



St John the Evangelist
Stevenson

13th March 2022

Second 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 Funeral Mass (L) Elliott Gibson	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

THE SYNOD OF THE CHURCH IN ST MARY'S AND ST JOHN'S. The Church of God is brought together in Synod. We are hoping to publish a synopsis of people's responses next week - it's quite a big job. We are currently seeking the views of those who have children at our schools by means of a short questionnaire. Please continue to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in this important process.

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.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES. **St Peter's, Ardrossan**—Monday 4th April at 7pm; **St John's, Stevenston**—Tuesday 5th April at 7pm and **St Mary's, Saltcoats**— Wednesday 6th April at 2pm.

Please remember the following deaths in your prayers

Elliott Gibson RIP—Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday (17th) at 10am in St Mary's. Followed by Cremation in Holmsford Bridge Crematorium.

Robert Swan RIP—Prayers of Reception will take place on Monday (21st) at 6pm in St John's. Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday (22nd) at 10am. Followed by burial in High Road Cemetery

Bernard Cassidy RIP—Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday (23rd) at 10am in St Mary's. Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery

Elizabeth Law RIP—Funeral Service will take place in Holmsford Bridge Crematorium on Friday (25th) at 3.30pm

+May they rest in peace+

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Anniversaries: Billy Convery, Justine McAllister, James Ward, Bridget Ward, Joseph Ward, Sarah Crawford, Luke Gargan, Patrick Hamilton Jnr, Ellen McGarvey and Bridget MacDonald.

Recently deceased: Rina Donald, Sirio Nardini, Jim Butler, Jim Carragher (Ayr), Elizabeth Law, Elliott Gibson, Robert Swan, Andrew Millar and Bernard Cassidy.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Third Sunday in Lent Year C; Exodus 3:108. 13-15; Psalm 102; I Corinthians 10:1-6. 10-12; Luke 13:1-9

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: Billy Convery, Justine McAllister, James Ward, Bridget Ward, Joseph Ward, Sarah Crawford, Luke Gargan, Patrick Hamilton Jnr, Ellen McGarvey, Bridget MacDonald, May & Patrick Hanlon, William H. McCann, Fr James McHugh, Sean Riley, Bridie & Danny Reid, Helen Celendile, Mary Linney, Derrick Whitehead and Mary (Molly) McFarlane.

Those who have died recently: Rina Donald, Sirio Nardini, Jim Butler, Jim Carragher (Ayr), Elizabeth Law, Andrew Millar, Bridget Rooney, Elliott Gibson, Robert Swan, Sr Paola Miosec, Bernard Cassidy, Alex McCann (Australia), Ann Gaffney (Whitburn), Paul Green, Margaret Russell (Kilbirmie), Henry Duffy, Peter Gallagher, Catherine King, Cathrine McCreath and Henry McCarthy.

UKRANIAN CRISIS. As we are all aware, the people of Ukraine urgently need help. We are looking for donations of clothes for adults and children, toiletries and nappies. Donation points will be available this coming Tuesday (15th) from 9am-12 Noon at St Mary's Church and on Friday (25th) from 9.30am-12 Noon at St John's Church. Thank you all for your support.

THE CARDINAL WINNING PRO-LIFE INITIATIVE. Would like to thank St Mary's parishioners for their kind Christmas donations.

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

ST. MARY'S WEEKLY ENVELOPES. Those of you who use weekly offering envelopes may pick up your new sets for the coming year from the Sacristy or the parish office. If you are a tax payer and wish to Gift Aid your collection please consider doing so-it makes such a difference. Please contact the parish office.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER. Thank you to all who attended last week's World Day of Prayer Service.

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 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 12343 13.

NEW SAFEGUARDING AGENCY BEGINS TO TAKE SHAPE. The latest issue of the Safeguarding Matters newsletter (available: <https://bit.ly/3tve1nn>) 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://aspenseople.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: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, "Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants" he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. "I am the Lord" he said to him "who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land." "My Lord, the Lord" Abram replied "how am I to know that I shall inherit it?" he said to him, "Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon." He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a fire-brand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: "To your descendants I have this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River."



The Word of the Lord

PSALM 26

R/ **The Lord is my light and my help**

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? R/
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer. Of you my heart has spoken: "seek his face." R/
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face. Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. R/
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! R/

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brother and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

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Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him, they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, "This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him." And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

Have you ever met one of your heroes? How did you react? Did you, like Peter, start speaking without knowing what you were saying?

If you were on a camping trip and woke up to find your best friend or spouse talking to Jesus in the flesh, how would you react?

What's one of your most memorable mountaintop experiences? What do you still reflect on from that time?

*Indeed, Luke the Evangelist emphasizes the fact that Jesus was transfigured, "as he was praying" (v. 29). He was immersed in an intimate dialogue with the Father in which the Law and the Prophets — Moses and Elijah — also echoed; and as he adhered with his entire being to the Father's will of salvation, including the Cross, the glory of God flooded him, even shining on the outside. This is how it is, brothers and sisters: prayer in Christ and in the Holy Spirit transforms the person from the inside and can illuminate others and the surrounding world. How often have we found people who illuminate, who exude light from their eyes, who have that luminous gaze! They pray, and prayer does this: it makes us luminous with the light of the Holy Spirit. **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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