



St John the Evangelist  
Stevenston

# 4th August 2019

## Eighteenth Sunday of 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 Mass	10am Service of the Word	10am Mass
Tuesday	10am Service of the Word	10am Mass	10am Mass
Wednesday	10am Mass	—————	10am Mass
Thursday	10am Mass	10am Service of the Word	10am Funeral 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  
**Morning Prayer:** St Mary's Tuesday at 9.30am

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST. Families, Schools of Human Growth**  
That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."

**SHARED INTEREST** . "Calls for social cohesion will fall on deaf ears if we see ourselves as a collection of Individuals, rather than as a society of people with a share interest in each other's welfare." **Cardinal Basil Hume**

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY. 18th August** - St John's Summer Fete.  
**24th/25th August** - Mary's Meals will visit both parishes.

**SPRED. Clare Lappin will speak on the work of SPRED at all Masses.**

#### GOOD WISHES

To Nicola Murphy and Grant Pettigrew who are to be married in St. John's next Friday at 2pm.

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



**Anniversary:** Ellen Hastings, Patrick Coleman, Daniel Callaghan, Kathleen Higgins (3rd), Michél Hervé, Mary O'Neil, Hugh O'Neil.

**Recently Deceased:** Robert Higgins (Australia), Jackie White, Bridget MacMahon, David Neilly, Sadie Carrino, David Gilmour (McMenamin), Alec McCann, Magdalen Choi.

*Masses are celebrated also by Fr Gerard McCabe—Retired Priest, Missio Scotland (Pontifical Mission Societies).*

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



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

**Those who have an anniversary:** Ellen Hastings, Patrick Coleman, Daniel Callaghan, Kathleen Higgins (3rd), Michél Hervé, Mary O'Neil, Hugh O'Neil. Des Blanch, Jane Reilly, Annie Cavani, Jimmy & Celia McCann, Margaret (Rita) McCann, John McGarvey, Joe Murray, Maureen McCarra. David Law Snr, John Giffney

**Those who have died recently:** Robert Higgins (Australia), Jackie White, Bridget MacMahon, David Neilly, Sadie Carrino, David Gilmour (McMenamin), Alec McCann, Magdalen Choi. Angela O'Neil, Beatrice Ketchen, Silvano Forazon (Manchester), Elsie Brodie, Maureen Duffie, Bernadette Mills.

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK.** 11th August 2019; Nineteenth Sunday of Year C; Wisdom 18:6-9, Psalm 32, Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19, Luke 12:32-48.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS.** St Mary's: £757.13 (Envelopes £437.72, Cash £319.41). St John's: £690.02 (Envelopes £544.73 Cash £145.29). SCIAF £35.50, Building & Renovation Fund £110.42. 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.

**SUNDAY TEAS.** After 10am Mass today. 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.

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

**ST. JOHN'S 300 CLUB.** Congratulations to the winners of the July Draw No. 55 L. Russell £30 and No. 174 S. Egan £20

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

**GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP.** Has stopped for the holidays. Will meet again in August.

**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.

**ADELAIDE COLLEGE.** Summer Sale on Saturday 10th August 11am—2.30pm.

**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 by Thursday morning or Ian Neal for St John's by Wednesday evening on 465630 or email stjohbulletinstevenston@gmail.com

**Archbishop Desmond Tutu** "When Jesus said, "I, if I am lifted up, will draw all" Did he say, "I will draw some"? "I will draw some, and tough luck for the others"? He said, "I, if I be lifted up, will draw all." All! All! All! – Black, white, yellow; rich, poor; clever, not so clever; beautiful, not so beautiful. All! All! It is radical. All! Saddam Hussein, Osama bin Laden, George Bush – all! All! All are to be held in this incredible embrace. Gay, lesbian, so-called "straight;" all! All! **All are to be held in the incredible embrace of the love that won't let us go."**

**\*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)

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

**ST JOHN'S SUMMER FETE. ST JOHN'S SUMMER FETE.** Is being organised for **Sunday 18th August 2019** and we need volunteers if this is to be a success. If you are able to help on the day please contact Lorna Walker on 07833347035 to make arrangements. We are also looking for prizes for this event, bottles for the bottle stall, chocolate for the chocolate tombola, home baking, bric-a-brac, books, good quality second hand toys, soft toys, tombola prizes, plants, toiletries, new unwanted electrical goods, vouchers or gift vouchers. We cannot take clothes, used electrical goods or videos. Thank you in advance for your support.

**HALL WILL BE OPEN FOR DONATIONS. On Sunday 11th August after 11.30am Mass, Friday 16th August 6.30pm — 8.30 pm, Saturday 17th August 12noon onwards.**

**ST. JOHN'S SVDP.** The members will be involved at the Summer Fete running the Wheel of Fortune and we depend very much on your generosity. We are in need of donations of bottles etc. for prizes. If you can donate any prizes for the Wheel of Fortune please hand them to any SVDP member. Thank you for your generosity.

