



St John the Evangelist
Stevynston

21st August 2022 Twenty First Sunday 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 Funeral Mass (L) Joseph McLaughlin
Wednesday	10am Mass (L)	6pm Prayers of Reception Jim Monan	10am Mass (L)
Thursday	_____	9.30am Funeral Mass (L) Jim Monan	10am Mass (L)
Friday	10am Mass (L)	2pm Funeral Mass (L) Janette Begley	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

THURSDAY. 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

Jim Monan RIP—Prayers of Reception will take place on Wednesday at 6pm in St Mary's. Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday at 9.30am. Followed by burial in Hawkhill Cemetery

David Gibb RIP - Funeral Service will take place on Thursday at 1pm in Coop Funeralcare Kilwinning.
Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery

Janette Begley RIP—Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Friday at 2pm in St Mary's
Followed by cremation in Holmsford Bridge Crematorium

Elaina Monaghan RIP—Prayers of Reception will take place on Wednesday 31st at 6pm in St John's. Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday 1st September at 10am. Followed by cremation in Holmsford Bridge Crematorium

+May they rest in peace+

WELCOME. To Fr Kevin Rennie who joins us for our masses this weekend.

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Anniversaries: Arthur Smyth and deceased members of the Smyth and Coleman family, John Dundas, Shonagh Malley, Anton Malley (Donegal), John Quinn and Michael McDermott.

Recently deceased: Jim Monan, Janette Begley, Elaina Monaghan, Anne McAuslan (Nee McAllister) and David Gibb.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Twenty Second Sunday of Year C— Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20. 28-29; Psalm 67; Hebrews 12:18-19. 22-24; Luke 14:1. 7-14

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

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

Special Int: 50th Anniversary of Religious life.

Those who have an anniversary: Arthur Smyth and deceased members of the Smyth and Coleman family, John Dundas, Shonagh Malley, Anton Malley (Donegal), John Quinn, Michael McDermott, Luigi Tortolano, Chris Ross and Stephen Slavin.

Those who have died recently: Jim Monan, Janette Begley, Elaina Monaghan, Anne McAuslan (Nee McAllister), David Gibb, Maureen Matthews (Kilmarnock), Joan Giffney, Lillia (Age 9) (Boston, England), Anne Hand, 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 and Billy Cooper.

ST JOHN'S SUMMER FETE. Thank you to all who supported the Fete last Sunday - those who made donations, those who attended, and all who worked both before and on the day. Special thanks to the Committee for their commitment. After extra donations and costs covered the final figure is now £3,581.25

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 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. *A Sign up sheet will be available shortly for those wishing to travel by bus.*

DIOCESAN EDUCATION MASS. The Diocesan Education Mass will be celebrated in St Margaret's Cathedral, John Street, Ayr on Wednesday 14th September at 7pm. All staff who teach and work in our schools are warmly invited, including those who have retired. After Mass, there will be a light buffet in the hall and an opportunity to socialise.

ST JOHN'S SUNDAY TEAS. Will stop this Sunday and resume again on the 18th September.

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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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: Isaiah 66:18-21

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal and Javen, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord



PSALM: 116

R/ Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News

1. Alleluia! O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples. **R/**
2. Strong is his love for us: he is faithful for ever. **R/**

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7. 11-13

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; them the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

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Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, "Sir, will there be only a few saved?" He said to them, "Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed. Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' but he will answer, 'I do not know where you come from.' Then you will find yourself saying, 'We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets,' but he will reply, 'I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!' "Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom, of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. "Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last."

PROMPTS FOR FAITH SHARING

Jesus tells us, "Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed." What do you think Jesus is referring to when he mentions success?

What does the "peaceful fruit of righteousness" mean to you?

Have you ever been punished? What did you learn?

Have you ever reprimanded another person, whether a child or someone on your team? How did it feel to correct another's actions? How might this help us understand how Jesus feels?

Once more, Jesus extends a pressing invitation to us today to go to Him, to pass through the door of a full, reconciled and happy life. He awaits each one of us, no matter what sins we have committed, to embrace us, to offer us his forgiveness. He alone can transform our hearts, He alone can give full meaning to our existence, giving us true joy. Pope Francis

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

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

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