



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

18th July 2021

Sixteenth 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
Monday	_____	_____	10am Mass (L)
Tuesday	_____	10am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)
Wednesday	10am Mass (L)	_____	10am Mass (L)
Thursday	_____	10am Funeral Mass Linda Graham-Donachy 1pm Funeral Mass Mary Jane McCaig	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. 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 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.**

LEVEL ZERO GUIDELINES. From tomorrow (Monday) social distancing inside the church will be changed to 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.

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 deaths in your prayers
John Breen RIP—High Road Cemetery on Tuesday
Linda Graham-Donachy RIP—Funeral Mass in St Mary's on Thursday at 10am
Mary Jane McCaig RIP—Funeral Mass in St Mary's on Thursday at 1pm
+May they rest in peace+

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Birthday Remembrance: Emily McCarney

Anniversaries: Peggy Clarke, Irene Smith, George Burnett, John Giffney, Matthew Brady, Sr Anne of Jesus (Rose Brady), Bill & Mona Smith and John Quinn.

Recently deceased: Isa Kennedy, John Breen, Mary Jane McCaig, Eugene MacMahon, Mary Low and Linda Graham-Donachy.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Seventeenth Sunday of Year B—
2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 144; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

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

Special Intention

Birthday Remembrance: Emily McCarney

Those who have an anniversary: Peggy Clarke, Irene Smith, George Burnett, John Giffney, Matthew Brady, Sr Anne of Jesus (Rose Brady), Bill & Mona Smith, John Quinn, Margaret McAteer and Agnes Gailey

Those who have died recently: 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

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.

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.

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

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. 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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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: Jeremiah 23:1-6

“Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered—it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds—it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost—it is the Lord who speaks! “See, the days are coming—it is the Lord who speaks—when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called : The Lord-our-integrity. **The Word of the Lord**



PSALM

R/ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R/**
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R/**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R/**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R/**

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father. **The Word of the Lord**



Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, “You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while”; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

Through the prophet Jeremiah, God proclaims “I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them.” Which bishops, priests, deacons, religious and lay ministers have shepherded you well in life?

Today’s psalm is the well-beloved Psalm 23. At this moment in your life, which verse calls to you the most?

In his letter to the Ephesians, St Paul preaches that all become one in Christ. Where are there places of division in your parish community and how might Jesus be calling you to work for unity?

In the gospel Jesus invites the disciples to “come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while.” What spiritual practices do you turn to when facing burnout?

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 fulfilment of God's Concern. Let us observe the three verbs in this frame: to see, to have compassion, to teach. We can call them the Shepherd's verbs. The gaze of Jesus is not a neutral one — or worse, a cold and detached one because Jesus always looks with the eyes of the heart. And his heart is so tender and filled with compassion, that he is able to understand even the most hidden needs of people. Moreover, his compassion does not simply suggest an emotional response toward people in situations of distress. It is much more. It is God's attitude and predisposition toward mankind and its history. Jesus appears as the fulfilment of God's concern and care for his people. **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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