



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

16th May 2021 Seventh Sunday of Easter Year B

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Our Lady Star of the Sea
Saltcoats

Day	St John's	St Mary's	St Peter's
Monday	—————	—————	10am Mass (L)
Tuesday	—————	10am Mass (L) 1.30pm Online Mass (L)	10am Funeral Mass (L) Joseph Benet Brodie
Wednesday	10am Mass (L)	—————	10am Mass (L)
Thursday	—————	10am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)
Friday	10am Mass (L)	—————	10am Mass (L)
Saturday	11am & 1pm First Eucharist Masses	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. Your weekly parish collection envelopes can be left in both parish houses if you are not able to get to Mass.**

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. **Please note that weekday masses are subject to change if there is a funeral.**

SUNDAY. Holy Hour livestreamed at 5.30pm-6.30pm

MONDAY. Gospel Reflection livestreamed at 7pm

TUESDAY. During May—Rosary livestreamed at 7pm

WEDNESDAY. A Talk on Ascension with Fr Benjamin livestreamed at 7pm.

DATES FOR SACRAMENTS 2021

St Anthony's : First Reconciliation on 2nd and 3rd June and First Eucharist on 5th, 6th, 12th and 13th June

St John's: First Reconciliation on 8th June and First Eucharist on 22nd May

LIVESTREAMING AT ST JOHN'S. Apologies, we are still experiencing livestreaming problems at the moment.

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Anniversaries: Andrew Murchie, John Collins, Patricia Marshall (1st), Theresa Loudon (6 months mind), George Boyd, Flora Murray, Betty McGowan, Mary & John McCann, Eileen McCann, Tom McGrath, Cathy McGuire and Ellen & Tony Hendry.

Recently deceased: Peter Knight, Bobby Milligan and Rosa Carrino.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Pentecost Sunday Year B— Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 103; I Corinthians 12:3-7. 12-13; John 20:19-23

COMMUNICATIONS SPECIAL COLLECTION. Will be taken up from next weekend. Envelopes are available for those who wish to Gift Aid their donation.

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: Andrew Murchie, John Collins, Patricia Marshall (1st), Theresa Loudon (6 months mind), George Boyd, Flora Murray, Betty McGowan, Mary & John McCann, Eileen McCann, Tom McGrath, Cathy McGuire, Ellen & Tony Hendry, Kathleen McGuirk (4th), James & Mary McEvoy, Gretta Monaghan, James Turbet, James O'Hare, Peter O'Hare, Mary Harbinson, Mary Kilmartin, Mary Hayes, Jim Dunwoodie, Betty Heron, James Turbet, James O'Hare, Peter O'Hare, Thomas Kirk, Victor Mitchell and Kathleen Fraser (6 months mind)

Those who have died recently: Peter Knight, Joseph Benet Brodie, Lillian Beattie, Thomas Harkins, Bobby McKee, Rosa Carrino, Louise Higgins, Agnes McGonigle, Bobby Milligan, Annie McIntosh (Coatbridge), Jacob Lerdprachanan, Irene Flynn, Mary Dowds, Bridie McAvoyn (Glasgow), Clifford Inman and Edward (Teddy) Kelly.

THANK YOU. To Anne and Robert Stirling (St John's) and Trina and the late Pat McAvoyn (St Mary's) for their faithful services with our Church halls over the last number of years. We are currently looking for a hallkeeper for St Mary's and if you can assist please contact the parish office for more information.

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.

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.**

SPUC SCOTLAND. On Saturday 22nd May 2021, at Carfin Grotto, SPUC Scotland will display 14,000 white flower images, one for every child lost to abortion in Scotland in one year, to create a 'carpet of flowers for the unborn'. Bishop Toal will bless the physical display at 2pm. If you would like to sponsor a virtual flower, please visit www.whiteflower.org.uk or call SPUC Scotland (0141 221 2094) to make a donation.

ST. MARY'S WEEKLY ENVELOPES. Are still available from the parish office. And can be returned to the parish house if you are unable to get to Church.

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 1:15-17. 20-26

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers—there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: “Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus—after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours. In the Book of Psalms it says: Let someone else take his office. “We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us—and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.” Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, “Lord, you can read everyone’s heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.” They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

The Word of the Lord

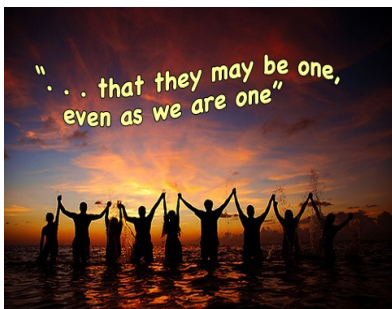
PSALM

R/ The Lord has set his sway in heaven

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name, My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R/**
2. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. **R/**
3. The Lord has set his sway in heaven and his kingdom is ruling over all. Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels, mighty in power, fulfilling his word. **R/**

Second Reading: I John 4:11-16

My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God’s love towards ourselves. God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him. **The Word of the Lord**



Gospel: John 17:11-19

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: “Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you had given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world. I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.”

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

In the first reading Matthias is chosen to join the apostles as a “witness to Jesus’s resurrection.” In your journey of faith, who have been the most effective witnesses for you of Jesus’s light and life?

In today’s second reading we hear the familiar statement “God is love.” As a Christian, how do you try to live this truth?

In today’s gospel, Jesus prays to God that his disciples “may be one like us.” What is the biggest obstacle to unity in your parish church? How might God be calling you to address this?

This is our final week of the Easter season. How has your relationship with Jesus been renewed throughout this time of celebration?

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for May -The World of Finance Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

*“The world will not believe because we will have convinced it with good arguments, but if we have borne witness to that love that unites us and draws us near, yes: it will believe.” **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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