



St John the Evangelist
Stevenson

2nd October 2022 Twenty Seventh 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 Mass (L)
Wednesday	10am Mass (L)	_____	10am Mass (L)
Thursday	_____	10am Mass St Anthony's P7 pupils	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

GOSPEL RELECTION. Livestreamed Monday at 7pm.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. St Mary's **Tuesday this week** 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.

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

MASS OF HEALING. Will take place in St Mary's next Sunday (9th) and St John's on Sunday 16th October at 3pm. This Mass in October will provide an opportunity to celebrate Mass in a quieter church without crowds. There will be the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Sick for those who wish and we will use the Ozanam Prayers from the Saint Vincent de Paul Conferences. If you need transport to this mass please let Canon Martin, parish office or members of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society know. Tea/Coffee will be available in the hall afterwards.

SOUP AND A CHAT—Thanks to those who responded to this suggestion. I hope to have a meeting of interested volunteers in St Mary's this coming Thursday at 11am (in the parish house). St John's meeting will be the following week.

Please remember the following death in your prayers

Robert Connell RIP (Kilwinning) - Cremation will take place tomorrow (Monday) in Holmsford Bridge Crematorium

+May he rest in peace+

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

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Special Intention: Get well wishes

Anniversaries: John Smith, Sean Pentleton, Rose McKay, Seamus Boyle (1st), Joe O'Rourke, Eileen Higney, Ellen Murphy, Sean Hendry and Margaret Ann Gallagher

Recently deceased: Norman Gough, Ann Lundie, Ann Heron and Eileen White (Wife of the late Jackie White)

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Twenty Eighth Sunday of Year C— 2 Kings 5:14-17; Psalm 97; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

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

RIP Birthday Remembrance: Hugh McConnell.

Special Intention: Get well wishes

Those who have an anniversary: John Smith, Sean Pentleton, Rose McKay, Seamus Boyle (1st), Joe O'Rourke, Eileen Higney, Ellen Murphy, Sean Hendry, Margaret Ann Gallagher, Mary Rotondo, William Fraser, Anne Lafferty, John Smith and William Hazelton.

Those who have died recently: Ann Heron, Eileen White (Wife of the late Jackie White), Norman Gough, Robert Connell, Kathleen McVey (Motherwell), Ann Lundie, Winnie McFadden (Dalry), Joe Cunningham, Matt Lunardi (Companion of Katie Cassidy), Sr Jean (Wales) and May Arsenault (Canada).

ST MARY'S AND ST JOHN'S CHURCH COLLECTION AND STANDING ORDER INCOME AUGUST – SEPTEMBER 2022. St John's Church Collections £4,987.27; Standing Orders £1,964.00. St Mary's Church Collections £6,021.16; Standing Orders £4,551.00. Thank you.

CARFIN PILGRIMAGE—Thanks to all who made this day a success.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB (ST ANTHONY'S). Help required to assist with supplementing the Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation and First Eucharist for P4 children. There will be 3 sessions between 3pm-4pm on Thursday 10th, 17th and 24th November and 12th, 19th and 26th January 2023.

THANK YOU. Katie Cassidy would like to thank all those who attended Matt's funeral, those who sent cards, texts or flowers and those who offered help, visited, handed in food or helped in any way. And of course all involved in the hall catering.

TABLE TOP SALE! St John's Church Hall Committee are holding a table top sale in the hall on Saturday 22nd October 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. Come along and grab a bargain or why not take a table and get rid of your clutter. Tea, coffee, juice, soup and hot rolls will also be on sale on the day.

ST JOHNS HALL COMMITTEE. Will be holding the following events / fundraisers. 6th 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.

UPCOMING SPUC CONFERENCES. SPUC is holding a one-day conference on the important topic of Abortion and Coercion. This will take place on Saturday 29th October in Glasgow Central Hotel, 99 Gordon Street, Glasgow G1 3SF from 9.30am-4.30pm. Cost is £30. Concessions £20 (including students). Lunch is included. 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: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry "Oppression!" in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, "Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only; eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.



The Word of the Lord

PSALM: 94

R/ O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R/**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **R/**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work." **R/**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8. 13-14

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God. Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us. **The Word of the Lord**



Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea', and it would obey you. Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, 'Come and have your meal immediately'? Would he not be more likely to say, 'Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards'? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, 'We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty.'"

PROMPTS FOR FAITH SHARING

Have you ever prayed for an increase in faith? Is it part of your regular prayer practice? Why or why not?

Reflect on Thomas Merton's words, "I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you." Do you desire to please God?

Is an increase in faith the result of your decision, or the grace of God? Which do you think you rely on more? Which do you think is more important to you at this moment in your life?

What is a "hard heart"? What do you do to ensure that your heart remains soft?

Only if we play our part. Faith must not be confused with well-being or feeling well, with having consolation in our heart that gives us inner peace. Faith is the golden thread which binds us to the Lord, the pure joy of being with him, united to him; it is a gift that lasts our whole life, but bears fruit only if we play our part. **Pope Francis**

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.

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

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