



St John the Evangelist
Stevenson

2nd January 2022 The Epiphany of the Lord— Solemnity Year C



Our Lady Star of the Sea
Saltcoats

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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 Funeral Mass (L) Melissa Campbell	—————	10am Funeral Mass (L) William Armstrong
Saturday	—————	4.30pm Vigil Mass (L)	5.30pm Mass (L)
Sunday	11.30am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)	10.30am Mass (L)

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No Gospel Reflection this Monday

SYNOD TOPIC EIGHT - AUTHORITY AND PARTICIPATION: A synodal Church is a Church where everyone participates and everyone shares responsibility. *How well do we identify our goals and how to reach them? What good examples do we have of governance, teamwork and shared responsibility? How do we promote lay ministries and the responsibility of lay people? What fruitful experiences can we share of lay leadership? How can we develop fruitful participation and leadership?* Fr. Stephen Latham has created a short video reflection, which is available on the diocesan webpage gallowaydiocese.org.uk/synod-news, and at <https://youtu.be/Toun6STImPg> to help you consider these questions. The diocesan team will be pleased to receive all feedback on these questions at synod@gallowaydiocese.org.uk, which will also be addressed during parish synod encounters in the coming weeks.

The Synod Co-ordinators for our parishes are Danny Murray and Mary Theresa Russell for St John's and Peter Timmons and Margaret Millar for St Mary's. Details of the consultations will be provided soon.

COVID-19. In line with recent Government advice, parishioners are encouraged to take a lateral flow test before attending Mass. Please also be aware of social distancing.

Please remember the following deaths in your prayers

Melissa Campbell RIP—Prayers of Reception will take place on Thursday (6th) at 6pm in St John's
Funeral Mass on Friday (7th) at 10am. Followed by burial in High Road Cemetery.

Frances Lennox RIP—Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Monday (10th) at 10am in St Mary's.
Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery.

Michael McCabe RIP—Prayers of Reception will take place on Monday (10th) at 6pm in St John's
Funeral Mass on Tuesday (11th) at 10am. Followed by burial in High Road Cemetery.

Isa Kearney RIP—Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday (13th) at 10am in St John's
Followed by burial in High Road Cemetery.

+May they rest in peace+

SUNDAY OBLIGATION. To attend Mass has been postponed to a later date.

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

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Special Intention: Thanksgiving Mass.

Anniversaries: Frances & Teddy Kelly, Mary Fraser, Catherine O'Meara, Nora McCluskey and Peter Cartwright.

Christmas Remembrance: Deceased members of the Colman and Smyth families.

Recently deceased: Seamus Martin (Newry) Andrew McLaughlin, Melissa Campbell, Frances Lennox, Alice Farrell (USA), Isa Kearney and Michael McCabe.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: The Baptism of the Lord - Solemnity;

JUSTICE AND PEACE SPECIAL COLLECTION. Will be taken up from this weekend.

NEW WEEKLY COLLECTION ENVELOPES. Are still available at St John's. If you wish to pay your collection through the bank or gift aid your donation (if you pay tax) there are forms available in the Church.

CRIB. As usual gifts and items left at the crib in each Church at Christmas will be forwarded from St Mary's to the Cardinal Winning Initiative and from St John's to Hillhouse Care, Kilmarnock.

SUNDAY TEAS. There will be no Sunday Teas today.

MONEY COLLECTED AT CRIB. Will be forwarded to St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society.

ST MARY'S PARISH OFFICE. Will be closed from Monday 3rd January till Friday 7th January. Normal office hours will resume on Monday 10th January 2022

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.

CHANA. The Lunch Club meets in the Kirkgate every Friday.

2022 PARISH DIARIES. £1 from both church stalls.

“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 IGIv2. If you are unable to download a copy, please contact the diocesan office who will be able to assist.

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

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*Dear brothers and sisters, today each one of us can ask: "Am I a Christian who worships?" Many Christians pray but they do not worship. Let us ask ourselves this question: Do we find time for worship in our daily schedules and do we make room for worship in our communities? It is up to us, as a Church, to put into practice the words we prayed in today's Psalm: "All the peoples on earth will worship you, O Lord". In worshiping, we too will discover, like the Magi, the meaning of our journey. And like the Magi, we too will experience "a great joy" (Mt2:10). **Pope Francis***

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

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

Special Intention: Thanksgiving Mass

Those who have an anniversary: Frances & Teddy Kelly, Mary Fraser, Catherine O'Meara, Nora McCluskey, Owen Conlan, Michael Boylan & deceased members of the Boylan & Dillon families, Fr Peter Murphy, Peter Cartwright, Patrick McCann, Elizabeth Turbet, Robert & Jean Wylie, Peter & Rose Finnegan and Jessie Burns (3rd).

Christmas Remembrance: Deceased members of the Colman and Smyth families, Cathie McGuire, Peter Finnegan, Jacky McMurdo, Jimmy & Rachael Cairnie, Lewis & Morag McLaughlin, John Monaghan.

Those who have died recently: Seamus Martin (Newry), Andrew McLaughlin, Melissa Campbell, Frances Lennox, Alice Farrell (USA), Isa Kearney, Michael McCabe, Phil Shore, Ian Gilchrist, Bried Carr (England), Nora McMutrie (Oxfordshire), Frances Dougan (Carlisle), Brian Molloy, Mary Gallagher (Airdrie), Sarah McLaughlin, Frank Slaven (Wishaw), Karen Lee and Allan Coyle

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: Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels and thongs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord



PSALM

R/ All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

1. O. God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. **R/**
2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds **R/**
3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. **R/**
4. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **R/**

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord



Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. "Where is the infant king of the Jews?" they asked. "We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. "At Bethlehem in Judaea," they told him "for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel."

The Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately, he asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. "Go and find out all about the child," he said "and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage." having listened to what the king had to say they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. The, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

Which "nations" do you consider yourself a part of? Which "nations" are distant to you?

Imagine someone opposite from you in every way: geographically, financially, culturally. How does knowing that person is a coheir of heaven, along with you, make you feel?

In Christ's second coming happened this week, on your church's block, which international emissary would you find the most Shocking? What if representatives from China, India and Ethiopia showed up on your doorstep, offering gifts?

If the Church is truly universal, what implications does that have for how your parish and neighbourhood live out their Catholic faith?

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for January - We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

The Bible in a Year Podcast. This podcast can be found on YouTube or on your podcast app.

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

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