



St John the Evangelist
Stevenson

16th October 2022

Twenty Ninth 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 Eucharistic Service	10am Funeral Mass (L) Isabella Milligan
Wednesday	10am Eucharistic Service	_____	10am Mass (L)
Thursday	_____	10am Eucharistic Service	10am Mass (L)
Friday	10am Eucharistic Service	_____	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

GOSPEL RELECTION. Livestreamed Monday at 7pm.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. St Mary's **Tuesday** 9.30am-10am. St John's Friday 10.30am-11am

ROSARY. St John's every Tuesday at 7pm during October— The Month of the Missions

MASS OF HEALING. Will take place in St John's today at 3pm. Thanks to the Saint Vincent de Paul Conferences and all who have assisted with the preparation and celebration of today's mass and the mass last Sunday in St Mary's

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY—23RD OCTOBER 2022. Next weekend, at His Holiness Pope Francis' invitation, Catholics in parishes all over the world will be asked to contribute to a special collection for the Pontifical Missions Societies (PMS) - his official charity for overseas mission—during World Mission Sunday. This year, the theme is "You shall be my witness." (Acts 1:8). The Church's sole mission is to bear witness to Christ. Missio Scotland—the Scottish branch of the Pontifical Mission Societies—aims to share with you some of the life-saving and live-giving work being undertaken by priests, sisters and laity in mission countries and territories throughout the world such as Ethiopia. Our missionary priests and religious live out their mission and support our brothers and sisters in faith throughout the world. Like them, you can help spread the Good News and play your part in the life of the universal Church by supporting Missio Scotland, so please give generously.

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CONGRATULATIONS. To Evon Donnelly and Brian McLevy who were married in St John's this weekend.

Please remember the following deaths in your prayers

John Wilson RIP—Funeral Service will take place on Thursday at 11.30am in Holmsford Bridge Crematorium

Patricia Carson RIP—Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Monday 31st at 10am in St Mary's .

Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery.

+May they rest in peace+

SOUP AND A CHAT—Begins in St Mary's on Wednesday 2nd November from 11.30am—1.30pm. Helpers will meet in the hall on Wednesday 26th October at 11.30am. Begins in St John's on Monday 7th November from 11.30am-1.30pm. List for helpers in Church porch.

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Anniversaries: Barry McKeever, Jimmy Crawford, Joe Coleman, Francis & Josephine Morrison, Charlie Conti, Rosemary Duncan (1st) and George Kearney.

Recently deceased: John Wilson, Patricia Carson, Philip Rooney (Paisley),

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Thirtieth Sunday of Year

C— Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14. 16-19; Psalm 33; 2 Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

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

Those who have an anniversary: Barry McKeever, Jimmy Crawford, Joe Coleman, Francis & Josephine Morrison, Charlie Conti, Rosemary Duncan (1st), George Kearney, Elizabeth (Liz) Hughes, Pat McAvoy, Mary Nellis and Seamus Boyle (1st).

Those who have died recently: Patricia Carson, Philip Rooney (Paisley), John Wilson, Szczepan Krynicky, Mary McGhie (Coatbridge), Ann Heron, Eileen White (Wife of the late Jackie White), Norman Gough, Robert Connell, Kathleen McVey (Motherwell), Ann Lundie and Winnie McFadden (Dalry).

I shall be away from the parish for the next 2 weeks and Fr Gerry Magee in Kilwinning (552276) will cover any emergency calls or Fr Duncan McVicar in St Peter's (464063)

HEALTH AND SAFETY AUDIT. Was carried out during the week for both Churches, Church halls and parish houses. We await the report but it will highlight works that will need to be carried out over the next year.

TABLE TOP SALE! St John's Church Hall Committee are holding a table top sale in the hall next Saturday (22nd) 12.30pm - 3pm. Tables are £10 each and can be booked by speaking with one of the hall committee members or phoning Michael on 07813650411, Brenda on 07812758415 or Lorna on 07833347035. Tea, coffee, juice, soup and hot rolls will also be on sale.

ST JOHNS HALL COMMITTEE. Will be holding the following events / fundraisers. 13th November - M & Co fashion Show; 27th November - Wayside Club Christmas lunch; 4th December - Christmas fete / Craft stalls; 31st December - Hogmanay Ceilidh. More information will be made available before each event but please take a note of the dates. If you have any questions or would like to book a table etc please speak with any member of the hall committee.

ST JOHN'S SUNDAY TEAS. 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.

OPPOSE PLANS TO INTRODUCE ASSISTED SUICIDE TO SCOTLAND. Care Not Killing (CNK), supported by the Catholic Parliamentary Office, has launched a petition which aims to stop plans to legalise assisted suicide. Liam McArthur MSP, has indicated that he expects to introduce his assisted suicide bill at Holyrood in early 2023, so we must act quickly. This bill risks undermining the provision of palliative care and undermining efforts to prevent suicide. It will make the most vulnerable people, including the elderly and disabled, feel like a burden and its safeguards will prove futile. The current law is the safeguard - it prohibits assisting someone's suicide and/or killing them by euthanasia. The state ought to support the provision of care, not deliberate killing, for those at the end of life. Please sign CNK's petition at church today. Alternatively, you can sign online at www.carenokilling.scot

UPCOMING SPUC CONFERENCES. SPUC is holding a one-day conference on the important topic of Abortion and Coercion on Saturday 29th October in Glasgow Central Hotel, Glasgow from 9.30am-4.30pm. Please contact Katherine Hampton on 01892 542616 or email katherinehampton@spuc.org.uk to book a place..

YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE. 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.

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

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First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, "Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand," Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the Hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people. **The Word of the Lord**

PSALM: 120

R/ Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. **R/**
2. May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not, your guard. No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard. **R/**
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands. By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night. **R/**
4. The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul. The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever. **R/**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures—from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work. Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience—but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching. **The Word of the Lord**

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. "There was a judge in a certain town" he said "who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, 'I want justice from you against my enemy!' For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, 'Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death.'" And the Lord said, "You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?"



PROMPTS FOR FAITH SHARING

Have you ever achieved something because of pure, dogged persistence? What was so important that you refused to give up on it?

Have you ever given into someone because of his or her persistence? Did you find this annoying? Did you relent because you were annoyed, or because you realised how important this was for the other person?

What is something you pray about constantly that has yet to be fulfilled or answered? Why do you keep praying?

What do you use Scripture for? What is its main purpose in your life? How do you use it as a tool?

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions October 2022. A Church Open to Everyone. We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

Our thoughts go out to them! Therefore, let us learn from the widow of the Gospel to pray always without growing weary. This widow was very good! She knew how to battle for her children! I think of the many women who fight for their families, who pray and never grow weary. Today let us all remember these women who by their attitude provide us with a true witness of faith and courage, and a model of prayer. **Our thoughts go out to them! Pope Francis**

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

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.

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

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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.

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