



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

11th April 2021 Second 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	—————	10am Mass (L)	10am Funeral Service (L) Francis & Sarah McKane
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

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. Bookings for Weekend Masses can be made on Monday's between 09.30am—4.30pm for St Mary's on 463461 and for Sunday Mass bookings can be made Monday-Friday 11am-2pm for St John's on 07564903401. All Masses/Services will be 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.**

FINANCE FOR BOTH PARISHES.

2019 for St John's Income: £84,670.63; Expenditure: £86,474.63.

2020 for St John's Income: £71,952.51; Expenditure: £75,370.83.

2019 for St Mary's Income : £144,102.69; Expenditure: £121,586.17.

2020 for St Mary's Income: £108,496.42; Expenditure: £120,338.06.

Both Church Halls closed in 2020 therefore there has been no hall income.

Bishop Nolan has recorded a short video inviting parishioners who are able to do so to contribute to their parish by standing order and to sign a gift aid form. This can be found on both parish websites.

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

MONDAY. Gospel Reflection livestreamed at 7pm

WEDNESDAY. A Talk on the Paschal Candle with Fr Benjamin livestreamed at 7pm.

Please remember the following death in your prayers

*12th April (tomorrow) —Margaret Northcote RIP—Graveside Service at 11am in Hawkhill Cemetery
+May she rest in peace+*

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Easter Remembrance: Arthur Smyth, Margaret McGee and Patrick Cambridge

Anniversaries: Joe Burns, Alistair Dickie, Isabella Stuart, Emilia Sallie and Daniel Gilmour

Recently deceased: Alan Flood (Drogheda), Ted Dyer (Drogheda), Isabel McNamee, James Watt, Margaret Northcote, Elizabeth (Betty) Hurley (Surrey), Lorraine Litster (Surrey), Rev Fr Paul Sanders (Surrey) and Patricia Price (Surrey)

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Third Sunday of Easter
Year B—Acts 3:13-15.17-19; Psalm 4; I John 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-48

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

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

Easter Remembrance: Arthur Smyth, Margaret McGee and Patrick Cambridge and Gerard Monaghan

Those who have an anniversary: Joe Burns, Alistair Dickie, Isabella Stuart, Emilia Sallie, Daniel Gilmour, Alice Lynn and Catherine McGhee.

Those who have died recently: Alan Flood (Drogheda), Ted Dyer (Drogheda), Isabel McNamee, James Watt, Elizabeth (Betty) Hurley (Surrey), Lorraine Litster (Surrey), Rev Fr Paul Sanders (Surrey) and Patricia Price (Surrey), 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 and Maria Lee

CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF SCOTLAND. A Pastoral Letter for the forthcoming Scottish Parliament Election, to be held on 6th May can be accessed via this link: <https://repolitics.org/scottish-parliament-election-2021/>

ST MARY'S PARISH OFFICE. There is a change to the opening times of the parish office from this week. The office will be open on a Monday from 9am-5pm and a Friday 9am-5pm. There will be someone in the parish house on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 10am-12 Noon, any urgent enquires outwith these hours can be answered by calling St John's. All emails will be replied to on a daily basis.

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.

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

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. You will then be allocated a Telephone Befriender or a Digital Befriender to give you support during this crisis. Keep Safe.

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.

THE MINSTERACRES RETREAT TEAM. Invite you to join them on an online retreat; for a weekend of prayer, reflection and fellowship. 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. 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

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 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need. **The Word of the Lord**

PSALM

R/ Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end

1. Let the sons of Israel say: "His love has no end." Let the sons of Aaron say: "His love has no end." Let those who fear the Lord 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. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. **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. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **R/**

Second Reading: John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; that is what loving God is—keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world—our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness—since the Spirit is the truth. **The Word of the Lord**

Gospel: John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, "Peace be with you," and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you." After saying this he breathed on them and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained." Thomas called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, "We have seen the Lord", he answered, "Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe." Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. "Peace be with you" he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, "Put your finger here: look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe." Thomas replied, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him: "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe." There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing in his name you may have life through his name.



PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

Today, we celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday. Where is God calling you to extend mercy to others?

In the first reading we hear that the early community of believers were "united, heart and soul." Where in your own parish is the community united in heart and soul about issues or values? Where is there division?

The second reading from the first letter of St John proclaims that "God's commandments are not difficult." At this moment in your faith journey, where are you encountered difficulty or hardship?

In today's Gospel Jesus tells the disciples "As the Father sent me, so am I sending you." Where are you being sent to share Jesus's peace?

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.*

The Church's First Task. *"The Risen Jesus passed on to his Church, as her first task, his own mission of bringing to all the concrete message of forgiveness. This is the first task: to announce forgiveness. This visible sign of his mercy brings with it peace of heart and joy of the renewed encounter with the Lord." 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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