



St John the Evangelist
Stevenson

13th February 2022 Sixth Sunday of 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 Funeral Mass Rita McCourt	10am Mass (L)
Tuesday	_____	10am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)
Wednesday	10am Mass (L)	_____	10am Mass (L)
Thursday	_____	10am Eucharistic Service	10am Funeral Mass (L) James Gordon McKechn
Friday	10am Eucharistic Service	_____	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.

SYNODS AND SYNODALITY. This is the stuff that Bishops and Cardinals do in Rome, it's not for us, we thought. However Pope Francis is turning this on its head. This is not for Bishops and Cardinals it is for us. What Pope Francis wants us to do is to have a look at ourselves as the Catholic Community in Stevenson and Saltcoats. **Please therefore spare the time to come to one of the meetings, and sign up today so we can cater for everyone, it will be less than two hours.** The first Meeting in St Mary's Hall on Saturday at 11am. The Church will be open from 10.30am for prayer and there is a prayer booklet with the bulletin and a prayer for each day leading to Saturday.

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.

The Synod begins in St Mary's on Saturday. We ask you to take the prayer leaflet home and pray each day that the Holy Spirit "will teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it". Thank you.

Please remember the following death in your prayers

Rita McCourt RIP—Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place tomorrow (Monday) at 10am in St Mary's
Followed by burial in Hawkhill Cemetery.

Caroline Young RIP—Prayers of Reception will take place on Tuesday 22nd at 6pm in St Mary's
Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 23rd at 12 Noon
Followed by cremation in Holmsford Bridge Crematorium

+May they rest in peace+

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Anniversaries: Michael McCann, James Millar, Christopher Millar, Irene Millar, Peter Finnegan, Pat Maxwell, Anne Hughes (1st), Albert Garrett, Tommy Murray, Harry Crawford and James (Bud) Cassidy

Recently deceased: Rita McCourt, Caroline Young, Marie Louise Paterson, Jerry Higgins and Mary Scullion (Kilsyth).

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Seventh Sunday in Year C; I Samuel 26:2.7-9.12-13.22-23; Psalm 102; I Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38

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: Michael McCann, James Millar, Christopher Millar, Irene Millar, Peter Finnegan, Pat Maxwell, Anne Hughes (1st), Albert Garrett, Tommy Murray, Harry Crawford, James (Bud) Cassidy, Pat Monan Jnr, Moira Grant, Joseph McGarvey, Patrick Hamilton Snr, Margaret Nellis, John Girvan and Ellen Jane Harbinson

Those who have died recently: Rita McCourt, Caroline Young, Marie Louise Paterson, Jerry Higgins, Mary Scullion (Kilsyth), Stephen Ward, Mark Tulloch, Emmett Cunningham, Alice Hainey, Maureen Corner (Kathleen Quinn's Sister (Kilwinning)), James McGarrigle, Angela Dorrian Gallacher, Hugh Doherty, Alice Hainey, Bernadette McGeoch and Anne Haveron (East Kilbride).

RESTORATION OF SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION. Dear Brothers and Sisters **in Christ**, The obligation for Catholics to celebrate Sunday as a Holy Day by gathering together for Mass will be restored from the First Sunday in Lent, Sunday 6th March. Given the easing of restrictions in every other walk of life, the Church looks forward to welcoming Catholics back to Holy Mass. As always, the obligation does not apply to those who are sick and their carers or **to those aware of their greater vulnerability to the virus**. May the continuing recovery of our country bring new hope to us all especially those who are ill, those who mourn loved ones, those who are apprehensive and those who have sustained us in so many ways throughout the Pandemic. We, the Bishops of Scotland, take this opportunity to thank our clergy and our parish volunteers for all their efforts. May our Lenten journey this year lead us to a renewed appreciation of our Catholic faith, **of the celebration of the Eucharist** and of the presence of the Risen Christ who is always at our side. **God bless, Fr Gerry Maguinness**

ST ANTHONY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL. Are you free from 3.15pm-5.15pm on Thursday 10th March to help with our school garden/grounds? If so, please contact the school office on 01294 468559. Thank you.

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.

DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD. Are you thinking about being a Priest in 2022? The Diocese of Galloway is now inviting enquiries from those considering applying for seminary. For more information please contact Fr. Martin Chambers at: martin.chambers@gallowaydiocese.org.uk

NEW SAFEGUARDING AGENCY BEGINS TO TAKE SHAPE. Former Judge the Hon. Lady Rae has taken up the reins as Board Chair of the new Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (SCSSA) that is now being established as an independent body to oversee the Church's safeguarding practice. The latest issue of the Safeguarding Matters newsletter (available: <https://bit.ly/3tyeInn>) provides details of what the agency will do, who it will work with and how it will be governed. Lady Rae is looking to recruit people who can bring relevant expertise to act as Board Directors who will support the important work of the new agency. More details are available on the website of this recruitment agency: <https://aspenpeople.co.uk/microsite/scssa/>

SUNDAY TEAS. Why not pop into the parish halls after Mass for a cuppa and a chat. Face coverings will need to be worn inside hall when moving around.

CHANA. The Lunch Club meets in the Kirkgate every Friday from 12.30pm—2pm.

"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.

FOODBANK STEVENSTON. Instead of us sitting in the hall waiting for customers we have decided to open a phone line to respond to those in need of groceries. The number is 07437 521930

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First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

The Lord says this: “A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.” **The Word of the Lord**

PSALM I

R/ Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

- Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in a way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night. **R/**
- He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. **R/**
- Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **R/**

Second Reading: I Corinthians `5:12. 16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. **The Word of the Lord**

Gospel: Luke 6:17-20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said: “How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God, Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh. Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets. But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.”



PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

Have you ever been spiritually hungry? Have you ever been physically hungry?

What season of faith are you currently in?

When was the last time your faith felt like a barren bush in the desert? Or a tree being fed by the waters of the Lord?

What are specific actions you can take to align yourself more fully with Jesus’s call in the gospel?

*Today’s Gospel invites us to reflect on the profound meaning of having faith, which consists in trusting the Lord totally. It’s about pulling down the worldly idols to open the heart to the true and living God. Only He can give to our existence that so desired fullness yet difficult to attain. **Pope Francis.***

***Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for February** For religious sisters and consecrated women We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.*

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

****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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