



St John the Evangelist
Stevenson

6th March 2022

First Sunday of Lent Year C

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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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS. During Lent. **St Mary's**—9.30am every Tuesday and **St John's**—7pm every Friday

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 this weekend. 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 Maguiness*

THE SYNOD OF THE CHURCH IN ST MARY'S AND ST JOHN'S. *The Church of God is brought together in Synod.* We will publish a synopsis of people's responses as soon as we can - it's quite a big job. The next stage is to seek the views of those who have children at our schools. A short questionnaire is being prepared. Please continue to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in this important process.

FR WILLIE McFADDEN. Has been elected as Administrator of the Diocese until a new Bishop is appointed.

SCIAF—EMERGENCY IN UKRAINE. SCIAF as part of Caritas Internationalis is working with Caritas Ukraine, Caritas Poland, Caritas Moldova and Caritas Romania to assist people displaced by the conflict in Ukraine. A disaster relief collection will open this weekend and be available for people to support.

HOLY HOUR. Will take place today (Sunday) 2pm-3pm in St Mary's and 3pm-4pm in St John's with the people of Ukraine in our thoughts and prayers.

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Anniversaries: May & Patrick Hanlon, William H. McCann, Fr James McHugh, Sean Riley, Bridie & Danny Reid, Helen Celendile, Mary Linney, Derrick Whitehead and Mary (Molly) McFarlane.

Recently deceased: Bridget Rooney, Cathrine McCreath, Elliott Gibson, Robert Swan, Sr Paola Miosec, Bernard Cassidy, Alex McCann (Australia) and Ann Gaffney (Whitburn).

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Second Sunday in Lent Year C; Genesis 15:5-12.17-18; Psalm 26; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28-36

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: May & Patrick Hanlon, William H. McCann, Fr James McHugh, Sean Riley, Bridie & Danny Reid, Helen Celendile, Mary Linney, Derrick Whitehead, Mary (Molly) McFarlane, Leah Smith, James Frye, John & Kate Dorrian, Gerard Swan, George Jackson, Michael Reilly, Mary & James McEvoy, James Montgomery and Billy Convery.

Those who have died recently: Bridget Rooney, Elliott Gibson, Robert Swan, Sr Paola Miosec, Bernard Cassidy, Alex McCann (Australia), Ann Gaffney (Whitburn), Paul Green, Margaret Russell (Kilbirnie), Henry Duffy, Peter Gallagher, Catherine King, Cathrine McCreath, Henry McCarthy, Rita McCourt, Caroline Young and Marie Louise Paterson.

CONGRATULATIONS. To Sr Ursula who became a British Citizen at a ceremony in Saltcoats Town Hall this week.

SYCAMORE COURSE. Due to unforeseen circumstances it is hoped the next stage of Sycamore will take place after Easter instead of during Lent.

ST JOHN'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL. Will meet this coming Tuesday at 7pm in the parish hall.

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

SCIAF. Lenten materials are available for collection (including the WEE BOX). Boxes to be returned at Easter.

MONTHLY SAFEGUARDING BULLETIN. Issue 10—February 2022 can be found on the parish website or the parish office.

SCOTTISH LAITY NETWORK – LENTEN JOURNEY 2022. Please see posters on noticeboards or parish website.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE. This Lent the 40 Days for Life prayer group in Scotland will hold its annual vigil outside the maternity unit at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Glasgow. From Ash Wednesday 2nd March until Palm Sunday 10th April, from 8am until 8pm the site will be manned daily. As you can imagine this is a big undertaking, but we have managed to do it for the past five years. Today I ask you to join the Pro Life cause by signing up for a slot during the 40 days – come hail, rain or shine. Usually, people give an hour of their time when we say the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries. We have placards if you want one – my favourite is from Jeremiah “ Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.” We do get hassle from time to time from passing motorists, but we also get support. If you want to help to try to turn the tide from a Culture of Death to a Culture of Life please contact Matt Lynch on 0797 1234313.

NEW SAFEGUARDING AGENCY BEGINS TO TAKE SHAPE. 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. After 10am and 11.30am Masses. 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.

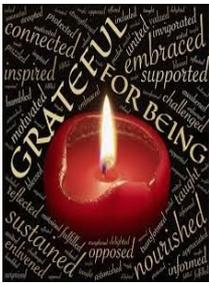
FOODBANK STEVENSTON. Instead of us sitting in the hall waiting for customers we have decided to open a phone line to respond to those in need of groceries. The number is 07437 521930

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.

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

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: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses said to the people: "The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement: 'My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me.' You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God." **The Word of the Lord**

PSALM 90

R/ Be with me, O Lord, in my distress

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: "My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!" **R/**
2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. **R/**
3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. **R/**
4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: "I am with you." I will save him in distress and give him glory. **R/**

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek; all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. **The Word of the Lord**

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf." But Jesus replied, "Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone." Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, "I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it will all be yours." But Jesus answered him, "Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone." Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said to him "throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone." But Jesus answered him, "It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test." Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.



PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

What is your biggest everyday temptation? Why do you think this happens? How do you usually deal with it?

Imagine Jesus dealing with your most habitual temptation. How would he respond? How does imagining this make you feel? Is it intimidating or empowering?

Do you ever reject temptation verbally? For example, if you want chocolate, do you ever say, "No, I'm not going to eat that chocolate." Do you think verbalising your rejection of temptation, as Paul calls us to do in cases big and small, may help?

Lent is a good time to recover the joy and hope that make us feel like beloved sons and daughters of the Father. The Father who waits for us in order to cast off our garments of exhaustion, of apathy, of mistrust, and so clothe us with the dignity which only a true father or mother knows how to give their children, with the garments born of tenderness and love. Pope Francis

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for March. A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges - We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

Online Lenten Retreats Pray as You Go - pray-as-you-go.org/retreats-and-series/; Ignatian Spirituality Centre Glasgow - www.iscglasgow.co.uk/; Sacred Space - www.sacredspace.ie/content/lent-a-springtime-for-the-spirit

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**

Neighbouring Parishes:

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

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