



St John the Evangelist
Stevenson

1st May 2022

Third Sunday of Easter

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 Eucharistic Service	10am Funeral Mass (L) Sam Taylor	10am Mass (L)
Thursday	_____	10am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)
Friday	10am Mass (L)	_____	10am Mass (L)
Saturday	_____	10am and 12 Noon First Holy Communion Masses 4.30pm Vigil Mass (L)	5.30pm Vigil Mass (L)
Sunday	11.30am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)	10.30am Mass (L)

L = LIVESTREAMED

MONDAY. Gospel Reflection livestreamed at 7pm.
TUESDAY. Rosary at 7pm in St John's during May.

DIOCESAN SYNODAL MEETING. The Diocesan Synod Team would like to extend a warm welcome to a meeting on Saturday 28th May in St. Joseph's Church Hall, Kilmarnock, to help bring the first diocesan phase of the Synod on Synodality to an end. The meeting will begin at 12 Noon with a light lunch, and will be opened in prayer at 12:30pm. There will be an opportunity to feedback on your own experiences of the Synod so far, to read the proposed diocesan report containing the findings of the Synod in our diocese, and to participate in a further "encounter" to shape the final draft of this report. The meeting will end with a liturgical celebration in the church, to finish no later than 4pm. Please confirm your attendance for catering purposes, by emailing synod@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or by letting your parish facilitator know you are coming. *Please note that there will be opportunities for a further synod encounter in early May prior to this meeting; details will be circulated soon.*

Please remember the following deaths in your prayers

Sam Taylor RIP —Reception and Funeral Mass will take place in St Mary's on Wednesday at 10am.
Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery

Susan Mansfield RIP —Reception and Funeral Mass will take place in St Mary's on Wednesday (11th) at 10am.
Followed by cremation at Holmsford Bridge

John Nolan RIP— Reception and Funeral Mass will take place in St Mary's on Thursday (12th) at 10am.
Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery

+May they rest in peace+

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Birthday Ints: Graham Kane (RIP), Albertina Donnelly (RIP 100th Birthday) and 80th Birthday wishes.

Anniversaries: John Ross, William McRoberts, John McGuire, James Timmons (40th), Graham Kane (3yrs), Fergie Dorrian (40th) and Arthur Collins.

Recently deceased: Sam Taylor, Susan Mansfield, John Nolan, Agnes Lennon, Sally McCluskie, Fr Frank O'Rourke (St Michael's, Parkhead) and Patrick Murray.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Fourth Sunday of Easter Year C: Acts 13:14. 43-52; Psalm 99; Apocalypse 7:9. 14-17; John 10:27-30

FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS MEETING. Will take place on Tuesday at 6.30pm in St John's Church hall for those celebrating in St John's.

300 CLUB. Congratulations to the winners of the April draw. No 40 - S Pollock and No 154 M Grant.

UKRANIAN CRISIS. We are now able to set up a donation point for St John's, this will take place on Wednesday 8th June from 9am—12 Noon. We are looking for donations of clothes for adults and children, toiletries and nappies. Thank you all once again for your support.

BEATIFICATION OF VENERABLE MARGARET SINCLAIR. The custom, prior to Covid, of a Mass every month in St. Patrick's, Edinburgh to pray for the Beatification/Canonisation of Venerable Margaret Sinclair. This is the 122nd anniversary of her birth. It is intended to have Mass on the First Tuesday of every month. at 12.30pm, commencing this Tuesday. After Mass the Novena prayers will be recited and the petitions placed before her shrine. Petitions may be sent directly to St. Patrick's or, online, through the VMS website: <https://www.margaretsinclair.scot/> using the 'contact' box.

ST JOHN'S COFFEE AND TEAS VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED. Coffee and teas have always been served after 11.30am Mass in St John's hall but due to lack of volunteers this may not continue weekly. We only have three groups on a rota basis and might consider instead of providing Sunday teas every week moving it to every 2 weeks. Hopefully with more help and volunteers we could continue a weekly service. If you think you could help in anyway please give your name to Canon Martin or to anyone at the Sunday teas, thank you for your continued support.

ST JOHN'S SUMMER FETE. After an absence of 2 years we will hold our annual summer fete on Sunday 14th August. More information will be available soon but to allow us to plan our stalls we are looking for volunteers. As in previous years St John's parish community will support and help to provide items so you won't be left trying to equip the stall yourself. If you can help in anyway by making donations, manning a stall, helping with teas and coffees, selling raffle tickets etc please get in touch with Lorna Walker 07833347035, Brenda Robertson 07812758415 or Michael Lafferty 07813650411

ST. MARY'S WEEKLY ENVELOPES. New sets of weekly offering envelopes are still available 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.

DIOCESE OF GALLOWAY SAFEGUARDING BULLETIN. Issue 11—April is available on parish website or copy from the parish office.

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

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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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*

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

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YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

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

Birthday Ints: Graham Kane (RIP), Albertina Donnelly (RIP 100th Birthday) and 80th Birthday wishes.

Those who have an anniversary: John Ross, William McRoberts, John McGuire, James Timmons (40th), Graham Kane (3yrs), Fergie Dorrian (40th), Arthur Collins, Agnes McGonigle, Hugh Donald, Bobby Milligan (1st), Jean Monan, Philomena Tulloch, William & Mary Flood and deceased members of Murphy & McCarney families.

Those who have died recently: Sally McCluskie, Fr Frank O'Rourke (St Michael's, Parkhead), Sam Taylor, Susan Mansfield, John Nolan, Patrick Murray, Martha McNicol, Thomas Small, Jeremiah Moriarty, Agnes Lennon, Lilly Crawford, Betty Clemie, Peggy Brogan, Billy Flannigan (Paisley), David Mundy (Nottingham), Mary Nocker, Bryan McGuire, Ricky Bloore, Frances Bullimore (Yorkshire), Gwen van Hees (Oliver), Molly McGarigan (Bridge of Weir), Paul Kinsler (Irvine), Deborah Roy, Elizabeth Burns, Peter Mulheron and Corry Ferguson

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32. 40-41

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. "We gave you a formal warning," he said "not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us." In reply Peter and the apostles said, "Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him." They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

The Word of the Lord

PSALM

R/ I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. R/
2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. R/
3. The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing, O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. R/

Second Reading: Apocalypse 5:11-14

In my vision, I John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, "The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing." Then I heard all the living things in creation—everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, "To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever." And the four animals said, "Amen; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, "I'm going fishing." They replied, "We'll come with you." They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night. It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, "Have you caught anything, friends?" And when they answered, "No", he said, "Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something." So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." At these words "It is the Lord", Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land. As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, "Who are you?"; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead. After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He replied, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you." Jesus said to him, "Look after my sheep." Then he said to him a third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" and said, "Lord, you know everything; you know I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go." In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, "Follow me."

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

Is there someone in your life worth jumping out of a boat to hug? How does it feel to know that Jesus would do this for you?

Have you ever felt you failed at something so badly, you couldn't possibly try again? Viewing Peter's transformation through this framework of overcoming what appears to be total failure, can you imagine a situation in which you might revisit your "failed" work?

What is one example of when the Lord was your helper (as opposed to the other way around)?

Have you ever had your grief turned into dancing? What was the "dancing"?

Dear brothers and sisters, each day the Lord calls us to follow him with courage and fidelity; he has made us the great gift of choosing us as his disciples; he invites us to proclaim him with joy as the Risen one, but he asks us to do so by word and by the witness of our lives, in daily life. The Lord is the only God of our lives, and he invites us to strip ourselves of our many idols and to worship him alone. Pope Francis

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