



St John the Evangelist
Stevynston

29th January 2023

Fourth Sunday of Year A

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Our Lady Star of the Sea
Saltcoats

Day	St John's	St Mary's	St Peter's
Monday	—————	6pm Reception Lynda Hughes	10am Mass (L)
Tuesday	—————	10am Funeral Mass (L) Lynda Hughes	10am Mass (L)
Wednesday	10am Funeral Mass (L) Jimmy O'Hare	—————	10am Mass (L)
Thursday	10am Funeral Mass (L) Nan Warden	10am Eucharistic Service	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 REFLECTION. Livestreamed Monday at 7pm.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION. 3.45pm-4.15pm in St Mary's and Saturday 10.30am-11am in St John's.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. St John's Friday 10.30am-11am

Please remember the following deaths in your prayers

Lynda Hughes RIP

Jimmy O'Hare RIP

Nan Warden RIP

James Gallagher RIP

Pat Quinn RIP

Lynda's Prayers of Reception will take place tomorrow (Monday) at 6pm in St Mary's.

Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday at 10am. Followed by burial in Hawkhill Cemetery.

Jimmy's Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday at 10am in St John's.

Followed by burial in Hawkhill Cemetery.

Nan's Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday at 10am in St John's

Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery

James' Funeral Service will take place on Friday at 3.30pm in Holmsford Bridge Crematorium.

Pat's Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 8th February at 10am in St Mary's.

Followed by Cremation in Holmsford Bridge Crematorium.

+May they rest in peace+

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Special Intention and 70th Birthday Intention

Anniversaries: Mary & Tom Garvey & deceased members of Garvey family, Marie Ramsay, David McGowan, Teresa Fitzsimmons, Julia McRoberts, Annie Morrison, Mary Quinn, Rachel Cairnie, Thomas Oliver and Bernie Boyle (5th)

Recently deceased: Isabel Higgins (Boylan), Maureen Ward, Robert Wilson, Betty Paterson, Betty Burns, Lynda Hughes, Jimmy O'Hare, Nan Warden, James Gallagher, Pat Quinn, Catherine McColgan, Anne Kennedy and Maurice Grig

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Fifth Sunday Year A:

Isaiah 58:7-10; Psalm 111; I Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

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

Special Intention and 70th Birthday Intention

Those who have an anniversary: Mary & Tom Garvey & deceased members of Garvey family, Marie Ramsay, David McGowan, Teresa Fitzsimmons, Julia McRoberts, Annie Morrison, Mary Quinn, Rachel Cairnie, Thomas Oliver and Bernie Boyle (5th), Rita McCourt, Esther Farrell, Sabina Monan, Thomas Slimmon (2nd) and Agnes Lennon (9 months mind).

Those who have died recently: Catherine McColgan, Anne Kennedy, Maurice Grig, Isabel Higgins (Boylan), Robert Wilson, Fran Blake, Catherine McColgan (Cardonald), Annie Gallagher, Donald Campbell, Jan Collings (England), George Scott (Ardrossan), David Beebe (Hamilton), Maureen Ward, Pat Quinn, Jimmy O'Hare, Nan Warden, Joan Thomson (Nellany), Edward Carson (Glasgow), Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Bill Smith, Mary Reilly, Betty Burns, Mary Patrick Dorgan, Lynda Hughes, Gina Paterson and James Gallagher.

CONFIRMATION. In St Mary's this coming Thursday at 7pm. Candidates and Sponsors should be seated at least 5 minutes before the service begins. Refreshments afterwards are available in St Mary's Parish hall. Gifts/Cards are available from St Mary's Stall.

THE RITE OF ELECTION. Takes place in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr on Sunday 26th February at 3pm for those joining the Church at Easter.

THE DIOCESAN WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK MASS. Will be held on Sunday 12th of February at 4pm in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr. The Hospitalité looks forward to welcoming you, if you wish to be anointed please make yourself known to a member of the Hospitalité team on arrival. Following Mass there will be refreshments in the hall and the AGM of Galloway Lourdes Hospitalité. Any adult pilgrimage volunteers should attend St Margaret's Hall from 2-3.30pm for our sign-up, PVG and safeguarding session.

SOUP AND A CHAT. St John's Monday's at 11.30am till 1.30pm in St John's Hall and St Mary's on Wednesday's at 11.30am till 1.30pm in St Mary's Hall. **Please note that on Wednesday 8th February St Mary's Soup and Chat will be open from 10.30am until 12 Noon to allow for funeral teas.**

YOUTH PILGRIMAGES. The diocesan Youth Ministry Office is delighted to offer opportunities for the young people across the parishes to participate in the Youth for Lourdes group, travelling with the diocesan pilgrimage 3rd-10th July 2023 or the World Youth Day event in Lisbon, Portugal 30th July till 8th August 2023. Open to young people aged from 4th year upwards. For more information contact Fr Jim on: youth@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or telephone 01387 252603 for more information.

SVDP. Please call 07379 400 568 for St Mary's. Please call 07498 501 326 for St John's.

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OVER 50'S DISCOVERY AWARDS. See posters in both church porches.

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for February 2023. *We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.*

SYNOD NEWS. There was a unanimous view from all dioceses that the laity should be given far greater responsibility at all levels of the Church. This was expressed as co-responsibility, sharing the governance of the Church. A structure which is neither male-dominated nor authoritarian. The priestly, prophetic and kingly character of every member of the Church must be encouraged. **Scotland's Submission to the Synod**

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: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

The Word of the Lord

PSALM: 145

R/ How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven

1. It is he who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R/**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. **R/**
3. It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R/**

Second Reading: I Corinthians 1:26-31

Take yourselves for instance, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen—those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: "How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle; they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."



PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

When is a time that you chose humility? What was that like? Can you think of a time when humility found you despite your best efforts?

Can you name one false value in your life? How can you turn your attention away from that?

Take a close look at all the Beatitudes from the gospel. Can you find one that sounds like an invitation, an area God might be calling you to grow?

"Blessed are the meek". How often are we, on the contrary, impatient, irritable, always ready to complain! We have many demands regarding others, but when our turn comes, we react by raising our voice, as if we were masters of the world, when in reality we are all children of God. Let us think instead of those mothers and fathers who are so patient with their children who "drive them mad". This is the way of the Lord: the way of meekness and of patience. **Pope Francis**

COST OF LIVING CRISIS. Funds currently available to assist St Mary's parishioners who need help to cope with rising energy and food costs. Need assistance, please phone 07379 400 568. All contacts will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

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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Neighbouring Parishes:

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