



St John the Evangelist
Stevenson

12th September 2021

Twenty Fourth Sunday of the 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 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. Meeting takes place immediately afterwards. We reflect on the readings for the following Sunday. Why not join us ?

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](http://rcsaltcoats.com) or [rcstevenson](http://rcstevenson.com) 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.

Bookings for Mass are no longer required and while you can sit anywhere in church we are asked to leave a space between households. Hand sanitiser, face coverings and details for Track and Trace (including QR scan) must be observed for the protection of everybody. **Please note that weekday masses are subject to change if there is a funeral.**

RETIRED PRIESTS FUND COLLECTION. Will be taken up over the next 2 weeks. Envelopes will be available if you wish to Gift Aid your donation.

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. Inaugural Mass will take place in St Margaret's Cathedral on Sunday 3rd October at 3pm

DIOCESE OF GALLOWAY NEWS. Copies of The St Ninian Edition are available.

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Diamond Wedding Anniversary: Mary & Pat McNulty

Anniversaries: Rona McNamara, Mary Conti, Helen McCall, Tracey Lafferty Fitzsimmons, Tommy Kirk, David Dunbar, Jean Tortolano, Jim McGrath (5th), Charlotte Mitchell, Albert Bloore, Michael Brennan (20yrs NY firefighter) and Daniel O'Callaghan (20yrs NY firefighter).

Recently deceased: Pat Lawler, Daniel Lesley (Glasgow), Monica Sutisa Denkriangkrai, Jim Torney, Brian Monaghan and Fr Terry Donnelly (Spiritan, Carfin)

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: 25th Sunday of Year B - Wisdom 2:12. 17-20; Psalm 53; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

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

Diamond Wedding Anniversary: Mary & Pat McNulty

Those who have an anniversary: Rona McNamara, Mary Conti, Helen McCall, Tracey Lafferty Fitzsimmons, Tommy Kirk, David Dunbar, Jean Tortolano, Jim McGrath (5th), Charlotte Mitchell, Albert Bloore, Michael Brennan (20yrs NY firefighter), Daniel O'Callaghan (20yrs NY firefighter), Thomas & Helen Durning, John Dundas, Shonagh Malley, Anton Malley, Danny McGoogan Snr (1st), May Rourke, Catherine Bannerman and Tommy McFarlane.

Those who have died recently: Pat Lawler, Daniel Lesley (Glasgow), Monica Sutisa Denkriangkrai, Brian Monaghan, Fr Terry Donnelly (Spiritan, Carfin), Rosemary Grant, Jim Torney, Mary Park, Matthew McManus, Michael Pollock, Rosemary McCann (Rena's Sister) (Auchinleck), John (Harry) Harrison, Rena McCann, Katherine Conwell, David McCabe, Jane Devenny (Barrhead), Veronica Farrell, Michael Howie and Anna Wanna Rungruangkanokkul.

ST MARY'S AND ST JOHN'S STANDING ORDERS. Thank you to those who continue to pay by standing order. From May to August 2021 St Mary's received £9,206.00 and St John's received £3,827.00.

CONGRATULATIONS. To Mary and Pat McNulty who celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary this week.

SUNDAY TEAS. Why not pop into the parish halls after Mass for a cuppa and a chat. Current restrictions are still in place, ie, track and trace and face coverings will need to be worn inside hall when moving around. **Volunteers required for St John's.**

"IN GOD'S IMAGE VERSION 2. Following changes to legislation and a 9 month period of consultation and reflection, the Safeguarding instruction of the Scottish Catholic Church has been revised and is now available for download, either by visiting bcos.org.uk/InGodsImageV2, or by scanning the QR code on the poster at the back of the church. This new document replaces the previous version. It is important that everyone with Safeguarding responsibilities in our parish communities has a copy of IGIv2. If you are unable to download a copy, please contact the diocesan office who will be able to assist.

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.

CHURCH STALLS. Hopefully will open soon. Help required for St. John's Stall. Please note the Scottish Catholic Observer and the Universe are no longer in production. **St. Mary's Stall:** If anyone wishes to place an order for Christmas please contact Maureen Moffat.

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. If you are unsure whether you need to attend, please contact your Parish Safeguarding Coordinator.

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.

ST. JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP. Welcome musicians to join them. If interested please contact Bernadette on 07983 803 222.

**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.*

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

therefore have I set
my face like a flint,
and I know that I
shall not be ashamed.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me? **The Word of the Lord.**

PSALM

R/ I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living

1. Alleluia! I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. **R/**
2. They surrounded me, the snares of death, with the anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God, deliver me. **R/**
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me. **R/**
4. He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. **R/**

Second Reading: James 2:14-18

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, "I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty", without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to take to people of that kind: "You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds—now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show." **The Word of the Lord**

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, "Who do people say I am?" And they told him. "John the Baptist," they said, "others Elijah; others again one of the prophets." "But you," he asked, "who do you say I am?" Peter spoke up and said to him, "You are the Christ." And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, "Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's." He called the people and his disciples to him and said, "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it."

**PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING**

The prophet Isaiah writes, "The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults." When has your faith helped you to stand firm in the face of derision?

St James reminds us, "Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead." How do you put your faith into action each day?

Once again, we encounter Jesus's question to the disciples. "But you, who do you say I am?" At this moment in your journey of faith, how would you answer this question?

How do you understand Jesus's words "For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it."?

Pope Francis Prayer intentions for September:-An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle—We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

"But who do you say that I am?" The Lord wants his disciples of yesterday and today to establish a personal relationship with him, and thus to embrace him at the centre of their life. For this reason he spurs them to face themselves honestly, and he asks: "But who do you say that I am?". Today, Jesus addresses this very direct and confidential question to each of us: "You, who do you say that I am? All of you, who do you say that I am? Who am I for you?". Each person is called to respond, in his or her heart, allowing each one to be illuminated by the light that the Father gives us in order to know his Son Jesus. **Pope Francis**

Prayer of Hope for the Climate Change Conference. Lord God Creator Send your anointing that we may resist the deep sleep of hopelessness and stay awake to hear your love filled commands to us, that we may grow into what you have made us -your consciousness, and so proclaim the infinite goodness of your loving creation. **Amen**

Neighbouring Parishes:

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