



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

25th April 2021 Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B



Our Lady Star of the Sea
Saltcoats

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Day	St John's	St Mary's	St Peter's
Monday	—————	—————	10am Mass (L)
Tuesday	1.30pm Online Mass Both Primary Schools (L)	10am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)
Wednesday	10am Mass	10am Funeral Mass (L) Teddy Kelly	10am Mass (L)
Thursday	—————	—————	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

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.**

Bookings for Weekend Masses can be made Monday-Friday between 09.30am—2.30pm for St Mary's on 463461 and for Sunday Mass bookings can be made Monday-Friday 11am-2pm for St John's on 07564903401. **You no longer have to book for weekday Masses, but you will still be asked to leave your contact details for our Track and Trace records when attending these Masses.** All Masses/Services will be livestreamed.

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

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

MONDAY. Gospel Reflection livestreamed at 7pm

WEDNESDAY. A Talk on The Hope of Easter with Fr Benjamin livestreamed at 7pm.

Please remember the following death in your prayers
Edward (Teddy) Kelly RIP—Wednesday 28th Funeral Mass at 10am in St Mary's.
+May he rest in peace+

NOVENA OF PRAYER FOR KEVIN RENNIE/ORDINATION. You are invited to join in with nine days of prayer in preparation for the Ordination to the Diaconate of Kevin Rennie. A short video has been prepared and will be placed on the [Galloway Diocese Facebook page](#), starting from this Saturday 24th April and running to the Ordination Day itself, May 2nd. You are invited to pray in this way that God blesses Kevin and blesses the entire Diocesan community. Saint Ninian, pray for us. **Kevin sends us the following message:** "On Sunday 2nd May the Pontifical Scots College invites you to join us in celebrating the Ordination of four of our men to the Order of Deacons. The Ordination Mass will be celebrated at 11.30 (10.30 BST) in the College Chapel, and presided over by Archbishop Arthur Roche, the Secretary of the Congregation for Divine Worship. To join us, you can go to the College's Facebook page or YouTube (tinyurl.com/diaconate2021) channel. I would ask for your prayers during this time as my brothers and I complete our final weeks of preparation, and I assure you of my own prayers."

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

RIP Birthday: Billy Hand and Graham Kane

Anniversaries: Arthur Collins, Derrick Whitehead, Pat Whitehead, Joe McIver, William Savage, Jean Monan, Hugh Donald, Philomena Tulloch (1st), Betty Montgomery and Lina Badiali.

Recently deceased: Bridie McAvoy (Glasgow), Clifford Inman and Edward (Teddy) Kelly

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Fifth Sunday of Easter
Year B—Acts 9:26-31; Psalm 21; I John 3:18-24; John 15:1-18

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

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

RIP Birthday: Billy Hand and Graham Kane

Those who have an anniversary: Arthur Collins, Derrick Whitehead, Pat Whitehead, Joe McIver, William Savage, Jean Monan, Hugh Donald, Joe McIver, Philomena Tulloch (1st), Betty Montgomery, Lina Badiali, Joe Coleman, Peter Gerald O'Hare, Peter McConnell, Edward McConnell, Bertie McConnell and William & Jeanie Smyth.

Those who have died recently: Bridie McAvoy (Glasgow), Clifford Inman, Edward (Teddy) Kelly, Margaret Gleeson (Fr Eamonn Flynn's Sister), Sr Imelda James, Helen Robertson, Alan Flood (Drogheda), Ted Dyer (Drogheda), Isabel McNamee, James Watt, Elizabeth (Betty) Hurley, Lorraine Litster, Rev Fr Paul Sanders and Patricia Price and Margaret Northcote.

STUDENTS FUND SPECIAL COLLECTION. Will be taken up from next weekend.

SACRAMENTAL PLANS. Are now being made for both parishes. Please contact the school for further information.

FACE. A day of Prayer for Eastern Christians will take place on 9th May 2021 "One Faith—One Family—One hope" It has also been commended by Archbishop Leo Cushley, who said: "Pope Francis's recent Apostolic visit to Iraq highlighted the challenges facing Christians in the lands where Christianity was born and first spread. The Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians is an opportunity for us to unite with Eastern Catholics through prayer and, in doing so, build on the hope of Pope Francis's visit. I commend the Day of Prayer to you and would encourage parishes to take part through prayer and charity." For more information please visit parish website or visit www.facecharity.org. Or you can Donate £10 by texting DAYOFFPRAYER to 70450.

THANK YOU. Received from The Cardinal Winning Pro-Life Initiative to St Mary's Parishioners for all the lovely crib donations they received.

SPRED GALLOWAY. Are keen to fill the following positions. Volunteers, Catechists, Trustee Board Members and Chair of the Board of Trustees. If you would like more more information please visit their Facebook page and website, **Facebook/spredgalloway; www.spredgalloway.org.uk**. Or contact Janette Douglas, Coordinator for SPRED Galloway on 07568346391 or email info@spredgalloway.org.uk for an application pack.

ST MARY'S PARISH OFFICE. Will return to normal working hours. Monday-Friday 9.30am-2.30pm.

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, 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. Issue 3 of the Safeguarding Bulletin is available on the parish website or contact the parish office for a copy.**

ST. MARY'S WEEKLY ENVELOPES. Are still available from the parish office.

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY - IRVINE AND THREE TOWNS DEBT CENTRE. Are a Christian Organisation that helps people struggling with personal debt issues to begin a journey out of debt. This service is free and they can see clients face to face at the Connexions centre, Irvine or at any office location where strict health & safety guidelines are being met. To use us the first step is for a client to call our freephone number which is 0800 328 0006. Poster on church noticeboards for more information.

ST MARY'S SVDP. Please call 07379 400 568. **ST JOHN'S SVDP:** Please call 07498 501 326.

FOOD BANK, STEVENSTON AND SALTCOATS. Phone the Three Towns Hub on **310000** from 9am to 1pm.

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.

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 4:8-12

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, addressed them, "Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the key-stone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved."

The Word of the Lord

PSALM 117

R/ The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

1. Alleluia! Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. **R/**
2. I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **R/**
3. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. **R/**

Second Reading: I John 3:1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father."



PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

In the first reading we hear of "a cripple" who was healed in the name of Jesus. What areas in your life are in need of healing at this moment?

Today's responsorial psalm proclaims "The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone." What examples of this have you seen in your community.

In the reading from the first letter of St Peter, we find a description of Christ's non-violent response to his persecutors. How do you try to emulate his actions?

In the Gospel parable Jesus says, "The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep." Who are the sheep that you are called to shepherd and how do you give of your life for them?

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.*

*"Just as a flock of sheep can recognise the voice of their shepherd, Christians must learn to distinguish between "the voice of the Good Shepherd and that of the thief." The voice of God never forces, God proposes, he does not impose. On the other hand, the evil voice seduces, assaults, forces; it arouses dazzling illusions, tempting emotions, but it is fleeting." **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.**

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

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