



St John the Evangelist
Stevenson

8th May 2022

Fourth 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 Funeral Mass (L) Mark Albert Kilday
Wednesday	10am Eucharistic Service	10am Funeral Mass (L) Susan Mansfield	10am Mass (L)
Thursday	_____	10am Funeral Mass John Nolan	10am Eucharistic Service
Friday	10am Eucharistic Service	10.30am Funeral Mass Lianne Anderson	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

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

John Nolan RIP— Reception will take place on Wednesday at 6pm in St Mary's. Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday at 10am. Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery.

Lianne Anderson RIP— Reception and Funeral Mass will take place in St Mary's on Friday at 10.30am.
Followed by cremation in Clyde Coast and Garnock Valley Crematorium.

+*May they rest in peace*+

CHURCH STUDENTS SPECIAL COLLECTION. Will be taken up over the next two weekends. 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 and next weekend.

Parishes of the RC Diocese of Galloway Charity Registration No: SCO10576

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Anniversaries: Kathleen McGuirk (5th), Greta Monaghan, Arthur Cambridge Jnr, Tom McGrath, Ann Marie Murphy, Anne White, Thomas Kirk, Victor Mitchell and James Turbet.

Recently deceased: Kathleen Anderson (Paisley), Beata (Betty) Borzecka, Sam Taylor, Susan Mansfield, John Nolan, Agnes Lennon (**Reception Sunday 6pm and Funeral Mass 10am in St Joseph's Kilmarnock**), Lianne Anderson, Kevin Clark McGowan, John Smith (London) and Peter Marek

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Fifth Sunday of Easter Year C: Acts 14:21-27; Psalm 144; Apocalypse 21:1-5; John 13:31-35

SCIAF BOXES. From both parishes £3,175.55. You can still hand in your box. **SCIAF COLLECTION.** From both parishes £1,028,77

ST MARY'S SVDP. Will present First Communion books to all children receiving the Eucharist for the first time from St Anthony's and also P7 leavers will be given a St Anthony's prayer card and medal.

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.

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 12.30. 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 3.00pm. 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

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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*

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: Kathleen McGuirk (5th), Greta Monaghan, Arthur Cambridge Jnr, Tom McGrath, Ann Marie Murphy, Anne White, Thomas Kirk, Victor Mitchell, James Turbet, John Ross, William McRoberts, John McGuire, James Timmons (40th), Graham Kane (3yrs), Fergie Dorrian (40th) and Arthur Collins.

Those who have died recently: 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 (**Reception Sunday 6pm and Funeral Mass 10am in St Joseph's Kilmarnock**), Lilly Crawford, Betty Clemie, Peggy Brogan, Billy Flannigan (Paisley), David Mundy (Nottingham), Mary Nocker, Bryan McGuire and Ricky Bloore.

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First Reading: Acts 13:14.43-52

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Ere they went to synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them. The next Sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. "We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth." It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.



The Word of the Lord

PSALM 99

R/ We are his people, the sheep of his flock

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. R/
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. R/
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. R/

Second Reading: Apocalypse 7:9. 14-17

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, "These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes."

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Gospel: John 10:27-30

Jesus said: "The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one."

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

Have you ever been invited to participate in an activity, party, or group that makes you uncomfortable because it requires you to challenge yourself? Why did you hold reservations? Did you eventually join?

Recall a time you turned down an opportunity to be charitable in word or deed because it would have upset your routine. (We have all done this.) Looking back on it, would you do things differently? Why or why not?

Who is your shepherd? Is it material success? Professional gain? Social acclaim? How can you reorient your tendencies to follow Christ?

If you were a first-century Jew, how do you think you would have reacted to Peter in the square in the first reading? Would you have listened with curiosity, suspicion, or interest?

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

"In this time, so many thoughts and worries lead us to fall into ourselves, Let us pay attention to the voices that reach our hearts. Let us ask ourselves where they come from. Let us ask for the grace to recognize and follow the voice of the Good Shepherd, who brings us out of the confines of selfishness and leads us to the pastures of true freedom." Pope Francis

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

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