



St John the Evangelist
Stevynston

31st July 2022

Eighteenth Sunday of 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) 1pm Funeral Service Jean Clark
Thursday	_____	10am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)
Friday	10am Mass (L)	_____	10am Funeral Mass (L) Sarah Templeton
Saturday	_____	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.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. St Mary's Thursday 9.30am-10am. St John's Friday 10.30am-11am.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION. 3.45pm-4.15pm in St Mary's and Saturday 10.30am-11am in St John's.

Please remember the following deaths in your prayers

William (Billy) Cooper RIP—Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday 9th August at 10am in St Mary's. Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery.

Michael Hennessy RIP—Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday 11th August at 10am in St Mary's. Followed by Cremation in Holmsford Bridge Crematorium.

+May they rest in peace+

ST JOHN'S SUMMER FETE—SUNDAY 14TH AUGUST. St John's Church hall will be open to receive any donations for the fete on Friday 12th August 6.30pm-8pm; Saturday 13th August 12pm-4pm and 4.30pm-8pm. Anyone able to come along at these times to help prepare for the fete will be most welcome.

ST JOHN'S SVDP. The members will be involved at the Summer Fete running the Wheel of Fortune and we depend very much on your generosity. We are in need to donations of bottles etc. for prizes. If you can donate any prizes for the Wheel of Fortune please hand them to any SVDP member. Thank you for your generosity.

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Anniversaries: Annie Cavani, Ellen Hastings, Joe Murray, John McGarvey and Alec McCann.

Recently deceased: Katica Hughes (Croatia), William (Billy) Cooper, Michael Hennessy, Sadie Templeton, Tom Nolan (Wishaw), Ella Ritchie (Portaferry), Jack Quirke, John Murphy and Robert Hughes.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Nineteenth Sunday of Year C— Wisdom 18:6-9; Psalm 32; Hebrews 11:1-2. 8--19; Luke 12:32-48

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

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

Those who have an anniversary: Annie Cavani, Ellen Hastings, Joe Murray, John McGarvey, Alec McCann, John Quinn, Flora Cameron (1st), Margaret Morrison, RoseAnn McAteer, David Gilmour and Des Blanche.

Those who have died recently: Katica Hughes (Croatia), Michael Hennessy, Tom Nolan (Wishaw), Ella Ritchie (Portaferry), Jack Quirke, Robert Hughes, William (Billy) Cooper, Hyacinth Brogan, John Murphy, Sadie Templeton, Joseph McEnhill, Josie Petrie (Canada), Alan Duncan, Janette O'Hare, Ann Watterson and Bart Wlodarczyk-Sroka (London).

ST MARY'S AND ST JOHN'S CHURCH COLLECTION AND STANDING ORDER INCOME JANUARY—JULY 2022. St Mary's Church Collections £11,309.53; Standing Orders £16,486.20. St John's Church Collections £13,095.31; Standing Orders £6,949.00. Thank you.

LIVESTREAMING OF FUNERALS. When a funeral mass is being livestreamed it will be available on the parish website for 3-4 days but can still be accessed through YouTube. It will then be removed from YouTube after 2 months unless a family wish to contact us about this arrangement.

300 CLUB. Congratulations to the winners of the July draw. No 55—L. Russell £30 and No 164 P. Brown £20.

WHITHORN. The Annual Whithorn Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 28th August with Mass at the shore at 4pm (**There is no Mass in the Church**). If anyone is interested in travelling there by bus please add your name to the sign up sheet in both church porches. Please note this year because of increased fuel prices there will be a charge of £5/person to offset costs.

CHANA. During the pandemic when we were not able to collect toiletries we were able to give vouchers to the support workers for those who were homeless. We spent £1,150 on vouchers. We are now able to collect toiletries and are appealing for the Following— shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, soap, roll on deodorants for both males and females. There will be a box at the back of both churches where people can deposit their donations. Thank you so much for your continued generosity.

R.C.I.A. Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or joining the Church should contact the parish office or Canon Martin.

DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING ADVISER. An exciting opportunity has arisen to support continued development of a safeguarding culture of care in the Diocese of Galloway as we seek to recruit a Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA). Reporting to the Vicar General and the safeguarding strategic leadership team, the post-holder will work for 21 hours each week, and will be responsible for implementing the safeguarding standards outlined within In Gods Image v2. For further details please contact administration@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or visit <https://gallowaydiocese.org.uk/website>

SCIAF—ACT AGAINST HUNGER. The Horn of Africa is facing its worst ever hunger crisis. The United nations has warned that 15 million people will struggle to get through the coming months. £40 could provide a family with emergency food for nine weeks. SCIAF is working to end hunger and stop suffering. Please pray and donate now at sciaf.org.uk/hunger or text SCIAF to 70460 to donate £5 to this appeal.

ST JOHN'S COFFEE AND TEAS VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED. After Sunday Mass.

ST MARY'S SVDP. Please call 07379 400 568. **ST JOHN'S SVDP.** Please call 07498 501 326.

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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: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity! For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, is restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

The Word of the Lord

PSALM: 94

R/ O that today you listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R/**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is lead by his hand. **R/**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work." **R/**

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5. 9-11

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed—and he is your life— you too will be revealed in all your glory with him. That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication impurity, guilty passions, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ; he is everything and he is in everything.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, "Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance." "My friend," he replied "who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?" Then he said to them, "Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs." Then he hold them a parable: "There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, 'What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops.' Then he said, 'This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?' So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God."



PROMPTS FOR FAITH SHARING

What does "wealth" mean to you? Who do you consider a "wealthy" person?

What is something that faded away before you realised its value? How would you approach that situation differently today?

If the Lord called you home tonight, would you be pleased with how you have or have not prioritised worldly wealth? Why or why not?

What does it mean to "labour in wisdom"?

*The end of parable, formulated by the Evangelist, is of singular effectiveness: "so it is that of those who accumulate treasures for themselves and do not enrich themselves with God". It is a cautionary tale that reveals the horizon towards which we are all called to look. Material goods are necessary – they are real! - but are a means of living honestly and in sharing with those most in need. Today Jesus invites us to consider that riches can chain the heart and distract it from the true treasure that is in heaven. **Pope Francis***

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for August. *Small Businesses We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.*

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

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*

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crosshousehospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or 01563 521832
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