



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

24th July 2022

Seventeenth 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)
Thursday	_____	10am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)
Friday	10am Funeral Mass John Murphy	_____	10am Mass (L) John Quirk
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 death in your prayers

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

John Murphy RIP—Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Friday at 10am in St John's.

Followed by burial in High Road Cemetery

+May they rest in peace+

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

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

Anniversaries: John Quinn, Flora Cameron (1st), Margaret Morrison, RoseAnn McAteer, David Gilmour and Des Blanche.

Recently deceased: Hyacinth Brogan, John Murphy, Ann Watterson and Sadie Templeton.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Eighteenth Sunday of Year C— Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23; Psalm 94; Colossians 3:1-5.9-11; Luke 12:13-21

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

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

Special Intentions: 100th Birthday Intention.

Those who have an anniversary: John Quinn, Flora Cameron (1st), Margaret Morrison, RoseAnn McAteer, David Gilmour, Des Blanche, Peggy Clarke, The Conti Family, Annie Thomas, Irene Smith, George Burnett, John Giffney, Elsie Brodie, James Mullen (1st), Bill & Mona Smith, Matthew Brady Snr, Sr Anne of Jesus (Rose Brady) and Agnes Lennon (3 months mind).

Those who have died recently: Hyacinth Brogan, John Murphy, Sadie Templeton, Joseph McEnhill, Josie Petrie (Canada), Alan Duncan, Janette O'Hare, Ann Watterson, Bart Wlodarczyk-Sroka (London), Richard (Dick) Garvey, Marie Burns, Elsie Schoolar, Agnes McCaffery, Gilbert (Gibby) Walker Black and Michael Fisher.

THANK YOU. Mary and the Hume Family would like to thank Canon Martin Poland and everyone from both parishes, who sent cards, presents and Good Wishes on the special occasion of Mary's 100th Birthday.

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.

WHITHORN. The Annual Whithorn Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 28th August with Mass at the shore at 4pm. If anyone is interested in travelling there by bus please put 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 from next weekend 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 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 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 SVDP. Please call 07379 400 568. **ST JOHN'S SVDP.** Please call 07498 501 326.

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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

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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: Genesis 18:20-32

The Lord said, "How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me, I am determined to know." The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, "Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice? The Lord replied, "if at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them."

Abraham replied, "I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack give: will you destroy the whole city for five?" "No," he replied "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there" Again Abraham said to him, "Perhaps there will only be forty there." "I will not do it," he replied, "for the sake of the forty." Abraham said, "I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there." "I will not do it," he replied, "if I find thirty there." He said, "I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there." "I will not destroy it," he replied, "for the sake of the twenty." He said, "I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten." "I will destroy it," he replied, "for the sake of the ten."

The Word of the Lord

PSALM: 137

R/ On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **R/**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **R/**
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me lie and frustrate my foes. **R/**
4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **R/**

Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-24

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples," He said to them, "Say this when you pray: your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test." He also said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night say, 'My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him'; and the man answers from inside the house, 'Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it you.' I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. "So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

PROMPTS FOR FAITH SHARING

If you had to retell the text of the Our Father in colloquial, modern times, how would you say it?

What is an example in your life when you were persistent and achieved the desired result? What aspect of that experience do you credit with your success?

Have you ever acquiesced to a friend because of his or her constant petition.

If a neighbour showed up at your home in the middle of the night asking for help, what would you do?

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.

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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.

Fr Stephen McGrattan is hospital chaplain for Crosshouse, assisted by IHM sisters.

crosshousehospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or 01563 521832

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