



St John the Evangelist  
Stevenson

# 17th July 2022

## Sixteenth 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) <b>William Swanson</b>
Tuesday	_____	10am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)
Wednesday	10am Mass (L)	_____	10am Mass (L)
Thursday	_____	10am Eucharistic Service	10am Mass (L)
Friday	10am Eucharistic Service	10am Funeral Mass <b>Joseph McEnhill</b>	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 and Saturday 10.30am-11am in St John's.

*Please remember the following deaths in your prayers*

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

**Joseph McEnhill RIP**—Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Friday (22nd) at 10am in St Mary's. Followed by burial in High Road Cemetery.

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

During this week for urgent calls / emergencies please phone Father Gerard Magee, St Winin's, Kilwinning 552276 or Father Duncan McVicar, St Peter's, Ardrossan 464063

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

**Special Intention:** 100th Birthday Intention.

**Anniversaries:** 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).

**Recently deceased:** Joseph McEnhill, Michael Fisher, Josie Petrie (Canada), Alan Duncan, Marie Burns, Michael Taylor, Agnes McCaffery, Richard (Dick) Garvey, Gilbert (Gibby) Black, Janette O'Hare and Ann Watterson.

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

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:** Seventeenth Sunday of Year C— Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 137; Colossians 2:12-24; Luke 11:1-13

**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, Golden Wedding Anniversary.

**Those who have an anniversary:** 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), Agnes Lennon (3 months mind), Margaret McAteer and Agnes Gailey.

**Those who have died recently:** 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, Ada Seymour, Gilbert (Gibby) Walker Black, Michael Fisher, Liz Polland, Michael (Mick) Joyce (Ireland) and Michael Taylor

**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.

**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](mailto:administration@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) or visit <https://gallowaydiocese.org.uk/website>

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**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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*Martha and Mary's attitudes seem opposed to one another, but, on the contrary, they are two essential aspects in our Christian life; aspects that can never be separated, but are lived out in profound unity and harmony. Why then was Martha scolded, even if kindly, by Jesus? Because she considered only what she was doing to be essential; she was too absorbed and worried by the things "to do". For a Christian, works of service and charity are never detached from the principle of all our action: that is, listening to the Word of the Lord, to be — like Mary — at the feet of Jesus, with the attitude of a disciple. And that is why Martha was scolded. Pope Francis*

**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: Genesis 18:1-10

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground, "My lord, " he said "I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction." They replied, "Do as you say," Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. "Hurry," he said "knead three bushels of flour and make loaves." Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree. "Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him. "She is in the tent" he replied. Then his guest said, "I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son."

**The Word of the Lord**

### PSALM: 14

**R/ Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent?**

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart; he does not slander with his tongue. **R/**
2. He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. **R/**
3. He who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R/**

### Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which as a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory; this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

**The Word of the Lord**

### Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me." But the Lord answered: "Martha, Martha," he said "you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her."



### PROMPTS FOR FAITH SHARING

*How do you tend to show hospitality? What is the first thing you do when you know someone is coming to your home?*

*What does "the ministry of presence" mean to you? How can you participate in this ministry?*

*Have you ever been welcomed by a stranger? Where did this happen? How did it make you feel?*

*Think of someone in your life who is constantly annoying. How can you welcome that person? What small things can you change in the way you encounter him or her to let the person feel more welcomed in your presence?*

**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.

**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)

**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.**

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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](mailto:crosshousehospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) or 01563 521832

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