



St John the Evangelist
Stevenson

4th September 2022 Twenty Third 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	_____	6pm Prayers of Reception Frances McInnes	10am Mass (L)
Tuesday	_____	10am Funeral Mass (L) Frances McInnes	10am Mass (L)
Wednesday	10am Eucharistic Service	10am Funeral Mass (L) Annie Hand	10am Mass (L)
Thursday	_____	10am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)
Friday	10am Funeral Mass (L) Phil Wyllie	_____	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.
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

Frances McInnes RIP—Prayers of Reception will take place on Monday at 6pm in St Mary's.
Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday at 10am. Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery.
Annie Hand RIP—Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday at 10am in St Mary's. Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery.
Phil Wyllie 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.
Kathleen Langridge RIP—Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place On Monday (12th) at 10am in St Mary's.
Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery.
+May they rest in peace+

GALLOWAY DIOCESE PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN. In the presence of the Relics of St Bernadette will take place on **Tuesday 27th September** together with the Arch Diocese of Glasgow. The coach will leave St Mary's at 9.45am and St John's 10am. A sign up sheet is available at the back of both churches. Due to the onset of costs there will be a charge of £6 per person

RETIRED PRIESTS—SPECIAL COLLECTION. Will take place from next weekend. Envelopes are available for those who wish to gift aid their donation.

SEASON OF CREATION 2022—LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF CREATION. See [Season of Creation Resources](#)

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Anniversaries: Alex Doherty, Charles McRoberts, James O'Meara, Nicola Flood, May Rourke, Mary Conti and Catherine Bannerman

Recently deceased: Mary Boland (Kilmarnock), Frances McInnes, Jim Monan, Annie Hand, Phil Wyllie, Kathleen Langridge, John McCluskey (Kilmarnock), Joseph Cunningham, Janette Begley, Ronald Joseph MacCormick (Isle of Benbecula) and Elaina Monaghan.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Twenty Fourth Sunday of Year C— Exodus 32:7-11. 13-14; Psalm 50; I Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

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

RIP Birthday Intention: Carla Marie Dickie

Those who have an anniversary: Alex Doherty, Charles McRoberts, James O'Meara, Nicola Flood, May Rourke, Mary Conti, Catherine Bannerman, Claire Gough, Johnny Quinn, Mary & James McEvoy, Mary & George Templeton, Emily McCarney, Gus McCall and Monica Bell

Those who have died recently: Mary Boland (Kilmarnock), Ronald Joseph MacCormick (Isle of Benbecula), Phil Wyllie, Kathleen Langridge, John McCluskey (Kilmarnock), Frances McInnes, Jean Ward, Mary Conetta (Giffnock), Jim Monan, Joseph Cunningham, Riccardo Bernacchi, Janette Begley, Elaina Monaghan, Anne McAuslan (Nee McAllister), David Gibb, Maureen Matthews (Kilmarnock), Joan Giffney, Lillia (Age 9) (Boston, England) and Annie Hand.

NEW DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING ADVISER. Congratulations to Tony Fisher who has been appointed the new Safeguarding Advisor for the Diocese.

ST JOHN'S PARISH HALL. New caretaker required for St John's church hall. Duties include being available to open and close hall, cleaning, setting hall for functions, and maintenance checks. If you are interested or need more information please speak with Canon Poland or contact Michael Lafferty 0781365041 or Brenda Robertson 07812758415.

ST JOHN'S SUNDAY TEAS. Will resume on Sunday 18th September to allow the groups to have a short break. Just now we only have three groups and recently with Covid and holidays have had to try with some difficulty to cover each other. To allow us to continue to provide this weekly service for the parish community it would be great if we could have another few volunteers to allow us to go to a 4 or even 5 week rota. If you think you could spare the odd Sunday or you need more info, please speak with Canon Martin or phone Michael 07813650411 or Brenda 07812758415.

ST JOHN'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY. Hopes to start soon but we are looking for additional volunteers to take a turn at leading the Liturgy. If interested please contact Canon Martin—PVG will be required.

COST OF LIVING CRISIS. Funds are currently available to assist St Mary's parishioners who need help to cope with rising energy costs and increases in food prices. If you need assistance please phone 07379400568. All contacts will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

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.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE. National Youth Pilgrimage to Dunkeld and Birnam-Saturday 24th September. A free coach will leave from St Matthew's Academy at 10.30am, Saltcoats going on to Dunkeld. Please sign-up by contacting the youth office email/tel, there is no charge for transport or event but participants should bring along a packed lunch. **Youth for Lourdes 2023.** We are now actively recruiting for young people aged 4th year to aged 23 years to join the diocesan Youth for Lourdes team. The pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 3rd-10th July 2023 and the approximate cost is £650 per person. The YfL group has decided to fly with the diocesan pilgrimage this time. **World Youth Day 2023.** We are also actively recruiting for participants to join us in preparing and participating in the next international World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal from 26th July till 9th August 2023. The approximate cost for that trip is £750 per person. This is open to young people aged 16-25 years by time of departure. Our preparation meetings will begin soon. For more information please see poster on noticeboards, visit the parish website or contact Youth for Lourdes directly.

CHANA. Thank you so much for your generosity in giving to the appeal for toiletries for those who are homeless. We'll close the appeal now and maybe come back at a later date as the need arises.. The toiletries are well received by those in need.

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

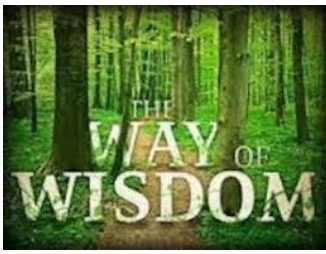
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R.C.I.A. Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or joining the Church should contact the parish office or Canon Martin.

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 9:13-18

“What man indeed can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know that lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, we could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved by Wisdom.” **The Word of the Lord**

PSALM: 89

R/ O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

1. You turn men back into dust and say: “Go back, sons of men.” To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. **R/**
2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. **R/**
3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. **R/**
4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **R/**

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10. 12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him—I could say—a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me. **The Word of the Lord**

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. “If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. “And Indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, ‘Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish.’ Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still along way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, non of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.”



PROMPTS FOR FAITH SHARING

Have you ever had a disagreement with someone you love about how to be a Christian? How did you approach this difference? Did you reconcile the situation?

What is the hardest part about following Christ?

Do you ever “plan” your methods of being a better Christian? What does this mean to you? How might you plan your own spiritual improvement?

Read over the psalm. What emotions does it bring up in you?

Pope Francis on today's gospel. *Jesus does not wish to address the topic of war here; it is only a parable. Yet at this moment in which we are praying intently for peace, this word of the Lord touches us to the core, and essentially tells us: there is a more profound war that we must all fight! It is the firm and courageous decision to renounce evil and its enticements and to choose the good, ready to pay in person: this is following Christ, this is what taking up our cross means!*

DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD. *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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HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY: The hospital chaplains of Crosshouse and Ayr Hospitals are pleased to visit patients on request. For general visiting in Crosshouse Hospital please contact Fr Stephen McGrattan at stephenmcgrattan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or on 01563 521832. For general visiting in Ayr Hospital please contact Fr Benjamin Mkeri at benjamin.mkeri@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or on 01655 882145. For the urgent or emergency assistance of a chaplain please ask the hospital staff to page the priest on call.

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