



St John the Evangelist
Stevenson

7th November 2021

Thirty Second 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 Funeral Mass (L) Danny Brown	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 live streamed at **2pm on Monday**. Meetings will be suspended during the Sycamore Courses.

SCIAF'S ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS. Will be held at St Augustine's Church, 12 Dundyan Road, Coatbridge, ML5 1DQ, on Friday 19th November at 7pm. Please join us to remember those who have shown so much support for SCIAF throughout their lives and pray for our sisters and brothers around the world struggling at this time. If you would like a loved one remembered at the Mass, even if you are unable to attend, please contact us on 0141 354 5555 or email getinvolved@sciaf.org.uk

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. If interested please contact your parish Co-Ordinator; Julie Breen Tel: 07877741739 or email jmtbreen@aol.com for St Mary's and Tricia Monaghan Tel: 07778660712 or email pmonagh25@gmail.com for St John's. The final session **"How to Pray"** will take place tomorrow (Monday) 7pm-8:30pm in St John's parish hall and Tuesday 1pm-2.30pm in St Mary's parish hall. All welcome. **The Youth Ministry Office** invites all young people (upto 26yrs) to join them in their 6 week sessions on Sunday's from 6pm-8pm in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr. More information can be found on their website or contact youth@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or visit their facebook page.

MASS FOR ALL OUR DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS. The Annual Parish Mass for all our deceased relatives and friends and all members of both Parish Communities will take place in St John's on Wednesday (24th) at 7pm and St Mary's on Thursday (25th) at 7pm.

Please remember the following death in your prayers

Danny Brown RIP—Funeral Mass will take place tomorrow (Monday) in St Mary's at 10am followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery.
+May he rest in peace+

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY. Will take place next Sunday. Please remember those who died in time of war and conflict.

COMBONI SISTERS. We welcome Sr Ann Marie Quigg to our parishes this weekend to sell calendars.

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Anniversaries: Kathleen Runcie, Hugh Melaney, Thomas Harbinson, Theresa Loudon (1st), Kathleen Fraser (1st), Cathie Dorrian, Catherine "Cassie" McMullen, Roddy Monan and Leslie Family (Lennoxtown).

Recently deceased: Danny Brown, Rosemary Duncan and Alison Reid.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: 33rd Sunday of Year B: Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 15; Hebrews 10:11-14.18; Mark 13:24-32

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

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

Those who have an anniversary: Kathleen Runcie, Hugh Melaney, Thomas Harbinson, Theresa Loudon (1st), Kathleen Fraser (1st), Cathie Dorrian, Catherine "Cassie" McMullen, Roddy Monan, Leslie Family (Lennoxtown), Cathy Murphy (McGurran), Hugh McAllister, Mary Timmons (10th), William & Jeanie Smyth, Jimmy Kelly, Matt Taylor, Helene Gallagher, Luigi & Marietta Tortolano, Andrew Lennox, John & Mary McCann and David Owen Murphy.

Those who have died recently: Alison Reid, William Dolan, Rosemary Duncan, Connie O'Hare, Danny Brown, Bernadette Christian, Maureen Agnew, Janet Reilly, June Piacentini, John Slater, Tony King and Kay Fletcher.

300 CLUB. Congratulations to the winners of the October draw. No 19—P. Martin £30 and No 48 M. Milligan £20.

MASS WITH THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK. Has not been possible this year but if anyone would like the Sacrament of the Sick please let a member of the St Vincent de Paul, the parish office or one of the priests have your name and contact number.

THE WAYSIDE CLUB. Are unable to visit this year but we hope to send items to them at the beginning of December. As usual hats, scarves, etc will be welcome but must be unused and financial donations are welcome. Please hand donations into St John's house or the the parish office.

THANK YOU. The family of the late Ian Hastings would like to thank all friends and parishioners who kindly donated to the special collection taken up at his funeral, a wonderful £750 has been sent to the Ayrshire Hospice in his memory.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS. Lists are still available for our deceased relatives and friends during the month of November. Please hand them into St Mary's parish office or St John's Sacristy where they will be placed on the Altar during this month. Those included on the list will be remembered in masses in both churches as well as Canon Matt and Fr McCabe in Cape Town.

