



St John the Evangelist  
Stevenson

# 26th September 2021

## Twenty Sixth 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) 7pm Confirmation Service
Tuesday	_____	10am Funeral Mass (L) <b>Katherine Conwell</b> 7pm Confirmation Service	10am Mass (L)
Wednesday	10am Mass (L)	_____	10am Mass (L)
Thursday	_____	10am Funeral Mass (L) <b>Isabella Alexander</b>	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 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 [rcstevenston](http://rcstevenston.com) 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.

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.**

*Please remember the following deaths in your prayers*

**Katherine Conwell RIP**—Funeral Mass will take place in St Mary's on Tuesday at 10am followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery

**Isabella Alexander RIP**—Funeral Mass will take place in St Mary's on Thursday at 10am Followed by burial in High Road Cemetery

+May they rest in peace+

**Prayer for COP 26.** Lord, stop us in our tracks. Stop and take time to appreciate this gift of life and marvel at your creation. Stop and contemplate the damage we do. Stop and return to the Earth the clean water and air we have spoiled, the habitats we have taken from your creatures for our own comfort and profit. Help us restore the Earth for the good of all, the glory of its re-birth reflecting the resurrection of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Parishes of the RC Diocese of Galloway Charity Registration No: SCO10576

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

**Birthdays Anniversary:** Peter Cartwright

**Thanksgiving Mass**

**Anniversaries:** Margaret Ann Gallagher, Michael Pollock, John Smith, Anne Lafferty, William Hazelton, Kate & Harry Nellis and Margaret McGee

**Recently deceased:** Joseph Supasit Saenglimsuwan, Anita Tolentino, Katherine Conwell and Isabella Alexander.

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

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:** 27th Sunday of Year B—Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 127; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16

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

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

**Special Intention:** Luke Gargan (RIP Birthday) and Thanksgiving Mass.

**Birthdays Anniversary:** Peter Cartwright

**Diamond Wedding Anniversary:** Mary & Pat McNulty

**Those who have an anniversary:** Margaret Ann Gallagher, Michael Pollock, John Smith, Anne Lafferty, William Hazelton, Kate & Harry Nellis, Margaret McGee, Frances Young, Teresa Ham, Agnes Dickie, Joe McIver, Margaret Higgins, Betty Ross and Ina Kelly.

**Those who have died recently:** : Joseph Supasit Saenglimsuwan, Anita Tolentino, Katherine Conwell, Isabella Alexander, Anita Tolantino, Brian Monaghan, May McNamara and Pauline Grice (Myles), Pat Lawler, Daniel Lesley (Glasgow), Monica Sutisa Denkiangkrai, Fr Terry Donnelly (Spiritans, Carfin), Rosemary Grant, Jim Torney, Mary Park, Matthew McManus and Rosemary McCann.

**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.**

**CHANA.** We are reopening the Lunch Club in the Kirkgate this coming Friday

**“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](https://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.

**SPUC SCOTLAND.** The annual raffle draw is an important fundraiser for our vital work in saving unborn babies. This year’s draw will take place on Saturday 30th October 2021. If you would like some books of raffle tickets, please contact: [charlie@spucscotland.org](mailto:charlie@spucscotland.org). By taking part, you will be supporting the life saving work of SPUC Scotland and can help protect mothers and babies

**CHURCH STALLS.** Hopefully will open soon. Help required for St. John’s Stall. **St. Mary’s Stall:** If anyone wishes to place an order for Christmas please contact Maureen Moffat.

**PILGRIMAGE OF HEALING & HOPE.** Virtual Pilgrimage through the Holy Land with Mary Magdalene Directed by Kathleen Nichols, with Fr. Eamon Kelly, LC and the Magdala Team from 29th September to 2nd November 2021. Pilgrimage October 2021 – Magdala Tourist Center. We embark on a new virtual adventure! This October we invite you to travel through the Holy Land on a pilgrimage of healing and hope, inspired by Mary Magdalene. Visiting the sites where Jesus healed from the comfort of your own home. There is no cost for the pilgrimage. Please register online : <https://youtu.be/7E2LbZ5G9IQ>

**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.

**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.

**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](http://www.gallowaydiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy-and-gdpr)

### First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again. Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them, though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell Moses, "Look," he said "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." Then said Joshua to the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, "My Lord Moses, stop them!" Moses answered him, "Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!" **The Word of the Lord.**



### PSALM

**R/ The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.**

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **R/**
2. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **R/**
3. So in them your servant finds instruction; great reward is in their keeping. But who detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me. **R/**
4. From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me. Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin. **R/**

### Second Reading: James 5:1-6

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them—listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance. **The Word of the Lord**



### Gospel: Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

John said to Jesus, "Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him." But Jesus said, "You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. "If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward. But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone, round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two

hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out."

### PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

*In the first reading Moses tells Joshua, "If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets!" Who are some of the modern-day prophets calling us to holiness at this time in history?*

*How do you exercise prophetic ministry in your life of discipleship?*

*In the second reading, St James condemns the corrosive power of wealth built on the suffering of others. How does your parish community speak out for the rights of workers and the dignity of the poor?*

*In the gospel, Jesus instructs the disciples to sever ties with anything that causes them to sin. At this moment in your life, are you being called to give up a practice or possession that separates you from God.*

**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..**

**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.

**\*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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