



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

6th June 2021

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ—Solemnity 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)	10am Funeral Mass (L) Annie Watt
Wednesday	_____	10am Funeral Mass Jim Feeney	10am Mass (L)
Thursday	_____	10am Funeral Mass Thomas Harkins	10am Mass (L)
Friday	10am Mass (L)	_____	10am Mass (L)
Saturday	_____	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 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.

THURSDAY. A Talk on Corpus Christi will take place on Thursday this week, with Fr Benjamin livestreamed at 7pm.

Please remember the following deaths in your prayers
Jim Feeney RIP—Funeral Mass on Wednesday at 10am in St Mary's
Thomas Harkins RIP—Funeral Mass on Thursday at 10am in St Mary's
+May they rest in peace+

DATES FOR SACRAMENTS 2021

St Anthony's: First Eucharist on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th June

St John's: First Reconciliation on Tuesday

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Birthday Remembrance: Sheila Reilly (100yrs)

Special Int: Thanksgiving

Anniversaries: Robert Ross, Patrick Moran Snr, Willie Henry (6 months mind), Arthur Smyth, Jean Hamilton and Margaret Henry.

Recently deceased: Jim Feeney, Thomas Harkins and Annie Watt

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Eleventh Sunday of Year B—Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 91; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

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

Birthday Remembrance: Sheila Reilly (100yrs) and Katy Smyth (100yrs)

Special Intention: Thanksgiving and St Mary's Parishioner

Those who have an anniversary: Robert Ross, Patrick Moran Snr, Willie Henry (6 months mind), Arthur Smyth, Jean Hamilton, Margaret Henry, Theresa McCann, Elizabeth Grant and Ellen Hamilton.

Those who have died recently: Jim Feeney, Thomas Harkins, Joseph Boonchoo Kaewkong, Terry Milligan, Annie Watt, Thomas Reid, Annie Quinn (Lennoxtown), John Carr (Lennoxtown), Joseph Carr (Lennoxtown), Mike McCann, Isabella LaCrosse (McClymont), Jean Bill (Wishaw), Ellen McCulloch (Nee Byrne) (Maybole) and Peter Knight.

COMMUNICATIONS SPECIAL COLLECTION. Will be taken up over the next few weekends. Envelopes are available for those who wish to Gift Aid their donation.

ST JOHN'S. Are urgently looking for more cleaners to help out after the weekday Masses in line with Government Guidelines.

HALLKEEPERS. We are looking for a hall keeper for both St Mary's and St John's Church halls. If you are interested please contact the parish office or Canon Martin.

300 CLUB. Congratulations to the winners of the May draw. No 119—S. Higgins £30 and No 77—G. Brown £20.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED BENEFACTORS' DAY. Feast of the Sacred Heart—will take place on Friday 11th June 2021. For an overview of the day please visit: <https://acnuk.org/resource/acn-benefactors-day-2021/>

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR PARISH VOLUNTEERS. When we 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. It is possible to do this training online and to book a place please visit www.gallowaydiocese.org.uk/safeguarding-calendar. If you are unsure whether you need to attend, please contact your Parish Safeguarding Coordinator. 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. 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.

PILGRIMAGE WALK. "Priest walking from Iona to Lindisfarne in the footsteps of St Aidan to raise funds for St Maria Skobstova House of Hospitality in Calais. Fr Jim Walls, Spiritual Director of the Scots College in Rome, plans to walk the 290 miles during his summer holidays, in order to draw attention to the plight of refugees stranded in Calais. If you would like to support this venture please donate via <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/in-solidarity> and follow his progress via Jim's Iona to Lindisfarne Pilgrimage Facebook page."

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 **31000** 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: Exodus 24:3-8

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, "We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed." Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, "We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey." Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. "This" he said "is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules." **The Word of the Lord**

PSALM

R/ The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name

1. How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me? The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name. **R/**
2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. **R/**
3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people. **R/**

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:11-15

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God. He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant. **The Word of the Lord**

Gospel: Mark 14:12-16. 22-26

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, "Where to you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, 'The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there." The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover. And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. "Take it," he said "this is my body." Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them and all drank from it, and he said to them, "This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God." After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.



PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

In the first reading and the Gospel, we hear of a covenant made in blood between the people and God. How do you attend to your covenant relationship with God each day?

Today's psalm asks "How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?" What are the greatest gifts you have received from the Lord?

How does your parish community, as the Body of Christ alive in the world, seek to be bread that is broken and wine that is poured out for others?

We know the Eucharist is "The source and summit of Christian life." How is this true in your journey of faith?

A Dynamism of Love. *Nourishing ourselves of that "Bread of Life" means entering into harmony with the heart of Christ, assimilating his choices, his thoughts, his behaviour. It means entering into a dynamism of love and becoming people of peace, people of forgiveness, of reconciliation, of sharing in solidarity. The very things that Jesus did. **Pope Francis***

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE. The beauty of marriage. *Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.*

***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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