52ND AYRSHIRE / 1ST SALTCOATS SCOUT GROUP—A PLEA FOR HELP. We find ourselves in a position where we need YOUR help desperately so that Scouting can continue here in Saltcoats. We need people to work with the young people in the Beavers (aged 6 – 8), the Cubs (aged 8 – 10 ½) and the Scouts (aged 10 ½ - 14). We also need someone to manage the group, someone who would support the leaders. If you think you can help in any way please get in touch with Pat Campbell 01563 526325 or Margaret Craik 07747770687. Please see poster in church and parish hall noticeboard and parish website for more information.

NOVEMBER 2021 ISSUE OF SAFEGUARDING MATTERS. Copies are available from the parish office or can be viewed on our websites.

CHANA—Donations of Christmas Gifts. Are teaming up with the charity Night before Christmas (NB4CC) to provide those who are homeless and being supported by North Ayrshire Council a Christmas present. Last year we donated £790, not counting the direct donations. We would be delighted if people would contribute to this charity. This can be done by visiting NB4CC's "Justgiving" page <https://www.justgiving.com/nb4cc> or putting your donation in an envelope marked "NB4CC" in the church collection". **The Lunch Club meets in the Kirkgate every Friday.**

ST JOHNS HALL COMMITTEE. Are looking for donations for our bottle stall, new items for tombola stall and some home baking for our teas and coffees. All items can be handed into the church or the hall before or after mass on any Sunday. We are also looking for some volunteers to help with the teas and coffees at the fair, if you could please let a member of the hall committee know if you are able to help. If you need items picked up or some more information can you contact Brenda Robertson 07812758415; Lorna Walker 07833347035 or Michael Lafferty 07813650411.

"IN GOD'S IMAGE VERSION 2. 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. It is important that everyone with Safeguarding responsibilities in our parish communities has a copy of IG1v2. If you are unable to download a copy, please contact the diocesan office who will be able to assist.

SCIAF REAL GIFTS. Please keep in mind their Real Gifts Appeal as a Christmas present this year. Please see parish websites or visit SCIAF's website for more information.

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 will see clients face to face at the Connexions centre, Irvine or at any office location. Please call our freephone number which is 0800 328 0006.

ST MARY'S SVDP. Please call 07379 400 568. **ST JOHN'S SVDP.** Please call 07498 501 326.

FOODBANK STEVENSTON. St John's Hall from 4pm to 5pm on Wednesdays. **Tesco on 19th/20th November, volunteers needed, if you are able to help out please contact Danny on 07979542319**

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



First Reading: I Kings 17:10-16

Elijah went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, "Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink." She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. "Please" he said "bring me a scrap of bread in your hand." "As the Lord your God lives," she replied "I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die." But Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: 'Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth.'" "The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord foretold through Elijah.

The Word of the Lord

PSALM 145

R/ My soul, give praise to the Lord

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R/**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R/**
3. He upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R/**

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

It is not a though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

In his teaching Jesus said, "Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive."



He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money in the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on."

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

In the first reading a widow offers hospitality to the prophet Elijah. What place does hospitality hold in your ministry?

As we near the end of the liturgical year, our thoughts turn to Jesus's second coming. How are you preparing yourself to greet the Lord at the end of your life?

When have you witnessed someone giving not from their surplus, but from their lack?

How do you strive to be charitable and generous to those in need?

Prayer for COP26 *May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society. Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the poorest and most vulnerable, and commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home. Amen*

FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION. *This is the theme of the synod. The three dimensions of the theme—Communion, Participation and Mission—exist like 'pillars' for a synodal church. It helps to think of them like the legs of a three-legged stool—if one is in any way defective, the whole stool is not properly supported and cannot bear the weight it was built for. Communion refers to how we live and worship together as the People of God. Participation refers to how we serve one another using our natural and supernatural gifts and talents. Mission refers to our living witness as People of God. So during this synod on synodality, we will journey together through a series of encounters to explore how we are currently journeying together in Communion, Participation and Mission; and how the Holy Spirit might be inviting us to grow together in these areas.*

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for November - *We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.*

***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**

Neighbouring Parishes:

Father Duncan McVicar, St Peter's, Ardrossan 464063. Father Gerard Magee, St Winin's, Kilwinning 552276.

Going into Hospital? Ask Canon Poland for the Anointing of the Sick before you are admitted.

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