



St John the Evangelist  
Stevenson

# 15th May 2022

## Fifth 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 Funeral Mass (L) <b>Beata (Betty) Borzecka</b>	—————	10am Mass (L)
Tuesday	—————	10am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)
Wednesday	10am Mass (L)	—————	10am Mass (L)
Thursday	10am Funeral Mass <b>Patrick Murray</b>	10am Eucharistic Service	10am Funeral Mass (L) <b>Janet Brown</b>
Friday	10am Mass (L)	—————	10am Mass (L)
Saturday	11am First Holy Communion Mass	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](mailto: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*

**Beata (Betty) Borzecka RIP**—Reception and Funeral Mass will take place in St John's tomorrow (Monday) at 10am. Followed by burial in High Road Cemetery.

**Patrick Murray RIP**—Reception and Funeral Mass will take place in St John's on Thursday (19th) at 10am. Followed by burial in Hawkhill Cemetery.

**Patrick O'Hanlon RIP**—Reception and Funeral Mass will take place in St Mary's on Friday 27th at 10am. Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery.

*+May they rest in peace+*

**CHURCH STUDENTS SPECIAL COLLECTION.** Will be taken up for the final times this weekend. Envelopes are available for those who wish to Gift aid their donation.

**THANK YOU.** To Canon Matt for celebrating our 4.30pm Mass this weekend

**THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:**

**Special Intention:** Thank you to St Mary's Parishioners.

**Anniversaries:** Andrew Murchie, John Collins, Mary Harbinson, Mary Kilmartin, Mary Hayes, Flora Murray, Betty McGowan, Eileen McCann and Cathy McGuire.

**Recently deceased:** Michelle Barnes, William Cassidy, Beata (Betty) Borzecka, Patrick Murray, Kevin Clark McGowan, Peter Marek, Susan Mansfield, Andrew Gallacher, Kirsty Maher, John Nolan, John Freeman (Hurlford) and John Norman (Edinburgh).

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

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:** Sixth Sunday of Easter Year C: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Psalm 66; Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:**

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

**Special Intention:** Thank you to St Mary's Parishioners.

**Those who have an anniversary:** Andrew Murchie, John Collins, Mary Harbinson, Mary Kilmartin, Mary Hayes, Flora Murray, Betty McGowan, Eileen McCann, Cathy McGuire, Kathleen McGuirk (5th), Greta Monaghan, Arthur Cambridge Jnr, Tom McGrath, Ann Marie Murphy, Anne White, Thomas Kirk, Victor Mitchell and James Turbet.

**Those who have died recently:** Michelle Barnes, William Cassidy, Andrew Gallacher, Kirsty Maher, John Freeman (Hurlford), John Norman (Edinburgh), Kathleen Anderson (Paisley), Beata (Betty) Borzecka, Lianne Anderson, Kevin Clark McGowan, John Smith (London), Peter Marek, 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 and Lilly Crawford.

**ST. JOHN'S SSVP CONFERENCE.** Wish to thank all our parishioners and patrons who supported the Society so generously in the last 2 years. Since the start of the Covid pandemic the work of the Conference has continued in challenging circumstances. In the 2 years, 250 visits have been undertaken by members, visiting families and individuals. Clients were given food and assistance with energy costs. Regular spiritual home visits were undertaken and assistance given to school pupils. As well as providing assistance to the local community, we were pleased to be able to continue supporting our Twin Conferences in India and Africa. Please see noticeboard for further details.

**DIocese OF GALLOWAY PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN.** Will take place on Sunday 12th June as there is no Lourdes Diocesan Pilgrimage this year. Arrival for personal prayer and preparation for Mass at 3pm with Mass with Anointing of the Sick at 4pm and Marian Procession at 6pm and departing at 6.30pm. There will be a coach available for anyone wishing transport, please add your name to the sign up sheet in both church porches. The cost for transport is £6 per person, please hand in your money to the parish office.

**ST MATTHEW'S ACADEMY P7 WELCOME MASS.** All Primary 7 children and their families are invited to celebrate our welcome Mass on Tuesday 24th May at 7pm in the school. Please pray for all the young people making the transition from primary to secondary school this year

**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.

**SCALAN ASSOCIATION.** The AGM will take place on Tuesday 24th May, beginning with Mass in The Scalan at 12.30pm. Tea/coffee will be provided afterwards at the Braes Hall, Chapelton of Glenlivet. Please bring your own eatables. The meeting proper will begin at 1.30pm and end by 3pm. The Annual Mass is arranged for Sunday 3rd July at 4pm prompt. Bishop Toal has agreed to preach the homily. AB37 9JS is a useful postcode for both events.

**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.

**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.

**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](http://www.gallowaydiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy-and-gdpr)



**First Reading: Acts 14:21-27**

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith “We all have to experience many hardships” they said “before we enter the kingdom of God.” In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe. They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Atalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the Church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

**The Word of the Lord**

**PSALM 144**

**R/ I will less your name for ever, O God my King.**

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R/**
2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign **R/**
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. **R/**

**Second Reading: Apocalypse 21:1-5**

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, “You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.” Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: “Now I am making the whole of creation new” he said.

**The Word of the Lord**

**Gospel: John 13:31-35**

When Judas had gone Jesus said: “Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer, I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, every one will know that you are my disciples.”



**PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING**

*How did Jesus love his disciples?*

*Do you feel that you love others as Jesus loves you? Why or why not?*

*What is one concrete example of Jesus’s love for you in your life?*

*If you were in Antioch in the first century, how do you think you would have reacted to Paul and Barnabas?*

*In May we pray with Pope Francis for all young people called to live life to the full; may they, through Mary’s life, discover how to listen and discern deeply. May they also discover the courage that faith brings, and a commitment to serve. ‘Dear young people, do not be afraid of making decisive choices in life. Have faith; the Lord will not abandon you!’ – **Pope Francis***

**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](mailto:martin.chambers@gallowaydiocese.org.uk)*

**So What’s New?** *So what is the novelty of this commandment that Jesus entrusts to his disciples? Why call it a new commandment? The old commandment of love has become new because it has been completed with this addition: “as I have loved you”, “love one another as I have loved you.” The novelty lies in the love of Jesus Christ, the love with which He gave up his life for us. **Pope Francis***

**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.*

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

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