



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

4th July 2021

Fourteenth 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)	10am Mass (L)
Wednesday	10am Funeral Mass (L) Jean O'Donnell	_____	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

MONDAY. Gospel Reflection livestreamed at 7pm.

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.**

FR BENJAMIN. Will be on holiday from Monday (tomorrow) until beginning of August we wish him well for his visit home to Nigeria and look forward to his return. Therefore there will be no Holy Hour or Talk during the month of July.

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.

GIFT AID. Thank you to all who Gift Aid their church collections. St Mary's received £7,072.44 and St John's received £6,233.50.

Please remember the following deaths in your prayers
Jean O'Donnell RIP—Funeral Mass on Wednesday at 10am in St John's
John McComish RIP —Holmsford Bridge Crematorium on Friday
Mary Hatton RIP —Holmsford Bridge Crematorium on Monday (12th)
 +May they rest in peace+

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Thanksgiving: Prayers answered

Anniversaries: Ali Burnett, Betty McConnell, Dr Jimmy Gallagher and Fr Michael Lynch.

Recently deceased: Jean O'Donnell, Patrick Yelverton, Theresa Dodson Yelverton, Margaret McAvoy, John McComish and Mary Hatton.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Fifteenth Sunday of Year B— Amos 7:12-15; Psalm 84; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

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

Thanksgiving: Prayers answered

Those who have an anniversary: Ali Burnett, Betty McConnell, Dr Jimmy Gallagher, Fr Michael Lynch, Martin Bell, Janet Collins and Peter Reilly (3rd).

Those who have died recently: Jean O'Donnell, Patrick Yelverton, Theresa Dodson Yelverton, Margaret McAvoy, John McComish, Mary Hatton, Millie Ferguson, James Carson (Ireland), Hugh O'Neil, Lily Barrett (Glasgow), Fr Louis Mendy Cssp, Claire Walsh and Mr B McDonald (Northern Ireland).

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR PETER'S PENCE. Is being taken up over these weekends.

GOOD WISHES. Go to Mgr Peter Magee as he celebrates the 40th Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination this weekend.

ST JOHN'S 300 CLUB. Congratulations to the winners of the summer draw. No 8—C McGuire £100; No 23—A. Reid £50 and No 175- J. Russell £25.

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

NEW DAWN IN SCOTLAND 12TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2021 - AN ONLINE EVENT. You are welcome to join us for an all praising and prayerful conference from the evening of Friday 9th July to Sunday 11th July. This year's theme is "Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you: I have called you by your name you are mine." Isaiah 43: 1-2. Throughout the 3 days there will be the 5 talks that follow the 5 themes of the conference with Mass, music and prayer to form an opportunity to deepen our faith: The Holy Spirit; Reconciliation; Healing; Mary, Mother of the Church and Evangelisation. In addition, the programme includes a Saturday morning slot for the Children and an early afternoon session for the Youth on the Saturday at 1.30pm. These can be joined through Eventbrite as directed on the New Dawn in Scotland website: <https://newdawninscotland.com/>. More information can be found in the church porch.

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.

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.**

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.

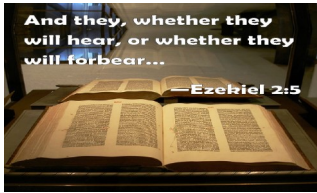
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First Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, “Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, ‘The Lord says this.’ Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.”

The Word of the Lord

PSALM

R/ Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their Lords. **R/**
2. Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of her mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he show us his mercy. **R/**
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man’s disdain. **R/**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, “My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.” So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ’s sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, “Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?” And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house”; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.



PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

God sends Ezekiel to prophesy to the people who have become “defiant and obstinate.” When have you experienced these traits in yourself? How did your heart become open to God again?

God tells St Paul, “My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.” What weaknesses have you experienced transformed by God’s grace?

In the gospel Jesus proclaims, “A prophet is only despised in his own country.” Are there prophets in your community whose messages have been dismissed?

We hear how the people in Jesus’s hometown are unable to accept his teaching because they know him as “the carpenter, the son of Mary.” In your relationship with Christ, how do you balance your understanding of him as fully God and fully human?

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for July - Social Friendship - We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

The Scandal of the Incarnation. “According to the people of Nazareth, God is too great to humble Himself to speak through such a simple man! It is the scandal of the Incarnation – the unsettling event of a God made flesh, who thinks with the mind of a man, works and acts with the hands of a man, loves with a human heart, a God who struggles, eats and sleeps like one of us. The Son of God overturns every human framework – it is not the disciples who washed the feet of the Lord but, it is the Lord who washed the feet of the disciples. This is a reason for scandal and incredulity, not only in that period but in all ages, even today.” ... **Pope Francis – Angelus, 8 July 2018**

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