**SPUC— Say No to “DIY” Abortion.** There has been an alarming increase of abortions in Scotland (an increase of 8.9%). Please support SPUC by signing their petition which is available in both church porches.

**WHITHORN PILGRIMAGE.** Will take place on Sunday 25th August with Mass at the cave at 4pm and Mass in St Martin & St Ninian's Church at 4.45pm A sign up sheet for the coach is available at the back of both churches.

**NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE MASS.** With the Relics of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux will take place on Sunday 1st September at 3pm in Carfin.

**THE RELICS OF ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX.** Would you like to be a volunteer to help with stewarding, welcoming, hospitality, etc. during the visit of the Relics from 1st—3rd September? If you can then please come to a meeting in St. Margaret's Hall, Ayr, on Wednesday 31st July at 7p.m. Would you like to sing in the choir? Then there will be three practices in the Cathedral for all who are interested at 7.15 pm. on Thursdays 1st, 8th and 29th August. Everyone is welcome.

**ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO PRAY FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF THE VEN. MARGARET SINCLAIR.** Will take place on Sunday 8th September in St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh. 2pm Holy Hour; 3pm Presentation on the Ven. Margaret Sinclair; 4.30pm Holy Mass and 5.30pm close.

**YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO ST ANDREWS.** On Saturday 31st August young people from all over Scotland will gather in St Andrews, Fife on pilgrimage to the medieval Cathedral of St Andrew. Mass will take place in the ruined Cathedral at 3pm after activities from 12 Noon in the town. All young people aged P7 upwards welcome. Activities for P7-S3 and then for S4 upwards. Transport from Galloway Diocese provided. Cost £5 and bring a packed lunch. Contact Fr Stephen McGrattan on [stephen.mcgrattan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:stephen.mcgrattan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) to reserve a place or for more details.

**CHANA.** We really are in great need of toiletries for the those who are homeless. We would like shampoo, rubber gloves and socks please. Thank you for your continued generosity. We are looking for more volunteers for the Drop In for those who are homeless and on the margins at the Kirkgate on a Friday. Why not "drop in" this Friday and see what it is about -12.30 'til 2pm.

**SPRED GALLOWAY.** Warmly invites you to their Annual Ladies Charity Lunch on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2019 12.30pm – 5.30pm at The Kyle Suite, Waterside Inn, West Kilbride. Champagne Reception, 2 course lunch & coffee, fashion show & entertainment. Charity raffle & auction along with a variety of stalls from local small businesses. Tickets £35per head, for ticket enquiries please contact Janette on 01292 738068 or email [info@spredgalloway.org.uk](mailto:info@spredgalloway.org.uk). Transport to and from the event is available on request.

**WEST COAST FURNITURE BANK.** This is a charity which distributes donated household goods to families in need. They are short of some items including towels, bedding, kettles and toasters. If you can help with any of these items, please call 07576232969.

**ST MARY'S HEARTSTART COURSE.** Will take place in St Mary's for those who are interested in attending this course. Please add your name to the sign up sheet available at the back of the church or email Ian at [stjohnbulletinstevenston@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnbulletinstevenston@gmail.com) or Lorna at [saltcoats@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:saltcoats@gallowaydiocese.org.uk). Dates will be arranged after Summer Break.

**TASS THISTLE.** Are currently looking for boys/girls to start up a new team. If your son/daughter would like to start football training and were born in 2015 then please bring them along to St Matthew's Academy gym hall on a Monday & Friday at 5pm-6pm. (Astro boots if possible when playing inside, football boots if weather is nice and playing outside).

**PILGRIMAGE IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL.** Has been postponed from October 2019 to around April/May 2020 as many people were asking for more time to commit. The estimated cost of the Pilgrimage will now be £1,000, based on two people sharing a room. Flights will be direct from Glasgow, accommodation will be on a half-board basis in 4\* hotels, and a full spiritual programme will be provided. If you would like to 'express an interest' in taking part in this pilgrimage please contact Fr. David Borland by email ([david.borland@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:david.borland@gallowaydiocese.org.uk)) or call him on 01292 263488. Please do so by August 1st 2019 when a decision will be made as to whether the Pilgrimage will proceed.

**TO BE HOLY.** The call to holiness is not a matter of conforming ourselves to some cookie-cutter pattern or imitating certain heroic examples. Regardless of who we are there is a path to holiness that takes account of our particular gifts and duties in life, a path that is different for each one of us. And all Christians are called to walk that path, whose goal is simply the fullness of Christian life, the fullness of love. For this we are created – as Pope Francis says, “not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence”, ROBERT ELLSBERG

**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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Ask the ward Sister to let Deacon Corbett know you are admitted and would appreciate a routine visit.

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