



St John the Evangelist
Stevenson

10th July 2022

Fifteenth 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 Funeral Mass (L) Gilbert Walker Black	10am Mass (L)
Tuesday	_____	10am Mass (L)	10am Funeral Mass (L) Marie Burns
Wednesday	10am Eucharistic Service	10am Funeral Mass Agnes McCaffery	10am Mass (L)
Thursday	10am Funeral Mass (L) Richard (Dick) Garvey	10am Eucharistic Service	10am Mass (L)
Friday	10am Eucharistic Service	10am Funeral Mass Jane Marie (Janette) O'Hare	10am Mass (L)
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

Please remember the following deaths in your prayers

Gilbert Walker Black (Gibby) RIP - Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Monday (tomorrow) at 10am in St Mary's. Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery

Agnes McCaffery RIP—Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday in St Mary's Followed by Cremation in Holmsford Bridge Crematorium.

Richard (Dick) Garvey RIP—Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday at 10am in St John's Followed by cremation at Clyde Coast and Garnock Valley Crematorium

Jane Marie (Janette) O'Hare RIP – Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Friday at 10am in St Mary's. Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery.

Michael Fisher RIP—Funeral Service will take place on Monday (18th) at 3pm in Clyde Coast and Garnock Valley Crematorium.

Ann Watterson RIP—Funeral Service will take place on Tuesday (26th) at 2.30pm in Holmsford Bridge Crematorium

+May they rest in peace+

PRAYERS, THOUGHTS AND GOOD WISHES. Go to Mrs Mary Hume who celebrates her 100th Birthday next Friday in Woodlands View, Irvine.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR STELLA MARIS (APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA). Will take place at all masses from next weekend. Envelopes are available for those who wish to gift aid their donation.

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Special Intention: Golden Wedding Anniversary

Anniversaries: Margaret McAteer and Agnes Gailey.

Recently deceased: Richard (Dick), Garvey, Michael Taylor, Marie Burns, Agnes McCaffery, Gilbert Walker Black (Gibby), Michael Fisher, Alan Duncan, Janette O'Hare, Ann Watterson and Bart Wlodarczyk-Sroka (London),

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Sixteenth Sunday of Year C— Genesis 18:1-10; Psalm 14; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

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

Special Intentions: Golden Wedding Anniversary, Birthday wishes and Sick

Those who have an anniversary: Margaret McAteer, Agnes Gailey, Frances Gibb, Ali Burnett, Betty McConnell and Dr Jimmy Gallagher.

Those who have died recently: Alan Duncan, Janette O'Hare, Ann Watterson, Bart Wlodarczyk-Sroka (London), Richard (Dick) Garvey, Marie Burns, Elsie Schoolar, Agnes McCaffery, Ada Seymour, Gilbert Walker Black (Gibby), Michael Fisher, Liz Polland, Michael (Mick) Joyce (Ireland), Michael Taylor and William Gowrie.

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.

FOODBANK COLLECTION AT TESCO, Thank you to all who helped especially the Caritas Students from St Matthew's. We collected 709 kilos of food.

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 the 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 JOHN'S SUMMER FETE—SUNDAY 14TH AUGUST. Lucky boxes 50p each to be drawn at the Fete will be on sale from this Sunday in St John's Church Porch. Please take some home and sell to friends and family. Items Required for the Fete, We would be very grateful for the following: *Raffle prizes, Tombola Prizes, Chocolate for Chocolate Tombola, Bottles for the Bottle Stall and home baking.* 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. **Please note this year we will not have Bric a Brac, Books or toys therefore we do not require any of these items. We also do not take clothes, DVDs, or videos.**

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

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

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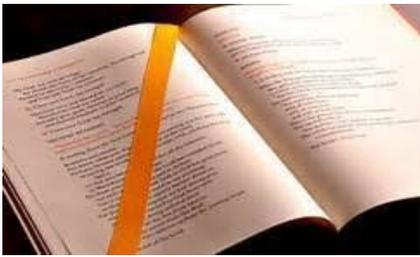
*This parable is a splendid gift for us all, and also a task! To each of us Jesus repeats what he said to the doctor of the Law: "Go and do likewise" (v. 37). We are all called to follow the same path of the Good Samaritan, who is the figure of Christ: Jesus bent down to us, he became our servant, and thus he has saved us, so that we too might love as he loved us, in the same way. **Pope Francis.***

Pope Francis on Justice & Peace' - a series of 3 short videos by Dr Duncan MacLaren which look at the Pope's approach to Justice & Peace drawing from the encyclicals *Evangelii Gaudium, Laudato Si and Fratelli Tutti* and examining the practical implication of this teaching. They can be found on *Justice and Peace Scotland - YouTube*

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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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: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Moses said to the people: "Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul. For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, 'Who will go up in heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?' Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, 'Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?' No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance."

The Word of the Lord

PSALM: 68

R/ Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

1. This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. **R/**
2. As for me in my poverty and pain let your help, O God, lift me up. I will praise God's name with a song; I will glorify him with thanksgiving. **R/**
3. The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. **R/**
4. For God will bring help to Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah. The sons of his servants shall inherit it; those who love his name shall dwell there. **R/**

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers— before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is in the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, "Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the Law? What do you read there?" He replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself." "You have answered right," said Jesus. "Do this and life is yours." But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" Jesus replied, "A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and the made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper, 'Look after him,' he said 'and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have.' Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hand?" "The one who took pity on him, he replied. Jesus said to him, "Go, and do the same yourself."



PROMPTS FOR FAITH SHARING

Which character in today's gospel do you identify with the most? Is it the lawyer questioning Jesus? Is it the man of faith who walks by the man in need? Why do you feel drawn to this particular character?

Who is a neighbour with whom you can spend more time being a Samaritan?

Have you ever sidestepped an issue because it made you uncomfortable? Do you see yourself in those who passed by the beaten man?

Who is your enemy?

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY 2022 - *For the elderly - We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.*

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.

Going into Hospital? Ask Canon Poland for the Anointing of the Sick before you are admitted.

In an emergency situation ask the nurse on duty for the priest-on-call to be paged.

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