



St John the Evangelist
Stevenson

9th August 2020

Nineteenth Sunday of Year A



Our Lady Star of the Sea
Saltcoats

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LIVESTREAMING MASSES CAN BE FOUND AT THE CHURCHES BELOW.

St Mary's, Saltcoats
St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr
St Joseph's, Kilmarnock

St John's, Stevenston
St Teresa's, Dumfries
St Matthew's, Kilmarnock

St Peter's, Ardrossan
St John's, Cumnock
St Mary's, Largs

MASS TIMES: Please remember to book.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday Vigil
St. Mary's: 10am St. John's: 11.30am St Peter's: 10.30am	St. Peter's: 10am	St. Mary's: 10am	St. John's: 10am	No Mass	St. Peter's: 10am	St. Mary's: 4.30pm St. Peter's: 5.30pm

Funeral Mass: Thursday in St. John's: Restricted to immediate family. This means there will be no public Masses on Thursday (St. Mary's) or Friday (St. John's) to allow for cleaning.

COVID-19. The Scottish Government has announced Phase 3 of the lockdown and the resumption of communal worship in Catholic Parishes so long as we fulfil the necessary requirements. Mass will be celebrated in St Mary's on Tuesday and Thursday and St John's on Wednesday and Friday at 10am and the weekend Masses at the usual times. In order to fulfil all the requirements people will need to sanitise their hands, wear a facemask and sit in designated seats which they have booked beforehand. To enable social distancing both churches will have a maximum capacity of 40 people-hence the need to book a place beforehand for all masses. **To book a place in St Mary's Church please phone the parish office on 463461 between Monday and Friday 9.30am to 2.30pm. To book a place in St John's please phone Teresa Thornton on 07564 903 401 between Monday and Friday 9.30am and 2.30pm. To book a place in St. Peter's please call the Parish Office, Monday to Friday between 9am and 11am; and you will be asked for a contact number in order that track and trace can be achieved if necessary. This register/data will be kept for 3 weeks and then destroyed. Please do not attend either church unless you have made a booking beforehand. Please allow time before Mass for the steward to show you to your place and remember livestreaming starts 5 minutes before Mass.** You can only book a maximum of 4 places unless more come from the one household At present a funeral Mass is still restricted to 20 people and this would take precedence over a weekday Mass. To enable our churches to open for Mass we require welcomers, stewards and cleaners as the church requires to be cleaned after every Mass. If you can assist please let us know using these contact numbers provided. In the church we ask you to follow the directions of the stewards to enable social distancing and follow the one-way system as indicated. We look forward to welcoming you back into the church building but if you are nervous about attending (eg shielding at present) Bishop Gilbert reminds us that the Sunday obligation to attend Mass remains suspended and those who return must fulfil all the infection control measures in force in each parish, mindful always of the need to protect themselves and others. We will be livestreaming all our Masses in both churches you can access this by following this link <https://tinyurl.com/rcstevenstonsaltcoats>.

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.

ST MARY'S PARISH OFFICE: Re-opens this Monday and bookings for Mass can be made between 9.30am and 2.30pm by phoning 463461.

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Anniversaries: Joe Murray; John Collins; Jim O'Rourke; Elizabeth Crawley; Thomas Girvan; Catherine O'Rourke.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: 15th/16th August 2020; The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Revelation 11:19, 12:1-6, 10; Psalm 44, Luke 1:39-56.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

For all the sick in our parishes*



Those who have an anniversary: Joe Murray; John Collins; Jim O'Rourke; Elizabeth Crawley; Thomas Girvan; Catherine O'Rourke.

Those who have died recently: Anna Higgins (Ardrossan); Anna Murphy (Carlingford, Co. Louth); Margaret McGrory (Birmingham); Tom McIver.

***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.**

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.

CAN YOU HELP? Can you help with stewarding people to their seats, helping to clean the church (a requirement after every Mass and takes about 20 minutes), or willing to help with live-streaming Mass? Without people helping to steward or clean our churches they will not be open as frequently. Call the numbers already given if you can assist.

ST MARY'S SVDP. Please call 07379400568

FOOD BANK, STEVENSTON AND SALTCOATS: Phone the Three Towns Hub on **310000** from 9am to 1pm. Groceries will be delivered to your house.

THANK YOU: Thank you for your collections including those who pay through the bank and those paying direct to the diocese.

ST. JOHN'S 300 CLUB: St. John's 300 club will resume from September. Envelopes are now available.

NEW SCHOOL TERM: Our good wishes to the staff, pupils and all in our school communities as they begin their new term in this coming week.

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 07576 232 969.

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>.

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 on Monday evenings at 6.15pm. If you would like to participate please phone Danny on 0797 954 2319.



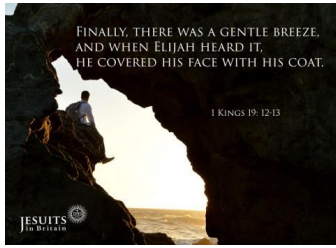
POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST: *The Maritime World...* We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

"The life of sailors or fishermen and their families is very difficult." "Sometimes they are victims of forced labour or are left behind in distant ports." "The competition of industrial fishing and the problem of pollution make their work even more complicated." However, the Pope admits, "without the people of the sea, many parts of the world would starve." "Let us pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families," *the Pope urges.*

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.

ARDROSSAN/WEST KILBRIDE PARISHES: St Peter's is now serving St Bride's, West Kilbride. Mass times are: **St Peter's—5.30pm Vigil and 10.30am Sunday. St Bride's 12.15am Sunday.** A booking has to be made in St. Peter's for Masses, please contact their Parish Office between 9am—11am on 464063.

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a



When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of the Lord, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord'. Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind.

After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. **The Word of the Lord**

PSALM

R/ Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your sharing help.

1. I will hear what the Lord has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **R/**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **R/**
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **R/**

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ—it is the truth—my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake; was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid'. It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water'. 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God'.

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

In your life, when do you experience the quiet presence of God?

Today's psalm prays 'Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help'. Is there a situation in your life right now that would benefit from mercy?

St. Paul writes to the Romans, 'What I want to say now is no pretence, I say it in union with Christ—it is the truth'. When has the truth spoken to you in love brought new growth and flourishing?

In the gospel reading Jesus calls out to the frightened disciples, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid'. When have you needed courage to follow Jesus in the life of faith?

VATICAN CITY, 6TH AUGUST, 2020: Pope Francis on Thursday named 13 new members to the Council for the Economy, which oversees Vatican finances and the work of the Secretariat for the Economy. Among the 6 women and one man appointed as new members of the Vatican's top financial oversight body, are high-level experts in banking, finance, asset management, and international law from Spain, Italy and Germany, as well as a former member of the British Cabinet. Ruth Mary Kelly served as Great Britain's Secretary of State for Education under Tony Blair. *Catholic News Agency*

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.

In an emergency situation ask the nurse on duty for the priest-on-call to be paged.

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

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