



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

21st June 2020

Twelfth Sunday of Year A



Our Lady Star of the Sea
Saltcoats

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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 resaltcoats or restevenston link and follow below the instructions. <https://tinyurl.com/rcsaltcoats> <https://tinyurl.com/restevenston>. 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.

COVID-19. The Scottish Government has announced Phase 2 which includes the opening of Churches for private prayer. In order to fulfil the regulations required people attending church must wear a face mask, sanitise their hands, maintain social distancing and sit in designated places. Because of the two metre social distancing rule there will only be a number of places available in each church at the one time. In order to visit the church for private prayer it will be necessary to book a place for each church (40 people maximum). **The churches will be open for private prayer in St Mary's: Sunday 1pm-2pm; Tuesday 1pm-2pm and Thursday 6pm-7pm. St John's: Sunday 3pm-4pm; Wednesday 2pm-3pm and Friday 6pm-7pm. In order to book a place at St Mary's phone Lorna on 463461, St John's phone Teresa on 07564903401 (Please only call between 10am and 6pm).** Inside the church please follow the instructions given to you by the welcomers and stewards and follow the signage for directions. There will be no toilet facilities available. A plan of the seating arrangements will be available inside the porch. Thank you to Peter Timmons (St Mary's) and Teresa Thornton (St John's) who are acting as parish co-ordinators. Thank you to those who are serving as welcomers, stewards and cleaners and those who have volunteered – the church needs to be cleaned every time it has been used. If you are willing to assist with these tasks please let Canon Martin or the co-ordinators know.

JUBILARIANS. Our good wishes go to the following Priests who are celebrating their anniversaries around this time. Canon Pat Keegans, 50 years a Priest 4th July; Canon Jack McGee, (Girvan), 50years a Priest 11th July; Canon Pat McSorley, 60 years a Priest, 19th June; Bishop Maurice Taylor 70 years a Priest, 2nd July also Fr Gilmour Ommer and Fr Con Botter are celebrating their 60 years a Priest this year.

P7 SCHOOL LEAVERS. A gift of a Celtic Cross and a school tie for St Matthew's will be given to our Primary 7 children who are leaving both our schools with our thanks for their contribution to the school communities. We wish those associated with our school communities a happy and safe summer break.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY. To all the families in the parish.

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:

Fathers Day Wishes: Graham Kane (RIP)

Special Intention

Anniversaries: Hannah Munn, Margaret Henry Alex Pllu, James Moffat (2nd), Philip Burns (3 months mind) and Harry Boyle

Recently Deceased: Billy Cannon (Greenock), Margaret Meikle, Elizabeth Dallas, Allan Beattie (Galston) and Betty Creelman.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK. 28th June 2020; Thirteenth Sunday of Year A; 2Kins 4:8-11.14-16; Psalm 88; Romans 6:3-4.8-11; Matthew 10:37-42

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:



For all the sick in our parishes*

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Special Intention

Those who have an anniversary: Hannah Munn, Margaret Henry Alex Pllu, James Moffat (2nd), Philip Burns (3 months mind), Harry Boyle, Theresa McCann, Gerry Jones (4th), Hugh Carr, Terry Morrison, Anthony Forbes, Sheila Reilly, Elizabeth Murchie and James Martin Taylor.

Those who have died recently: Billy Cannon (Greenock), Margaret Meikle, Elizabeth Dallas, Allan Beattie (Galston) and Betty Creelman, Joyce Fagan (Corby), Catherine Curran (Glasgow), John O'Neil, Madge Longden and Kate Glover (Canada).

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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION. We meet every 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.

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.

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.**

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 Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah said: I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side!" Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, 'Perhaps he will be seduced into error, and take our revenge!' But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men. **The Word of the Lord**

PSALM

R/ In your great love, answer me, O Lord.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face, that I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother's sons. I burn with zeal for your house and taints against you fall on me. **R/**
2. This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails, Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. **R/**
3. The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. Let the heavens and the earth give him praise; the sea and all its living creatures. **R/**

Second Reading Romans 5:12-15

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. **The Word of the Lord**

Gospel Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops. 'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. 'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven, But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven'.

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

In the first reading the prophet Jeremiah says to God, 'I have committed my cause to you'. Which cause(s) is near to your heart at this moment in time? How might you entrust it to God's care?

In today's psalm we hear, 'It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face'. Has there been a time in your life where you experienced insult or shame because of your faith? What helped you get through this time?

Jesus urges his disciples three times, 'Do not be afraid'. How might you embrace this fearlessness in your life?

Jesus says to the twelve, every hair on your head has been counted'. How have you experienced this abundant love of God in your life?

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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