



St John the Evangelist  
Stevenson

# 4th November 2018

## Thirty First Sunday of Year B

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

### WEEKDAY MASS / SERVICE TIMES

	St John's	St Mary's	St Peter's
Monday	10am Service of the Word	10am Service of the Word	10am Mass
Tuesday	10am Service of the Word	10am Mass	10am Mass
Wednesday	10am Service of the Word	10am Funeral Mass	10am Mass
Thursday	10am Mass	10am Service of the Word	10am Mass
Friday	10am Service of the Word	10am Mass	10am Mass
Saturday	10am Mass	—————	10am Mass

**Reconciliation:** St John's Saturday at 10.30am. St Mary's Saturday 3.45pm  
**Exposition:** St John's Thursday at 10.30am. St Mary's Friday at 10.30am  
**Morning Prayers:** St Mary's Tuesday at 9.30am. St John's Thursday 9.30am

**Robert (Bob) Johnston RIP**  
**Hugh McLaughlan RIP**  
**Pat McMenamin RIP**

Robert's Funeral Service will take place on Tuesday at 12.30pm in Holmsford Bridge Crematorium.  
Hugh's Funeral Mass will take place tomorrow (Monday) in St Winin's, Kilwinning at 10am followed by burial in Kilwinning Cemetery.  
Pat's Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday at 10am in St Mary's followed by cremation in Holmsford Bridge Crematorium  
*+May they rest in peace+*

**Pope Francis closed the 2018 Synod of Bishops on 27th October.** "We have made the document, we have studied it, we have approved it. Now the Holy Spirit gives us the document to work in our heart," Pope Francis told the 250 Bishops, Nuns, and young people in synod hall at the conclusion of voting. The final document of the fifteenth ordinary synod touches on controversial topics, such as homosexuality. "It was the Spirit at work here," Francis said.

**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.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 17th/Sunday 18th November—Mary's Meals visit/collection  
Tuesday 4th December at 7pm —First Reconciliation in St Mary's  
Saturday 15th/Sunday 16th December—Comboni Sisters (Calendars)

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



**Anniversary:** Margaret Martin, Luigi & Marietta Tortolano, John J. & Mary McCann, William McCann, J.P. Thekes, George Kane, Joe & Sarah Murray, Sadie & Jos Brayford, Catherine (Cassie) McMullan, Helen & Thomas Durning and Helene Gallagher.

**Recently Deceased:** Charles McCluskey, Pat McMenamin, Brendan Lynch (Dublin), Christine Ferguson, Hugh McLaughlan and Andrew Bancenicz

*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).*

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK.** 11th November 2018; Thirty Second Sunday of the Year B; I Kings 17:10-16; Psalm 145; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

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



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

**Those who have an anniversary:** Margaret Martin, Luigi & Marietta Tortolano, John J. & Mary McCann, William McCann, J.P. Thekes, George Kane, Joe & Sarah Murray, Sadie & Jos Brayford, Catherine (Cassie) McMullan, Helen & Thomas Durning, Helene Gallagher, Matthew Taylor, Bobby Fleming, Mrs Eleanor McFadden, James & Frances Breen, Charlie Conti and Jimmy Kelly.

**Those who have died recently:** Charles McCluskey, Pat McMenamin, Brendan Lynch (Dublin), Christine Ferguson, Hugh McLaughlan, Andrew Bancenicz (Formerly Principal teacher in St Matthew's and St Michael's Academies), Robert (Bob) Johnston, Elizabeth Anne Paterson, Jean Kirkham (Paisley), Agnes Cooney, Elizabeth (Betty) Davis, John Bell, Jim Abercrombie, Bill Hay and Jimmy McBride

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS.** St Mary's: £876.34 (Envelopes £536.24; Cash; £340.10). St John's: £675.67. (Envelopes £545.03; Cash £130.64). SCIAF: £55.34. Building & Renovations; £96.33 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 10am Mass in St Mary's and after 11.30am Mass in St John's.

**ST MARY'S TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB.** Every Tuesday 10.30am till 2pm . Food served until 12.30pm.

**MARY'S MEALS.** A box is available in both Church porches for donations.

**CHURCH CLEANERS.** Tuesday's at 7.30pm in St John's and Thursdays after 10am Mass in St Mary's.

**GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP.** Meet every Monday from 7 pm till 8 pm in St John's Church House. We read and reflect on the Mass readings for the following Sunday. Please feel free to join us.

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

**RCIA.** Will meet this coming Wednesday (7th) in St John's Parish house.

**ST MARY'S PARISH HALL.** Our parish hall is available for approved social functions. A small meeting room is also available. We have a licensed bar available for 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). **Please note that you are not permitted to bring in your own alcohol to any function.**

**BULLETIN NOTICES.** If you wish anything in the parish bulletin please contact Lorna at St Mary's parish office on 463461 or email mail@rcsaltcoats.com by Thursday morning or Ian Neal for St John's by Wednesday evening on 465630 or email stjohndevon@stjohnstevonston@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.**

Daily Prayer Podcast visit [www.pray-as-you-go.org](http://www.pray-as-you-go.org) or [www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie)

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

**WELCOME.** Bishop Nolan who is visiting this weekend. Following the 4.30pm Mass in St Mary's there will be a finger buffet in the hall as we give thanks for the refurbishment of the Church and the help given by parishioners. All welcome.

