



St John the Evangelist  
Stevenson

# 17th February 2019

## Sixth Sunday of the Year C



Our Lady Star of the Sea  
Saltcoats

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Sr Marie Monique & Sr Ursula : Pastoral Assistants to the Three Towns  
Canon Matt McManus (Retired)

**Sunday Masses:**      **St Mary's 4.30pm Vigil 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 Service of the Word	10am Mass
Wednesday	10am 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. Friday at 10.30am  
**Morning Prayers:** St Mary's Tuesday at 9.30am. St John's Thursday at 9.30am

#### John Anderson RIP

John's Funeral Service will take place in Holmsford Bridge Crematorium on Thursday (21st) at 3.30pm

*+May he rest in peace+*

**THERE IS NO "I" IN THE OUR FATHER** "There is no room for individualism in dialogue with God," Pope Francis said on Wednesday, noting that there is no "I" in the words of the "Our Father" prayer. One's prayer should not contain an "ostentation of one's problems as if we were the only ones in the world to suffer," the Pope advised. "In prayer, a Christian brings all the difficulties of the people who live next to him: when the evening descends, he tells God about the pains he has encountered on that day, putting before Him many faces, friends and even enemies," he said.

**"Saint" Henry Newman** Pope Francis has approved the canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman, a Roman Catholic cardinal, scholar. He was a convert from the Church of England in the 19th century.

**THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL** The next meeting is in St. John's Hall on Tuesday 26th February at 7pm. **Please will you read the Chapter 1 before the meeting.**

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for February 2019.** Human Trafficking For a generous welcome to the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution and of violence.

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



**Anniversary:** Mary Ann McGeehan, Con McGeehan, Murray & Lennox families, Martin Cunningham (3rd Ann), Harry Crawford, James Bud Cassidy, Leah Smith, Patrick Joseph Hamilton Snr, James Millar and Christopher Millar.

**Recently Deceased:** Harry Docherty (Cumbernauld), Jim Johnston, Peter Ramsay, Agnes Reid, Eileen Fairlie and Marie Ramsay.

*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.** 24th February 2019; Seventh Sunday of the Year C; I Samuel 26:2.7-9.12-13.22-23; Psalm 102; I Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38

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



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

**Those who have an anniversary:** Mary Ann McGeehan, Con McGeehan, Murray & Lennox families, Martin Cunningham (3rd Ann), Harry Crawford, James Bud Cassidy, Leah Smith, Patrick Joseph Hamilton Snr, James Millar, Christopher Millar, Joseph McGarvey, Moira Grant, Agnes Hazelton, Albert Garrett, Hannah & William Garrett, Pat Maxwell and Bridie Reid.

**Those who have died recently:** Harry Docherty (Cumbernauld), Jim Johnston, Peter Ramsay, Agnes Reid, John Anderson, Danny Porter, Edward O'Neil, Eileen Fairlie, Jim Brennan (Airdrie), George Barnett, Marie Ramsay (Sister of Eileen McCallum), David Hume, Brian Kemp, Jimmy Brogan (Erskine), Tommy Ting Bell, Jean Cluckie, John Gowrie, Raquel Rangel Cordero (Mexico), Gerard McGinlay, Hugh Adams, Jimmy Crichton, Jane O'Neil and Alistair Fisher.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS.**

**St Mary's:** £765.13 (Envelopes £427.96. Cash £327.17). **St John's:** £652.74. (Envelopes £510.86. Cash £141.88). SCIAF: £31.77. Building and Renovations £99.97. Collection envelopes will be returned to the parish of issue and added into the following weeks figures.

**THANK YOU.** To those who pay their collection by Standing Order . Between November 2018 and January 2019; St. Mary's received £6,200 and St. John's £2,210. Forms available for those who wish to use this method.

**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 (New rota is available in the hall kitchen, can all volunteers please add their name to which Sundays they are willing to help out). After 11.30am Mass in St John's.

**RCIA.** Will meet on Tuesday at 7.30pm in St John's parish house.

**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. Donations up to 1st March will be match funded by the UK Government

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

**GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP.** Meet every Monday at 7 pm in St John's Church House. We reflect and pray using the readings for the following Sunday. New members will be made very welcome.

**S.V.D.P.** Please call 07379400568 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. We need more volunteers in distributing the food , if you can help please phone 07979873747 for details.

**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 [saltcoats@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:saltcoats@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) by Thursday morning or 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.**

**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)

**COAT OF ARMS.** The Diocese Galloway is to be presented with a Coat of Arms by the Lord Lyon on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 12 Noon in St Margaret's Cathedral. All are invited to attend this service and the buffet afterwards. Galloway had been the only Diocese in Scotland without Diocesan Arms. The Arms consist of the Kirkmadrine Cross in blue on a silver background. This cross dates from the sixth century. The motto, Te Dominum Laudamus (We praise you, Lord), is from the Latinus stone which is even earlier, perhaps dating from 450 AD.

