



St John the Evangelist
Stevenson

7th August 2022

Nineteenth 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 Funeral Mass Billy Cooper	10am Mass (L)
Wednesday	10am Mass (L)	—————	10am Mass (L)
Thursday	—————	10am Funeral Mass (L) Michael Hennessy	10am Mass (L)
Friday	10am Mass (L)	—————	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 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

Billy Cooper RIP—Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday 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 at 10am in St Mary's.
Followed by Cremation in Holmsford Bridge Crematorium.

Alan Duncan RIP—Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Monday 15th at 10am in St John's.
Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery.

+May they rest in peace+

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

Special Int: Cathie Dorrian (100th Birthday Remembrance)

Anniversaries: Thomas Girvan, Elizabeth Crawley, Cathrine O'Rourke, Kathleen Higgins, John Collins Snr, Veronica Farrell (1st), Edward Pllu and Jim Rourke.

Recently deceased: Hugh Smith, Chrissie Ferris (Wishaw), James Barr, Mary Halliday (California), Katica Hughes (Croatia), June Milligan (Kilwinning), Billy Cooper, Michael Hennessy, Sadie Templeton and Alan Duncan

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Solemnity of Year C—

Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6.10; Psalm 44; I Corinthians 15:20-26; Luke 1:39-56

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

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

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Those who have an anniversary: Thomas Girvan, Elizabeth Crawley, Cathrine O'Rourke, Kathleen Higgins, John Collins Snr, Veronica Farrell (1st), Edward Pllu, Jim Rourke, Annie Cavani, Ellen Hastings, Joe Murray, John McGarvey and Alec McCann.

Those who have died recently: Hugh Smith, Chrissie Ferris (Wishaw), James Barr, Mary Halliday (California), Katica Hughes (Croatia), June Milligan (Kilwinning), Michael Hennessy, Tom Nolan (Wishaw), Ella Ritchie (Portaferry), Jack Quirke, Robert Hughes, Billy Cooper, Hyacinth Brogan, John Murphy, Sadie Templeton, Joseph McEnhill, Josie Petrie (Canada) and Alan Duncan.

FR KEVIN RENNIE (ORDAINED PRIEST 1ST JULY 2022). Will celebrate the weekend masses with us on the 20th and 21st August. Kevin saved our parishes a lot of money by installing the cameras and livestreaming equipment during the lockdown. A collection box will be available for anyone who wishes to contribute to a presentation to him.

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.

WHITHORN. Bishop Brian McGee of the Diocese of Argyll and the Isles will lead the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Whithorn on Sunday 28th August, with Mass on the beach at 4pm. **There will also be a Mass in St Martin and St Ninian's church in Whithorn at 4.30pm for those unable to make the walk down to the beach.** 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.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN. This National Pilgrimage will be celebrated by Rt Rev Joseph A. Toal, Bishop of Motherwell and will take place on Sunday 25th September 2022 in the presence of the Relics of Saint Bernadette to mark the Centenary of the Grotto. Holy Mass at 3pm followed by a Rosary Procession. All welcome.

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.

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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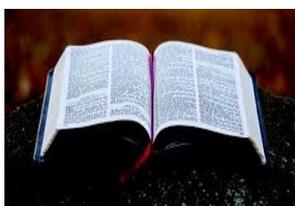
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DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD. *Are you thinking about being a Priest in 2022? The Diocese of Galloway is now inviting enquiries from those considering applying for seminary. For more information please contact Fr. Martin Chambers at: martin.chambers@gallowaydiocese.org.uk*

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.*

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



First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers. **The Word of the Lord**

PSALM: 32

R/ Happy are the people in the Lord has chosen as his own

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. **R/**
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R/**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **R/**

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2. 8-19

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants that could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. **The Word of the Lord**

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: "There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. Peter said, "Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?" The Lord replied, "What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival find him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who said to himself, 'My master is taking his time coming', and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful. "The servant who knows that his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him."



PROMPTS FOR FAITH SHARING

Think about your long-term goals and how you are preparing for them. Are you more excited for retirement or salvation?

Jesus refers to his disciples as "little flock." Is there a term of endearment you use with children, or you remember your parents or grandparents used for you? How does using a diminutive form invite tenderness?

What is your treasure? Where do you keep it?

What do you do to "light your lamps" in preparation for the coming of the Lord?

*The Gospel intends to tell us that the Christian is someone who has a great desire, a deep desire within him: to meet his Lord with his brothers and sisters, his travelling companions. And what Jesus tells us is summed up in his famous phrase: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also". A heart full of desire. We all have desires. The poor ones are those who have no desire, no desire to go forward, toward the horizon; and for us Christians this horizon is the encounter with Jesus, the very encounter with him, who is our life, our joy, our happiness. **Pope Francis***

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

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

crosshousehospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or 01563 521832

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