



St John the Evangelist  
Stevenston

# 29th September 2019

## Twenty Sixth 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 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 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 Prayer:** St Mary's Tuesday at 9.30am. St John's Thursday at 9.30am  
**Rosary:** St John's every Tuesday at 7pm during October

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING LEVEL 2.** Anyone with a parish ministry involving children and/or vulnerable adults and who has already undertaken Level 1 Training should now undertake Level 2 Training. This will take place in St Mary's Church Hall today (Sunday) from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. If this is not convenient then the last session will take place on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, St John's Stevenston at 7pm. Training will last approximately 2 hours.

*Please Pray for the Soul of*  
**Sean Murphy RIP**

Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place in St John's on Wednesday at 10am  
Followed by burial at High Road Cemetery

*+May he rest in peace+*

**One of the most serious and worrying phenomena of our time.** In a video message on Monday to the UN Climate Action Summit, Pope Francis said; "The problem of climate change is related to issues of ethics, equity and social justice. The current situation of environmental degradation is connected with the human, ethical and social degradation that we experience every day." The pope called climate change "one of the most serious and worrying phenomena of our time." He questioned whether there is "a real political will" to "allocate greater human, financial and technological resources to mitigate the negative effects of climate change and to help the poorest and most vulnerable populations." **Catholic News Agency.**

**Bringing peace is central to the mission of Christ's disciples.** That peace is offered to all those men and women who long for peace amid the tragedies and violence that mark human history. The "house" of which Jesus speaks is every family, community,

**Please make sure that your mobile phone is switched off during Mass. Thank you**

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



**Special Intention**

**Thanksgiving**

**Anniversary:** Harry & Kate Nellis, Mary Nellis, Joe O'Rourke, Edward Clinton (Canada), Bill Hazelton and Betty Ross.

**Recently Deceased:** Sean Murphy, Joe Gallacher, Charlie McRobert (Irvine), Robert McGill, Chris King (Australia), Bill Slaven (Dalry), Lorraine Ferguson, Fr Willie Mone (Glasgow) and Canon John B. Healy (Motherwell)

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

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK.** 6th October 2019; Twenty Seventh Sunday of Year C; Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Psalm 94; 2 Timothy 1:6-8. 13-14; Luke 17:5-10

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS.**

**St Mary's:** £771.71 (Envelopes £381.95. Cash £389.76).

**St John's:** £546.19 (Envelopes £473.37 Cash £72.82). SCIAF £44.28. Building & Renovations £89.21. Collection envelopes will be returned to the parish of issue and added into the following weeks figures.

**RETIRED PRIESTS.** St Mary's £40.00.

**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.** Every Tuesday 10.30am till 2pm . Food served until 12.30pm.

**GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP.** Meet on Monday evenings at 7pm in St John's Church House. We reflect on the Mass readings for the following Sunday. Why not come along. It lasts for one hour.

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

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

**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.

**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

**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.

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER.** The Protection of the Oceans That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

**\*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)

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



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

**Special Intention**

**Thanksgiving**

**Those who have an anniversary:** Harry & Kate Nellis, Mary Nellis, Joe O'Rourke, Edward Clinton, Bill Hazelton, Margaret McGee, Betty Ross, Agnes Dickie, Joseph McCourt and David Dunbar.

**Those who have died recently:** Sean Murphy, Joe Gallacher, Charlie McRobert (Irvine), Chris King (Australia), Bill Slaven (Dalry), Lorraine Ferguson, Fr Willie Mone (Glasgow) and Canon John B. Healy (Motherwell) Lorraine Ferguson, John Grimley, Robert McGill, Alex Lowey, Edward McBreen, Estelle Robertson, John Cowan, Jim Gardiner (Canada), Mary F. Beezer (Morrison), Robert Higgins, Clare McGonigle, Arthur Laverty (Greenock), James Milligan (USA), William Cairns (Ardrossan), Elizabeth Findlay, Anne Bell (Barrhead), Margaret McGuinness, Johnny Weir, Gerard Campbell (Dunblane), Bernice O'Neill Belfast and Dorothy (Dot) McCourt.

**XAVERIAN MISSION APPEAL.** Takes place this weekend and we welcome Fr. Willie Hattie.

**THE RITE OF PRESENTATION.** Will be celebrated at all Masses next weekend for those candidates preparing to celebrate Confirmation and First Eucharist in the coming year.

