



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

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Pentecost Sunday Year A



Our Lady Star of the Sea
Saltcoats

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COVID—19. I wish to remind you that I say private Mass each day for people of our parishes and their intentions. I hope to use bulletin/information sheet to provide the Sunday readings that people can sit quietly and reflect on them. **Funeral Masses have now been suspended. LIVING STREAMING MASSES CAN BE FOUND AT THE CHURCHES BELOW.**

St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr

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St John's, Cumnock

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St Matthew's, Kilmarnock

St Mary's, Star of the Sea, Largs

ONLINE SUNDAY COLLECTIONS. The Diocese of Galloway has set up this secure way (with PayaCharity) for parishioners to continue to contribute as far as they are able to the Offertory and benefit the parish. Bishop Nolan has said: 'In these difficult financial times there is no obligation to give to the Sunday Collection. However if you feel able to do so, you can give by using the 'Online Parish Offertory' link. The link gives you the opportunity to make regular offerings to support a Parish or a diocesan cause. The 'St Ninian Fund' is a charitable fund to help the poor and other needy causes.' The link for the diocese page is: <http://www.gallowaydiocese.org.uk/parish-collections>. Our specific links for St Mary's and John's can be found on either rcsaltcoats or rcstevenston link and follow below the instructions. <https://tinyurl.com/rcsaltcoats> <https://tinyurl.com/rcstevenston>. You can also use the QR codes in the same way as web links, which can be found on both websites.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK OR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION. The diocese have published Emergency Norms for those who are critically ill or dying during the Covid-19 Pandemic. These norms include what members of the faithful should do in the case of Anointing of the Sick or The Sacrament of Reconciliation. Links are available on both St Mary's and Diocese of Galloway websites.

CARE HOMES/CARERS. In these difficult times please remember the residents and staff in our Nursing Homes and sheltered accommodation as well as all who serve as home carers.

PRAYER BOOK. The Vatican has released a free online prayer book to help Catholics seeking divine assistance amid the coronavirus crisis. This is the link <https://www.vaticannews.va/content/dam/lev/forti-nella-tribolazione/pdf/eng/strong-in-tribulation.-20042020.pdf>. It can also be found on St Mary's Website.

GALLOWAY DIOCESE NEWS. The latest edition has now been published. Because we cannot distribute it to parishioners it is a digital version only and is available to read or download from <http://www.gallowaydiocese.org.uk> or follow link on St Mary's and St John's websites.

ROSARY WITH POPE FRANCIS. On Saturday at 4.30 pm our time, Pope Francis will lead the rosary from the Lourdes Grotto in the Vatican Gardens. He invites Catholics worldwide to join him. Please see link on St Mary's website for The Vatican press release.

GOSPEL REFLECTION. We meet on Monday at 6pm via Zoom which is online. We reflect on the Mass Readings for the following Sunday. If you have access to Zoom and want to join the group please phone Danny on 0797 954 2319.

THE NATIONAL ROSARY RALLY. Is taking place today (Sunday) from 9am to 9pm. The Diocese of Galloway has been asked to pray the rosary from 4pm till 5pm.

MARY'S MEALS. A plan has been constructed to feed more than a million children at home, while schools are closed because of the Covid-19 pandemic. You can donate online : marysmeals.org.uk/donate; by phone : 08006981212 or by post. You can visit their website or St Mary's website for more details.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE. The Way of the Heart - We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

CALL TO PRAYER. We are asked to join with other Christian denominations in praying together at 7pm on Sunday. This week's prayer can be found on St Mary's website.

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Anniversaries: William Stuart, James Turbet and Ellen Hamilton

Recently Deceased: Kate Glover (Canada), Pat Browne, Maureen Gallagher (Australia)

Masses are celebrated also by Fr Gerard McCabe plus Retired Priests, 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: William Stuart, James Turbet, Ellen Hamilton, Kevin MacNamara, William & Jeannie Smyth, Margaret & Robert Monan Jnr, Carla Marie Dickie

