



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

18th April 2021
Third 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) 1.30pm Online Mass Both Primary Schools (L)	10am Mass (L)
Wednesday	10am Mass (L)	—————	10am Mass (L)
Thursday	—————	10am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)
Friday	10am Funeral Mass (L) Helen Robertson	—————	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.**

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.

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 Vocation with Fr Benjamin livestreamed at 7pm.

SISTER IMELDA JAMES. The Funeral Mass for Sister Imelda will be in her home parish of St Bede's in Jarrow at 10am on Thursday 22nd, with interment at Jesmond Old Cemetery at 11.45. It is hoped that there will be an arrangement made for Live-streaming the Funeral Mass.

Please remember the following deaths in your prayers

Wednesday 21st—Robert McGuire—Funeral Service at 2.30pm in Dreghorn Crematorium

Friday 23rd —Helen Robertson RIP—Funeral Mass at 10am in St John's

+May they rest in peace+

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Anniversaries: Joe Coleman, Peter Gerald O'Hare, Peter McConnell, Edward McConnell, Bertie McConnell, William & Jeanie Smyth,

Recently deceased: Margaret Gleeson (Fr Eamonn Flynn's Sister), Sr Imelda James, Helen Robertson and Robert McGuire

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B—Acts 4:8-12; Psalm 117; John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

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

Those who have an anniversary: Joe Coleman, Peter Gerald O'Hare, Peter McConnell, Edward McConnell, Bertie McConnell, William & Jeanie Smyth, Joe Burns, Alistair Dickie, Isabella Stuart, Emilia Sallie and Daniel Gilmour.

Those who have died recently: 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, Margaret Northcote, James Watt, Mary Smith, Marie Lucas, Robert McGuire, Susan Metcalfe and Mary Constable.

HOLY PLACES SPECIAL COLLECTION. St John's: £424.58 and St Mary's £464.81

SCIAF. Money raised to date: St John's £1,034.00 and St Mary's £605.06

CONGRATULATIONS. To David and Bernadette Anderson who celebrate their Ruby Wedding Anniversary this week.

WELCOME BACK. We wish all our schools, pupils and teachers a happy and healthy return.

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://rcpolitics.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.

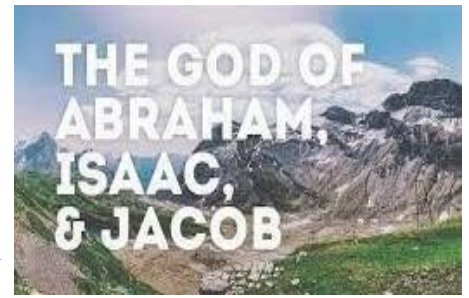
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The Regulation came into force on Friday 25th May 2018, and gives individuals greater rights and control over the use of their personal information. Your privacy is important to the Parish Communities of St. John's and St. Mary's. We use the personal 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 3:13-15. 17-19

Peter said to the people: "You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing, this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out."

The Word of the Lord



PSALM

R/ Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

- 1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! **R/**
- 2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **R/**
- 3. "What can bring us happiness?" many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **R/**
- 4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **R/**

Second Reading: I John 2:1-5

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments, anyone who says, "I know him", and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him. **The Word of the Lord**



Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you!" In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, "Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, "This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled." He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnessed to this."

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

Peter rebukes the gathered crowd for Jesus's death, but then acknowledges, "that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing," When has not knowing what you were doing clouded your following of Christ?

The psalm proclaims "The Lord grants favours to those whom he loves." What favours have you witnessed in the life of faith?

In the gospel account, the disciples say they recognised the risen Lord "in the breaking of the bread." How do you make meals with friends and family a true time of communion?

Jesus tells the disciples that they are "witnesses" of the good news to be spread to the nations of life, death and resurrection. Who are the witnesses in your life who have brought you to deeper faith in Christ?

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.

Luke 24 "The resurrection community that had experienced Jesus' dying now experienced his risen presence. And it was, quite insistently, an embodied one. This is a Jesus of sight and sound, of memories and relationships, of love and tenderness. He would take food and allow himself to be touched. Even his wounds could be examined. It was a recognisable and identifiable Jesus, a realisation of his bodied existence." **Fr. John Kavanaugh.**

***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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