**RCIA.** Will meet again this coming Tuesday (1st) in St Mary's House at 7pm.

**GOOD WISHES.** To Fr Gerard McCabe who returns to South Africa this week.

**SATURDAY CLUB.** Will take place this coming Saturday (5th October) in St. John's Church Hall at 9.45am – 12noon for Confirmation and First Eucharist.

**ST JOHN'S PS.** Are looking for help in the school with a reading initiative, craft club with knitting etc, a community gardening club and board game buddies. Information and application forms are available in the Church porch.

**POPE FRANCIS.** Has declared October as an "Extraordinary Mission Month" during which we pray and support those countries where the church is poor and in need. This year Missio boxes are available and can be returned at the end of the month.

**SAFEGUARDING.** A copy of The Annual Safeguarding Statement from the Diocese is available in both church noticeboards, a copy can also be found on St Mary's website.

**ST JOHN'S 300 CLUB.** Congratulations to the winners of the Sept Draw No. 11 K. Littlemore £30 and No. 210 S.M. Carr £20.

**MARY'S MEALS.** Would like to say a very big THANK YOU to the boys and girls of S Anthony's PS who recently held a non-uniform day in aid of our backpack appeal. They gathered an AMAZING amount of items which will be a fantastic help when we fill our next set of backpacks.

**ST MARY'S HEARTSTART COURSE.** Will take place in St Mary's Church Hall on Wednesday 9th October at 7pm – 8pm. If you wish to attend please add your name to the sign up sheet available at the back of the church.

**GUNS OR PEOPLE.** Sunday 6th October 3pm St John's Stevenston - an event including music and time for reflection to raise awareness of the consequences of using armaments to resolve conflict and the alternatives. Rev Kathy Galloway of The Iona Community is the guest speaker and Arthur West will explain the work of Peace Education Scotland. Will last about 45 minutes - a cup of tea at the end. The event is organised by the Outreach to the Poor Group of Embracing Change. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

**AN AFTERNOON WITH MARY.** St Winin's Legion of Mary are organising an "Afternoon with Mary" on Sunday 6th October from 3pm-5pm; Rosary Procession to Grotto; Exposition; Quiet Prayer and Benediction. Tea/Coffee will be available in the hall afterwards where they will hope to show slides of the recent Pilgrimage to Lourdes. All welcome.

**CHILDREN'S GUITARS.** Bernadette Anderson is planning to start guitar lessons in St. John's Primary and is looking for donations of Children's Guitars in any reasonable condition allowing them to be refurbished/repared as necessary. If you are able to help please contact Ian Neal as per bulletin contact listed and these can be collected as necessary.

**A CELEBRATION.** An exhibition of Traditional Arts and Crafts by some of the Syrian Refugee families is on in the Heritage Centre in Saltcoats. It runs till January and is well worth a visit.

**CHANA - Churches Homeless Action North Ayrshire.** Thank you to all who continue to give so generously. We need shampoo and deodorant - for both men and women. There is a box in both church porches.

**20-40 NETWORK MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT.** Aged 20-40? Our events are a great place for meeting fellow young Catholics. Our famous Murder Mystery Night is back by popular demand. Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm, St. Aloysius Church Hall, Glasgow. Just email [2040network@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT.** For spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held north of Glasgow on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019. This confidential, supportive retreat is powerful for anyone who has been affected by their own or someone else's abortion experience. For more information, please call/text Sr Andrea on 07816 942824 or email Rachel via the enquiry form on the website [www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk).

**FRIENDS OF MISSIO BALL.** Will take place on Saturday 16th November at the Hilton hotel Bellshill all seated for 7.30pm. Tickets are £40 per person with tables of ten also available. This includes a gift upon arrival, a 3 course meal and live band. There are also some fantastic raffle prizes and an auction on the night. All proceeds will go towards schools projects in Uganda and Sierra Leone.

**YOGA CLASS.** In St John's hall is on every Wednesday evening 5.45-6.45pm. Yoga can help you improve your balance, increase flexibility and build strength as well as allow you space and time to relax and breathe. This friendly, down-to-earth class is for everyone, including complete beginners. It's £5 per class and there's yoga mats available to borrow. If you have any questions please contact Steph on 07470435735 or email [stephanienorthcoteyoga@gmail.com](mailto:stephanienorthcoteyoga@gmail.com)

**Daily Mass Readings.** You can sign up to receive the Daily Readings of the Mass by e-mail - go to [dailygospel.org](http://dailygospel.org)

#### **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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