**ST MARY'S CHURCH REFURBISHMENT.** The total cost of the Church refurbishment was £73,268.40. Breakdown costs are: Ceiling works £42,989.80; Electrical works £8,275; Carpets £16,065.60; Paintwork £2,370; New sound system £3,568.

**FR KEITH.** His Sister has been in touch and is responding well to treatment. We keep him in our prayers.

**MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS.** Lists are still available for our deceased relatives and friends during the month of November. Please hand them 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 here in Scotland as well as our Mission parishes.

**SCIAF REMEMBRANCE MASS.** In November, the month of the Holy Souls, SCIAF remembers those supporters who are no longer with us. Holy Mass is celebrated in memory of all those who've been touched by our work here in Scotland and around the world. The Mass will be concelebrated by Archbishop Toal, Bishop President of SCIAF and Fr. Francis McGachey at St Francis Xavier's Church, Taylor Avenue, Carfin on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7 pm. If you are not able to attend on this occasion but would like a loved one to be remembered at the Mass please contact Siobhan or Donna on 0141 354 5555.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION.** After School Club—for Confirmation/First Eucharist will meet in St Mary's hall tomorrow (Monday) from 3pm-4pm for those celebrating the Sacraments in St Mary's.

**ST JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP.** Are holding a Family Race Night on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, all welcome. Great fun for all the family, novelty races, Irish bingo, pie and peas. 7.30pm start, tickets priced at £2.50 available from any member of youth group, we have sheets available if you would like to buy a horse for £2.50. Family fun for all.

**WAYSIDE CLUB.** 50 homeless men and women from the Wayside Club in Glasgow will visit St John's on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November for a meal and an afternoon's entertainment and afternoon tea. We would be grateful for donations of money, socks, gloves, scarves, hats and underwear, home baking and bingo prizes. Thank you.

**IS THIS TOO AMBITIOUS? - CAN YOU HELP?** More than 70 people every month present as Homeless to North Ayrshire Council. We propose to make up toilet bags for those who need them. We are asking each participating church to concentrate on one toiletry item for immediate use and one cleaning item for use when the person gets a house. We have been allocated shampoo and rubber gloves. Please use the **CHANA** box at the back of the Church for your donations. **Thank you again for your continued generosity.** We still have the Drop In at the Kirkgate Church on Fridays from 12.30 till 2 pm. Why not "Drop In"?

**FR KEITH'S SHOP.** We have sent a further £1,000. This takes the total for 2018 to £5,000. Many many thanks.

**20-40 NETWORK QUIZ NIGHT.** Aged 20-40? Our events are a great place for meeting fellow young Catholics. We are having a Quiz night in St. Mirin's Cathedral Hall so why not come along and test your knowledge of all things Scottish to bring in St. Andrew's Day. Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. 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.

**ST MARGARET'S ADOPTION SOCIETY.** Are currently looking to recruit prospective adopters. If you have ever thought about adoption as a way to grow your family and would like to know more, please contact our office for a chat with one of our friendly and experienced staff on 0141 332 8371 or email info@stmargaretsadoption.org.uk.

**CHERNOBYL CHILDREN'S LIFELINE.** Can you make a difference in a child's life. Ayrshire Link is looking for families to host 2 children for 2 or 4 weeks in June/July 2019. This is a very rewarding experience and you will be supported 24/7. The children will take part in a full 4 week program. If you would like more information please phone 07813650411.

**YOGA CLASS.** Takes place every Wednesday from 5.45pm-6.45pm in St John's Church hall. Price is £5 per class or a 6 class pack for £25. Beginners welcome. There are a limited number of mats available to borrow, please phone 07470435735 to request one or if you have any questions.

**ST MARY'S DIARIES.** Are now available in the stall priced at £1. All proceeds will go towards Fr Keith's Mission in Guyana.

**Social Activism?** If one's work as a Catholic is not united to Christ Jesus, it is no longer the "mission" to which the Church is called, Pope Francis told a group of religious brothers on Monday. "Let us not forget that the condition of every mission in the Church is that we are united to the Risen Christ as branches to the vine. Otherwise what we do is social activism," the Pope said. **Catholic News Agency**

**Into God's Infinity.** I am firmly convinced that there is life after death, not in a primitive sense but as the entry of my completely finite person into God's infinity, as a transition into another reality beyond the dimension of space and time that pure reason can neither affirm nor deny. **Hans Kung** Swiss Theologian

**Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for November - In the Service of Peace.** That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict

#### **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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