



St John the Evangelist  
Stevenson

# 25th July 2021

## Seventeenth Sunday of Year B



Our Lady Star of the Sea  
Saltcoats

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Canon Matt McManus (Retired)

Day	St John's	St Mary's	St Peter's
Monday	—————	—————	10am Mass (L)
Tuesday	1pm Funeral Mass (L) Isa Kennedy	10am Mass (L)	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

**THURSDAY.** Gospel Reflection livestreamed on Thursday this week 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. 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 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 rcstevenson link and follow the instructions. <https://tinyurl.com/rcsaltcoats> <https://tinyurl.com/rcstevenson>. 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. **Bookings no longer required for St John's but please provide Track and Trace details when attending Masses.** All Masses/Services will be livestreamed. **Please note that weekday masses are subject to change if there is a funeral.**

**LEVEL ZERO GUIDELINES.** Social distancing inside the church is now 1 metre which will allow space for more people. The other instructions still apply, i.e. hand sanitiser, face covering and contact details for track and trace. Booking for weekend Masses will also still apply at present at St Mary's.

**FR BENJAMIN.** Will be on holiday until beginning of August, therefore there will be no Holy Hour or Talk during the month of July.

*Please remember the following death in your prayers*  
**Isa Kennedy RIP**—Funeral Mass St John's at 1pm  
+May she rest in peace+

**THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:**

**90th Birthday Wishes**

**Special Intention:** Sick

**Anniversaries:** John McGarvey, RoseAnn McAteer, Annie Cavani and Des Blanche

**Recently deceased:** Arran Weaver, Eugene MacMahon, John Boyle and Mary McCaig,



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

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:** Eighteenth Sunday of Year B— Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15; Psalm 77; Ephesians 4:17. 20-24; John 6:24-35

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:**

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

**Special Intention:** Sick

**90th Birthday Wishes**

**Birthday Remembrance:** Emily McCarney

**Those who have an anniversary:** John McGarvey, RoseAnn McAteer, Annie Cavani, Des Blanche, Peggy Clarke, Irene Smith, George Burnett, John Giffney, Matthew Brady, Sr Anne of Jesus (Rose Brady), Bill & Mona Smith and John Quinn

**Those who have died recently:** Arran Weaver, John Boyle, John Breen, Mary Jane McCaig, Eugene MacMahon, Mary Low, Linda Graham-Donachy, Joseph Somboon Silpanisong, Mary O'Hare, Margaret McAvoy, Edward McMillan, Jean O'Donnell, Patrick Yelverton, Theresa Dodson Yelverton, John McComish, Mary Hatton, Millie Ferguson, James Carson (Ireland), Hugh O'Neil, Lily Barrett (Glasgow) and Fr Louis Mendy Cssp.

**SYCAMORE COURSE.** Bishop Nolan has invited the diocese to come together to discern the will of God in the way we take forward our faith and Catholic Christian witness after the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic. It is a call and an opportunity for the whole diocesan family to pray, reflect and support one another whilst respecting our diversity. The Sycamore Course offers a pastoral response through building faith, prayer, mission and community. It is hoped that opportunities will be available between October 11th and November 19th in the parish. If you are interested in being a leader please let either the parish office or Canon Martin know by August 4th.

**WHITHORN PILGRIMAGE.** Will take place this year on Sunday 29th August. However, while Mass will be celebrated on the shore, there will be no Mass in the church in Whithorn. St Mary's Deanery is responsible for the Liturgy and music this year.

**STELLA MARIS (APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA).** If you would like to make a donation please put your offering in an envelope marked "Sea Sunday" and can be handed in at the church or to the parish office or you can donate online at [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate).

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

**BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF SCOTLAND.** National Safeguarding Webinar will take place on Saturday 2nd October 11am-1pm. An opportunity to learn how **In God's Image V2** can help everyone to play their part in developing the culture of safeguarding in the Catholic Church in Scotland. This webinar is open to all who have a role in the Church's safeguarding efforts. To secure a place in this webinar, please visit <https://btt.ly/3gQRdPu>. Following registration, you will be sent details of how to join the webinar. Please see poster in church porches or websites for more information.

**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.

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR PARISH VOLUNTEERS.** All parish volunteers who work with children and vulnerable adults need 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](http://www.gallowaydiocese.org.uk/safeguarding-calendar). If you are unsure whether you need to attend, please contact your Parish Safeguarding Coordinator.

**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.

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**GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION**

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### First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. "Give it to the people to eat," Elisha said. But his servant replied, "How can I serve this to a hundred men?" "Give it to the people to eat," he insisted, "for the Lord says this, 'They will eat and have some left over'" He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

**The Word of the Lord**



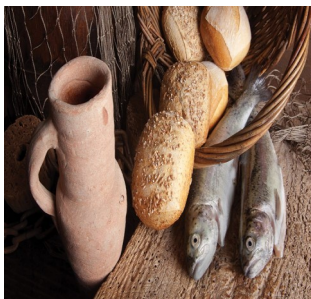
### PSALM

**R/ You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.**

1. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **R/**
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. **R/**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **R/**

### Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all. **The Word of the Lord**



### Gospel: John 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee—or of Tiberias—and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover. Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, "Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?" He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, "Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, "There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?" Jesus said to them, "Make the people sit down." There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, "Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted." So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, "This really is the prophet who is to come in the world." Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

### PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

*In both the first reading and the gospel, the people eat their fill and there is some left over. When have you particularly experienced the abundance of God?*

*Today's psalm proclaims "All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing." How do you keep your gratitude and thanksgiving central to your life of prayer?*

*St Paul instructs the Ephesians to live lives characterised by selflessness, gentleness and patience. Which of these is most difficult for you to espouse?*

*In the Gospel of John, Jesus makes himself known through "signs." What does the sign of the feeding of the five thousand reveal to you about who Jesus is?*

**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.

**We all have something to give.** The disciples reason in "marketing" terms, but Jesus substitutes the logic of buying with another logic, the logic of giving. It is here that Andrew, one of the Apostles, the brother of Simon Peter, presents a young lad who offers everything he has: five loaves and two fish; but of course, Andrew says, they are nothing for that multitude..... Taking part in the Eucharist means entering into the logic of Jesus, the logic of giving freely, of sharing. And as poor as we are, we all have something to give. "To receive Communion" means to draw from Christ the grace which enables us to share with others all we are and all we have.

**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.**

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