



St John the Evangelist  
Stevenston

# 4th April 2021 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Year B



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Saltcoats

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Assisted by Fr Benjamin Mkeri CSSp and Sr Marie Monique & Sr Ursula  
Canon Matt McManus (Retired)

Day	St John's	St Mary's	St Peter's
Monday	—————	—————	10am Mass (L)
Tuesday	—————	10am Mass (L)	10am Funeral Mass (L) Cathie Slimman
Wednesday	10am Mass (L)	—————	10am Mass (L)
Thursday	—————	10am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)
Friday	10am Mass (L)	—————	10am Mass (L)
Saturday	—————	4.30pm Vigil Mass (L)	5.30pm Mass (L)
Sunday	11.30am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)	10.30am Mass (L)

**L = LIVESTREAMED**

Bookings for Mass can be made on Tuesday between 09.30am—2.30pm for St Mary's on 463461 and for St John's on 07564903401 for Masses on Wednesday in St John's at 10am; Thursday in St Mary's at 10am; Friday in St John's at 10am; Saturday in St Mary's at 4.30pm; Sunday in St Mary's at 10am and 11.30am in St John's. All Masses/Services will still be livestreamed.

Fr Benjamin will be celebrating Masses until the end of April in Our Lady and St Meddan, Troon.

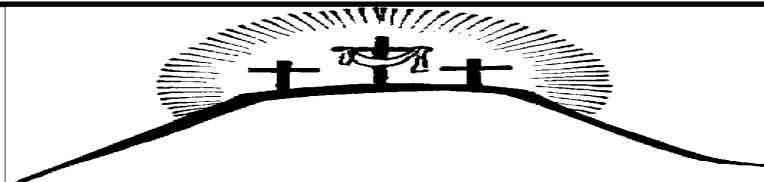
**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS.** Thank you to those who pay by Standing Order, in order to do so details are available from the parish office. The Diocese also has a facility online where you can contribute to your parish by debit card. The Link for the Diocese page is : <http://www.gallowaydiocese.org.uk/parish-collections>. Our specific links for St Mary's and St 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. **Because of Covid-19 our parish/hall income has fallen dramatically so your support is especially appreciated.**

**SUNDAY.** Holy Hour livestreamed at 5.30pm-6.30pm.

**MONDAY.** Gospel Reflection livestreamed at 7pm

**WEDNESDAY.** A Talk on The Lord is Risen, Alleluia, with Fr Benjamin livestreamed at 7pm.

**EASTER MESSAGE FROM BISHOP NOLAN.** Can be found on the parish website.



A Happy and Blessed Easter from Canon Martin, Fr Benjamin, Canon  
Matt, Sr Ursula and Sr Marie Monique.

Keep Safe and Well

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

**Easter Remembrance:** Gerard Monaghan

**Anniversaries:** Alice Lynn and Catherine McGhee

**Recently deceased:** Margaret Northcote and Robert McGuire

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

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:** Second Sunday of Easter Year B—Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 117; I John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

**THANK YOU.** To both our parish co-ordinators and all who assist to enable our churches to be open at present, thanks to all who have helped prepare and celebrate our Holy Week Services and the ministries involved.

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

**For all the sick in our parishes and those with COVID-19\***

**Special Intention**

**Easter Remembrance:** Gerard Monaghan

**Those who have an anniversary:** Alice Lynn, Catherine McGhee, Jane Monan, Robert Cairns, Tommy Brennan (3rd), Agnes Forbes, John Hamilton, Wullie Hamilton.

**Those who have died recently:** Margaret Northcote, James Watt, Mary Smith, Marie Lucas, Robert McGuire, Susan Metcalfe, Mary Constable, Breige McGee (Bishop Brian McGee's Mother), Frank Gaddis, Pat McCafferty, Eileen Gallagher (N. Ireland), John McGuire, Maria Lee, Robert Stevenson, Maureen Sherwin, Annie Dunn and Alice McEvoy (Ireland).

**300 CLUB.** Congratulations to the winners of the March draw. No 164 P. Brown and No 95 P. McIvor. New envelopes are now available.

