



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

20th June 2021

Twelfth Sunday of Year B

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Our Lady Star of the Sea
Saltcoats

| Day | St John's | St Mary's | St Peter's |
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| Monday | ————— | ————— | 10am Mass (L) |
| Tuesday | ————— | 10am Mass (L) | 10am Funeral Mass (L) Millie Ferguson |
| 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.

WEDNESDAY. A Talk on Humility 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.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY. To the parents in our parishes.

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Father's Day Remembrance: Graham Kane and Andrew Murchie

Anniversaries: Jim Moffat, Jim Taylor, Margaret Taylor (1st), Brian Murray (1st), Harry Boyle, Joe McKeever, Elizabeth Murchie, Jean Paton and John & Moira Gowrie.

Recently deceased: Claire Walsh, Mr B McDonald (Northern Ireland),

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Thirteenth Sunday of Year B— Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Psalm 29; 2 Corinthians 8:7.9.13-15; Mark 5:21-43

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS. As our schools close for the summer holidays after a demanding time we wish all in our schools communities a safe and relaxing break.

SACRAMENTS. The final First Communion Mass will take place on Sunday 27th June at 4pm for those who were disappointed and isolating last Sunday. I take this opportunity to thank those in our schools for their help in the preparation and celebration of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Thanks also to our parishioners who have helped with booking, stewarding, music, reading and cleaning. This year there will have been seven services for First Reconciliation and ten Masses First Eucharist because of social distancing. Thanks to everyone including Sr Ursula and Sr Marie Monique and congratulations to all our Candidates. It is hoped that the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated around September / October this year.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR PETER'S PENCE. Will be taken up from next weekend.

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.

DIOCESE OF GALLOWAY NEWS. The digital Summer Edition is available on the parish website. If you would like a paper copy please contact the parish office.

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.

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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

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 and Tom McKay.

Father's Day Remembrance: Graham Kane and Andrew Murchie

Those who have an anniversary: Jim Moffat, Jim Taylor, Margaret Taylor (1st), Brian Murray (1st), Harry Boyle, Joe McKeever, Elizabeth Murchie, Jean Paton, John & Moira Gowrie, Hugh Carr, Terry Morrison, Gerry Jones (5th) and Sheila Reilly.

Those who have died recently: Claire Walsh, Mr B McDonald (Northern Ireland), Jim Feeney, Thomas Harkins, Joseph Boonchoo Kaewkong, Terry Milligan, Annie Watt, Thomas Reid, Annie Quinn (Lennoxton), John Carr (Lennoxton), Joseph Carr (Lennoxton), Mike McCann and Isabella LaCrosse (McClymont)

First Reading: Job 38:1. 8-11

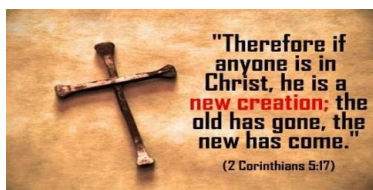
Then from the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said: Who pent up the sea behind closed doors when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb, when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands; when I marked the bounds it was not to cross and made it fast with a bolted gate? Come thus far, I said, and no farther; here your proud waves shall break.

The Word of the Lord

PSALM

R/ O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever

1. Some sailed to the sea in ships to trade on the mighty waters. These men have seen the Lord's deeds, the wonders he does in the deep. **R/**
2. For he spoke; he summoned the gale. Tossing the waves of the sea up to heaven and back into the deep; their soul melted away in their distress. **R/**
3. Then they cried to the Lord in their need and he rescued them from their distress. He stilled the storm to a whisper: all the waves of the sea were hushed. **R/**
4. They rejoiced because of the calm and he led them to the haven they desired. Let them thank the Lord for his love, the wonders he does for men. **R/**



Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man had died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them. From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. **The Word of the Lord**

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us cross over to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, "Master, do you not care? We are going down!" And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Quiet now! Be calm!" and the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, "Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?" They were filled with awe and said to one another, "Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him."



PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

In the first reading God speaks to Job of the work of creation. How does the natural world reveal God's glory and majesty to you?

God addresses Job from the midst of a storm. How have times of suffering led you to grow in faith?

St Paul tells us, "Anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation." How does your parish call its members to newness of life?

In the Gospel Jesus calms the sea and wind telling them, "Quiet Now! Be Calm!" What storms in your life are you being called to entrust to the Lord?

"Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?" Lord, your word strikes us and regards us, all of us. In this world, that you love more than we do, we have gone ahead at breakneck speed, feeling powerful and able to do anything. Greedy for profit, we let ourselves get caught up in things, and lured away by haste. We did not stop at your reproach to us, we were not shaken awake by wars or injustice across the world, nor did we listen to the cry of the poor or of our ailing planet. We carried on regardless, thinking we would stay healthy in a world that was sick. **Pope Francis.**

Prayer for migrants and refugees (or maybe for ourselves). "We ask you to grant the followers of Jesus, and all people of good will, the grace to do your will on earth. Bless each act of welcome and outreach that draws those in exile into the "we" of community and of the Church, so that our earth may truly become what you yourself created it to be: the common home of all our brothers and sisters. Amen." **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.

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