Those who have died recently: Kate Glover (Canada), Pat Browne, Pat McAulay, Maria Farrell, Tricia Marshall, Maureen Gallagher (Australia), Sr Agnes Pak, Esther Tumilty, Mary Durkan, Billy Cannon (Greenock), Betty Heron, Peggy Latham (Mother of Fr Stephen Latham), Mary (Myra) Gemmell, Joe McAuley, Alistair Reid, John Quinn, Harry McFarlane, Jim Brown (Carlisle) and Philomena Tulloch.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK. 7th June 2020; The Most Holy Trinity : Exodus 34:4-6.8-9; Dan 3:52-56; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS. BOTH PARISHES HAVE NO INCOME AT THE PRESENT TIME EXCEPT STANDING ORDERS. PLEASE KEEP THIS IN MIND. IF YOU WISH TO PAY THROUGH STANDING ORDER PLEASE CONTACT CANON MARTIN OR ST MARY'S PARISH OFFICE.

ST JOHN'S 300 CLUB. The monthly draws will be suspended until the Church reopens. Envelopes can be posted through the parish house letterbox or handed in when public Mass resumes.

LOCKDOWN. Several people have offered their services to get shopping etc for anyone who is self-isolating. Contact the parish phone numbers if you need help.

C.L.A.S.P. Community Led Action and Support Project. DON'T FEEL ALONE, GIVE US A PHONE. CLASP via the HOPE and CLASP Digital Projects are now providing a telephone befriending and digital support service of older people residing in North Ayrshire, during this pandemic. If you are in isolation and could benefit from a daily/regular call for a chat, we have trained befrienders who can be a listening ear, help boost morale and offer guidance and signposting assistance if you require other support services during this difficult time. We also have a team of Digital Tutors and Digital Buddies who can support you with any digital queries you might have or we can contact you via WhatsApp, Skype, Facetime, etc. so you can see us rather than just hear us. If you think you could benefit from our services, give us a phone but please don't feel alone—we are here to help and are all in this together. Telephone Liz on 07464206592 or email liz@clasps.org.uk. You will then be allocated a Telephone Befriender or a Digital Befriender to give you support during this crisis. Keep Safe

ST MARY'S SVDP. Please call 07379400568

FOOD BANK, STEVENSTON AND SALTCOATS. Phone the Three Towns Hub 9am-1pm 01294 475900. Groceries will be delivered to your house.

WEST COAST FURNITURE BANK. This is a charity which distributes donated household items to families in need. An estimated 40% of the donations have come from readers of this bulletin. George would like to thank everyone for their generosity. The contact number is 07576232969.

EU SETTLEMENT SCHEME. North Ayrshire Council is assisting EU, EEA and Swiss citizens to apply for Settled Status which will allow you to stay in the UK after 31st December 2020. Full details on how to apply can be found at the back of both churches or at: <https://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/council/eu-settlement-scheme.aspx>. Information leaflets are available.

Pentecost Prayer. *Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.*

Without Pentecost the Christ-event - the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus - remains imprisoned in history as something to remember, think about and reflect on. The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now. Henri Nouwen

"Christians have no business thinking that the good life consists mainly in not doing bad things. We have no business thinking that to do evil in this world you have to be a Bengal tiger, when, in fact, it is enough to be a tame tabby—a nice person but not a good one. In short, Pentecost makes it clear that nothing is so fatal to Christianity as indifference."-- William Sloane Coffin

***The new terms of the Data Protection Regulation 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

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. "Surely," they said, "all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Jedaia and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome—Jews and proselytes alike—Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God."

The Word of the Lord

PSALM

R/ Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth

1. Bless the Lord my soul! Lord God, how great you are, How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. **R/**
2. You take back your Spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your Spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth **R/**
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. **R/**

Second Reading I Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

No one can say, "Jesus is Lord" unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. **The Word of the Lord**

Gospel John 20:19-23

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, "Peace be with you," and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again. "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you." After saying this he breathed on them and said; "Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

On the feast of Pentecost often confirmations are celebrated and, with this sacrament, the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Which of the seven gifts (wisdom, understanding, right judgement, courage, knowledge, reverence, and wonder and awe in God's presence) are you most in need of at this point in your life?

Our responsorial psalm is 'Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth'. Where do you see the need for renewal in our world right now?

In the second reading, St Paul writes, 'The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose'. Which gifts/talents have you been given by God and how do you use these gifts/talents to serve others?

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples by offering them peace. How do you strive to bring Christ's peace to those you greet each day?

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

Going into Hospital? Ask Canon Poland for the Anointing of the Sick before you are admitted.

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