 14th September. We are looking for more volunteers. If you are interested in helping in any way please contact CHANA on 07585 665751. The next Meeting is on Friday 3rd August in Kirkgate, Chapelwell Street, Saltcoats, at 11am.

**SPORTSMAN'S DINNER.** Will take place on Friday 21st September in St Winin's, Kilwinning. Main speaker is Chic Young. Three course dinner. Raffle and Auction. Tickets are priced at £25. There is only one table left, please contact Fr Gerry Magee on 552276.

**20-40 NETWORK EVENTS.** Aged 20-40? Would you like to meet some fellow young Catholics? We are going bowling at Soar, Braehead on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm. Ticket sales close 3<sup>rd</sup> August. email 2040network@gmail.com to buy a £10 ticket or join our mailing list to find out about future events if you can't make this one.

**WHITHORN PILGRIMAGE.** Will take place on Sunday 26th August with Mass at the cave at 4pm and Mass in the parish church at 4.45pm. A sign up sheet for the coach is available at the back of the church.

**SCOTTISH INTERFAITH YOUTH CAMP 2018 (SIYC).** Will take place on 7th-9th September in Dounans Centre, Aberfoyle. A unique opportunity to build friendships with people of similar and different faiths. Age group 16yrs-30yrs, tickets cost £90 which includes accommodation, meals and travel to and from Glasgow. Spaces are limited—make sure you don't miss out and book your space by contacting Claudia on 07443873717 or Ahmed on 07751655611 before 20th July.

**BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF SCOTLAND—IN THE NAME OF THE OTHER.** A Seminar on Emmanuel Levinas will take place on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th August in the Conforti Institute, Calder Avenue, Coatbridge. The seminar will begin on Friday evening and end with dinner on the Saturday evening. The cost is £50 for residential and £25 for non-residential. To register please email interfaith@bcos.org.uk.

**SCES.** The Parental Involvement Working Group has organised a number of "Gatherings for Catholic Parents" to help parents contribute to the developments in Catholic schools. This will take place on Saturday 18th August in St Charles' Church Hall, 5 Union Street, Paisley, PA2 6DU 9.30am—2.30pm. Places at this event are free but booking is essential. To book a place please contact parents@sces.uk.com.

**NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES AT CARFIN.** Will take place on Sunday 2nd September at 3pm in honour of St John Ogilvie. Principal Celebrant Archbishop Philip Tartaglia and Homilist Bishop Stephen Robson.

**THE VENERABLE MARGARET SINCLAIR.** The 2018 Annual Pilgrimage to pray for her Beatification will take place on Sunday 9th September in St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh starting at 2pm; Film : The Story of Margaret Sinclair, Servant of God at 3pm and Holy Mass at 4.30pm. Refreshments available.

**DIOCESAN HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2018.** Our next pilgrimage to the Holy Land takes place from 15th-22nd October and the cost is £1,299 based on two people sharing. 75% of the reserved places have now been filled so if you are still thinking about booking you are advised to do so soon in order to ensure taking part in this wonderful experience. Booking Forms and the Itinerary are available from both parishes.

**PRAYER WALK.** The Annual Churches' Walk will take place today at 2.30 pm - leaving from St John's, stopping at the Cross, Livingstone Church and finishing with Afternoon Tea in Ardeer Church.

**WEALTH.** Wealth ensures nothing. Indeed, once we think we are rich, we can become so self-satisfied that we leave no room for God's word, for the love of our brothers and sisters, or for the enjoyment of the most important things in life. In this way, we miss out on the greatest treasure of all. That is why Jesus calls blessed those who are poor in spirit, those who have a poor heart, for there the Lord can enter with his perennial newness. **From Rejoice and be Glad by Pope Francis**

#### **Neighbouring Parishes:**

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

**RC Chaplain at Crosshouse and Ayr Hospitals is Deacon Bill Corbett 01292 521208**

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