



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

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The Solemnity of Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year A



Our Lady Star of the Sea
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Sr Marie Monique & Sr Ursula: Pastoral Assistants to the Three Towns

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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 Mary's, Star of the Sea, Largs

ONLINE SUNDAY COLLECTIONS. Don't worry if you are not able to support your parish financially at this time. Maybe you are having to get by on a reduced income, maybe you are anxious about losing your job. Many people are. In these difficult circumstances you should not feel obliged to give what you do not have. The diocese, though, has set up a facility online for those who are able to give and who are not already contributing by standing order. Use the link below, or scan the QR code, to access the page on the diocesan website where you can contribute to your parish by credit/debit card. You can also gift aid your donation. The most important thing at the moment is not for us to give in the collection but to pray for one another, particularly for all those who are suffering and whose lives have been badly affected by the coronavirus pandemic. May we support each other by our prayers. Kind regards, +William Nolan. 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.

ANOIDING 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.

SISTERS OF ST PAUL OF CHARTRES. Last Thursday marked 2 years since the arrival of Sr Ursula and Sr Marie Monique in the Three Towns. We thank them for their continued ministry.

ST JOHN'S TWIN PARISH. A message of support has been sent to our twin parish in Brazil.

CHURCHES RE-OPENING. In preparation for the re-opening of our Churches we will need a team of cleaners and stewards for each Church. Please let us know if you can help.

FR BOLAND. Retires from St Bride's, West Kilbride next Wednesday and we wish him a happy and long retirement. The Parish of St Bride's will be served from St Peter's, Ardrossan in future.

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.

MARY'S MEALS. Short films are available on St Mary's website and will include updates on how Mary's Meals is feeding hungry children through this pandemic and personal reflections on how faith is bringing hope and comfort. The second message is from Mary's Meals' leaders in India and Kenya.

SCIAF. We received a letter of thanks for our donation of £1,112.90 from both parishes for their WEE Box appeal.

SPAM EMAIL. We have been informed that some parishioners are receiving spam emails from Canon Martin. If you receive an email from Canon please check the email address attached to it, if it's not the Diocesan email address please don't open any attachments and block the contact.

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

RIP Birthday wishes: John Dolan and Tom McKay

Anniversaries: Theresa McCann, Gerry Jones (4th), Arthur Smyth, Hugh Carr, Terry Morrison, Anthony Forbes, Sheila Reilly, Elizabeth Murchie and James Martin Taylor

Recently Deceased: Joyce Fagan (Corby), Catherine Curran (Glasgow), John O'Neil and Elizabeth Dallas

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK. 21st June 2020; Twelfth Jeremiah 20:10:13; Psalm 68; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33

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

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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.

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.

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.

God of the Universe . Let us pray to God whose fatherly love keeps us safe. God of the universe, we worship you as Lord. God, ever close to us, we rejoice to call you Father. From this world's uncertainty we look to your covenant. Keep us one in your peace, secure in your love. *Old Opening Prayer for Today*

Our planet is being plundered and violated, Pope Francis said last week that people should not remain silent as biodiversity is threatened by destruction and exploitation, in a message marking World Environment Day. "Caring for ecosystems demands a look to the future, one that is not concerned only with the immediate moment or that seeks a quick and easy profit, but rather one that is concerned for life and that seeks its preservation for the benefit of all," Pope Francis said. "We cannot remain silent ... when we realise the very high costs of the destruction and exploitation of the ecosystem. This is not a time to continue looking the other way, indifferent to the signs that our planet is being plundered and violated by greed for profit, very often in the name of progress," he said. *Catholic news Agency*

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.*

***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.**

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:



For all the sick in our parishes*

RIP Birthday wishes: John Dolan and Tom McKay

Holy Mass will be offered for all following the death of Joe McIver.

Those who have an anniversary: Theresa McCann, Gerry Jones (4th), Hugh Carr, Terry Morrison, Anthony Forbes, Sheila Reilly, Elizabeth Murchie, James Martin Taylor, Robert Ross, Pat Monan Snr, Arthur Smyth, Michael Higgins, Terence Grant and Elizabeth Grant.

Those who have died recently: Joyce Fagan (Corby), Catherine Curran (Glasgow), John O'Neil, Elizabeth Dallas, Madge Longden, Kate Glover (Canada), Pat Browne, Pat McAulay, Maria Farrell, Tricia Marshall, Maureen Gallagher (Australia) and Sr Agnes Pak.

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 Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart—whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord. 'Do not become proud of heart, Do not forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your father had not known'. **The Word of the Lord**

PSALM

R/ O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! Zion, praise your God! He has strengthened the bars of your gates he has blessed the children within you. **R/**
2. He established peace on your borders, he feeds you with finest wheat. He sends out his word to the earth and swiftly runs his command. **R/**
3. He makes his word known to Jacob, to Israel his laws and decrees. He has not dealt thus with other nations; he has not taught them his decrees. **R/**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf. **The Word of the Lord**

Gospel John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowd: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world'. Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am set by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever'.

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

The first reading from Deuteronomy reminds us that no one lives 'on bread alone'. At this moment on your faith journey, which spiritual sources are nourishing you?

St Paul tells the Corinthians that in receiving the Eucharist they become one body in Christ. Where is your parish community in need of healing or relationship building in order to more fully reflect this unity?

On the feast of Corpus Christi we revere the gift of the Eucharist in our lives. This past year, how has this gift of Christ's Body and Blood affected your life?

How does your parish community, in receiving Jesus, 'the living bread', seek to be nourishment for others?

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.

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

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