



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

13th June 2021 Eleventh Sunday of 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)
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

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 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus will take place on Thursday this week with Fr Benjamin livestreamed at 7pm.

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

STANDING ORDERS. Thank you to those who have started paying by Standing Order. If you are a taxpayer and would like to Gift-aid your donation please contact the parish office or Canon Martin to fill out a Gift Aid Declaration Form. If you have already filled out a Declaration Form in the past and your circumstances have changed please also let us know.

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

RIP Birthday Remembrance: John Dolan and Tom McKay

Anniversaries: Hugh Carr, Terry Morrison, Jean Paton, Gerry Jones (5th) and Sheila Reilly.

Recently deceased: Annie Watt.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Twelfth Sunday of Year B—Job 38:1. 8-11. Psalm 106; 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; Mark 4:35-41

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

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

RIP Birthday Remembrance: John Dolan, Tom McKay and Sheila Reilly (100yrs)

Special Intention: Thanksgiving

Those who have an anniversary: Hugh Carr, Terry Morrison, Paton, Gerry Jones (5th), Sheila Reilly. Robert Ross, Patrick Moran Snr, Willie Henry (6 months mind), Arthur Smyth, Jean Hamilton, Margaret Henry.

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) and Ellen McCulloch (Nee Byrne) (Maybole).

COMMUNICATIONS SPECIAL COLLECTION. Will stop this weekend. Envelopes are available for those who wish to Gift Aid their donation.

ADVERTISING IN THE PARISH BULLETIN. We have a few spaces available on our advertising page. If you would like a space please contact Lorna in the parish office. The cost for advertising is £75 for 6 months and £150 for 12 months.

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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.

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.**

MONTHLY SAFEGUARDING BULLETIN. Issue 5 Can be found on our parish website or if you would like a paper copy please contact 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.

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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: Ezekiel 17:22-24

The Lord says this: “From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout out branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.”

The Word of the Lord**PSALM**

R/ It is good to give thanks, O Lord.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **R/**
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R/**
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bring fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R/**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

We are always full of confidence, then, when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight—we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The Word of the Lord**Gospel: Mark 4:26-34**

Jesus said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.” He also said, “What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.” Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

In both the first reading and the Gospel, we are given an image of the small becoming great. Where have you seen this pattern in your own life?

In his second letter to the Corinthians, St Paul tells the community, “Going as we do by faith and not by sight.” What does this mean for your journey of faith?

In the Gospel the mustard seed grows to become a plant that can shelter “the birds of the air.” How does your parish community offer shelter and safe haven for others?

What evidence do you see of the kingdom of God growing in your midst?

Every Seed of Goodness. *An important teaching comes from these two parables: the Kingdom of God requires our collaboration, but it is above all an initiative and gift of the Lord. Our weak work, seemingly small in front of the complexity of the problems of the world, if included in that of God, does not fear the difficulties. The victory of the Lord is secure: His love will sprout and will grow every seed of goodness present in the earth. Pope Francis*

I was a stranger and you welcomed me.....*This coming week is Refugee Week. The UNHCR estimates that global forced displacement had surpassed 80 million by mid-2020. Sanctuary is a long-standing prophetic theme of the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures. Please pray for all displaced people, be welcoming, visit the website - refugeeweek.org.uk*

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.**

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