**THE SOCIETY OF SAINT GREGORY.** Regrettably this event has been cancelled. The Society of St Gregory will refund any payments made to those who have already booked.

**BONNIE LESLIE.** Songs of Praise at 3pm today (Sunday) for all Churches but led by Ardeer Church.

**NEW PARISH EMAILS.** St Mary's: saltcoats@gallowaydiocese.org.uk. St John's: stevenston@gallowaydiocese.org.uk

**POPE FRANCIS APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION 'GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE' (REJOICE AND BE GLAD).** Copies are available at both parish stalls priced at £5.

**CHANA -CHURCHES HOMELESS ACTION NORTH AYRSHIRE. Volunteer Hairdresser Required.** We are looking for a hairdresser to help in the Drop In in the Kirkgate in Saltcoats on a Friday from 12.30pm till 2 pm. Our clients are homeless or on the margins. We don't need you to commit to every Friday. If you can help please phone Anne McGuire on 07585 665751. Thank you. We have now taken stock and want to continue to collect **shampoo and rubber gloves as well as socks.** The CHANA Box is in the porch. **Thank you for your continued generosity.**

**FAMILY BINGO.** Will take place this coming Friday (22nd) at 7pm for 7.30pm in St Mary's hall to raise funds for Youth for Lourdes. Tickets £2/adult and £1/child and will be available from Teresa Burns, St Mary's parish office or at the door on the night. Donations for prizes would be appreciated and can be handed into the parish office.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2019.** This year's World Day of Prayer in Saltcoats will take place in North Parish Church at 2pm on Friday 1st March. All welcome. Tea will be served in the hall after the service. The service in Stevenston will take place at 2pm in Ardeer Church. All welcome.

**SCIAF's WEE BOX 6K FAMILY FUN RUN.** Will take place on Saturday 4th May 2019, in Strathclyde Country Park 10am for 11am run start. Let's unite to end poverty. Millions of people around the world continue to struggle to support themselves and their families because of extreme poverty, war and natural disasters. Your entry fee and sponsorship will help fund our life changing work. Every step you take will bring someone living in poverty a step closer to supporting themselves and living with dignity. Whether you're old or young, running or walking, with family, friends or going solo, SCIAF's WEE BOX 6K Family Fun Run can help raise money so the poorest can survive and thrive. Sign up online at [www.sciaf.org.uk](http://www.sciaf.org.uk) to show solidarity with people in need around the world.

**YOUTH FOR LOURDES 2019.** We are looking for young people from S4 in secondary school up to and including age 23 to come and join us as part of the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes this year. We depart on Sunday 30th June and return on Wednesday 10th July. The full cost is £685. Our next meeting is in St John's Church Hall, Glaisnock Road, Cumnock. KA18 1JU on Sunday 10th March from 3pm till 6pm. Come and join us then or contact us on [teamyfl@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:teamyfl@yahoo.co.uk) or call Fr Jim Hayes on 01387 252603 for more information or look us up on Facebook: Youth for Lourdes (Galloway).

**PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK 17<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2019.** Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019. £649.00 pp sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, from Edinburgh, transfers in Ireland, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. WCHR rooms on request. Single room supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com). Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

**PROPOSED RALLY OF CRAIGLOCKHART FORMER STUDENTS.** To celebrate the Centenary of the founding of Craiglockhart College of Education, A Reunion Rally has been planned for Saturday 11th May 2019 in Napier University, Craiglockhart Campus. Various event to follow. For further information and application form please email [gripfast2019@gmail.com](mailto:gripfast2019@gmail.com) by 1st March 2019.

**NEW FERTILITY CARE SCOTLAND CLINIC.** We are opening a new clinic in the Diocesan offices, Paisley on Monday evenings from 7- 9pm and will run every alternate Monday. Our service is free and confidential, and no appointment is necessary. We invite you to come and visit us at one of our clinics. Phone: 0141 221 0858. E-Mail: [info@fertilitycare.org.uk](mailto:info@fertilitycare.org.uk). Website at [www.fertilitycare.org.uk](http://www.fertilitycare.org.uk) Join us on facebook [www.facebook.com/fertilitycarescotland](http://www.facebook.com/fertilitycarescotland). Follow us on twitter [www.twitter.com/billingsscot](http://www.twitter.com/billingsscot).

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 13th—First Reconciliation in St John's at 7pm  
March 23rd—Readers Day in St Peter's  
May 4th—First Eucharist in St John's at 11am  
May 11th— First Eucharist in St Mary's at 12 Noon  
June 22nd—Eucharistic Ministers Day in St Peter's

#### Neighbouring Parishes:

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