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR PARISH VOLUNTEERS.** Looking ahead to when we may be able to resume normal worship and return to parish ministries, it will be necessary for *all* parish volunteers who work with children and vulnerable adults to complete their second Safeguarding Induction Training session, if they require a PVG to carry out their ministries. The diocesan trainers strongly recommend that as many volunteers as possible attend this training session online, from the comfort and safety of their own homes, during this current lockdown. To book a place in an online session at a convenient time for you, please visit [www.gallowaydiocese.org.uk/safeguarding-calendar](http://www.gallowaydiocese.org.uk/safeguarding-calendar), which will be regularly updated with available dates and times. If you are unsure whether you need to attend, please contact your Parish Safeguarding Coordinator; many volunteers have already attended either in-person immediately before the pandemic, or online during it. Thank you for your commitment to your parishes. **All stewards and those between 16 and 18 years who wish to assist with cleaning in St Mary's must undergo training and complete a volunteer application form. The relevant training and recruitment guidance can be downloaded at Roman Catholic Bishops' Conference of Scotland > COVID-19 > COVID Resources (bcos.org.uk). Application forms, if you have not already completed one, are available by contacting the parish office.**

**ST. MARY'S WEEKLY ENVELOPES.** Those of you who use weekly offering envelopes may pick up your new sets for the coming year from the parish office. If you do not Gift Aid yet-please consider doing so-it makes such a difference. Please contact the parish office.

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**C.L.A.S.P. Community Led Action and Support Project.** For details of befriending and digital support service Telephone Liz on 07464 206 592 or email [liz@clasps.org.uk](mailto: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.

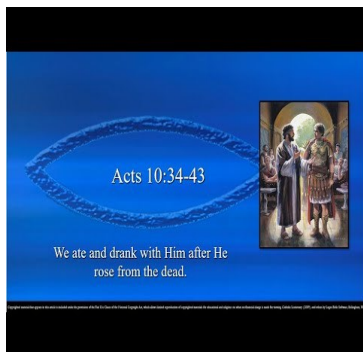
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**BULLETINS.** If you are able to access the bulletin online and have a printer, you might want to pass on a copy to someone who you think might like to keep up to date with all recent parish news.

**THE MINSTERACRES RETREAT TEAM.** Invite you to join them on an online retreat; 'The God Who Speaks' for a weekend of prayer, reflection and fellowship. During this retreat we will be developing and exploring the ways of listening to and responding to the God who speaks to us through people, the Scriptures and nature. This retreat will start on Friday 16th April at 7pm and ends on Sunday 18th April at 12:30pm. Please visit [www.minsteracres.org/come-on-retreat](http://www.minsteracres.org/come-on-retreat). Further details on how to join the retreat using ZOOM will be sent to you once you have booked and paid for a place online.

**GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION**

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### First Reading: Acts 10:34.37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself; and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses—we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead—and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness; that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.' **The Word of the Lord**

### PSALM

**R/ This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' **R/**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. **R/**
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **R/**

### Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed—and he is your life—you too will be revealed in all your glory with him. **The Word of the Lord**

### Gospel: John 20:1-9

It was a very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.



### FOR REFLECTION

*Today is only the beginning of our Easter joy. How will you and your family keep this feast throughout the season of Easter?*

*In the first reading Peter tells the gathered crowd, "Jesus has ordered us to proclaim this to his people." How do you exercise the ministry of preaching in your own life?*

*St Paul writes to the Colossians, "The life you have is hidden with Christ in God." How does this image relate to your own experience of being a Christian?*

**Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for April.** *We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.*

**God is Greater.** *So, let us not give in to resignation; let us not place a stone before hope. We can and must hope, because God is faithful. He did not abandon us; he visited us and entered into our situations of pain, anguish and death. His light dispelled the darkness of the tomb: today he wants that light to penetrate even to the darkest corners of our lives. Dear sister, dear brother, even if in your heart you have buried hope, do not give up: God is greater. Darkness and death do not have the last word. Be strong, for with God nothing is lost! Pope Francis*

**\*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.**

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