



St John the Evangelist
Stevenson

1st January 2023

Mary, the Holy Mother of God— Solemnity Year A

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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	10am Funeral Mass (L) Anna Wilson	10am Mass (L)
Thursday	_____	10am Mass (L)	10am Funeral Mass (L) Ann Ward
Friday	10am Mass	10am Funeral Mass (L) Patrick Joseph McEvoy	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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. No exposition this week.

GOSPEL REFLECTION. Livestreamed Thursday at 4pm. **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.** On request

SYNOD NEWS. "I feel gratitude and wonder. I have heard the testimony of a living Church! The sharing of these days shows that the journey is already well underway and that we have much to learn from each other. I have great hope for our task, which is and remains first and foremost evangelisation: the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ. This is the synodal path. In this journey we must not be afraid of tensions, which can also be healthy. We must not exclude anyone and listen to everyone! Even those outside the Church's formal enclosure, because sometimes the Church is present where we did not think we would find it". *Cardinal Mario Grech, Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops.*

On this Feast of Our Lady, Mary the Mother of God we pray for all who are ill including Pope Benedict.

Please remember the following deaths in your prayers

Anna Wilson RIP

Patrick Joseph McEvoy RIP

Mary Giffney RIP

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

Followed by Burial in Hawkhill Cemetery.

Patrick's Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Friday at 10am in St Mary's.

Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery.

Mary's Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Monday (9th) at 10am in St Mary's

Followed by burial in Hawkhill Cemetery.

+May they rest in peace+

Canon Martin, Canon Matt, Sr Ursula and Sr Marie Monique wish you a
Very Happy New Year

SPECIAL COLLECTION. Will take place next weekend for Justice and Peace.

Parishes of the RC Diocese of Galloway Charity Registration No: SCO10576

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Anniversaries: Frances Kelly, Mary Fraser, Frances & Teddy Kelly, Catherine O'Meara, Nora McCluskey and Peter Cartwright.

Recently deceased: Fr John Smyth (Columban Missionary), Betty Paterson, Donnie McMillan, Anne Kennedy, Mary Giffney, Harry Ireland, Kevin Grant (New Zealand), Betty Strachan (Dunfermline), Anna Wilson and Joseph Patrick McEvoy.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: The Epiphany of the Lord — Solemnity Year A: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 71; Ephesians 3:2-3a.5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

THANK YOU. Sr Ursula and Sr Marie Monique join me in thanking you all for your generosity at Christmas with gifts, cards and good wishes.

MONETARY DONATIONS. At our Cribs go to St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society.

SOUP AND A CHAT. St John's will reopen again on Monday 9th January and St Mary's Wednesday 11th January.

CRIB. As usual gifts and items left at the crib in each Church at Christmas will be forwarded from St Mary's to the Cardinal Winning Initiative and from St John's to Hillhouse Care, Kilmarnock.

SAFEGUARDING MATTERS NEWSLETTER. December 2022 issue is available on the parish website. Or copies available from the parish office.

HOGMANAY CEILIDH IN AID OF UKRAINE APPEAL. Hogmanay Ceilidh 7.30pm - 1am. There are a few tickets left if anyone still interested. If so phone Michael 07813650411 or Lisa 07988609078

YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE. Youth for Lourdes 2023. Are recruiting for young people aged 4th year to 23 years to join the diocesan Youth for Lourdes team. Next years pilgrimage is from 3rd-10th July 2023 costing £650. **World Youth Day 2023.** Are recruiting for World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal from 26th July - 9th August 2023. The approximate cost £750 per person. For more information please see poster on noticeboards, visit the parish website or contact Youth for Lourdes directly.

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

FOODBANK STEVENSTON. 07437 521 930.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR AUGUST 2023. Is an online process and will take place during the period Monday 9th January till Sunday 22nd January.

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY - IRVINE AND THREE TOWNS DEBT CENTRE. Are a Christian Organisation that helps people struggling with personal debt issues to begin a journey out of debt. This service is free and will see clients face to face at the Connexions centre, Irvine or at any office location. Please call our freephone number which is 0800 328 0006

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for January. For educators. *We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.*

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

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

Special Intentions: Christmas Blessings and all parishioners and Clergy

Christmas Remembrance: Deceased members of the Durning family, Robert Ferguson, Francis & Doris Haugh, Thomas Oliver, John Monaghan, Mr & Mrs Lewis McLaughlin, Derek Findlay, John & Janet Collins and deceased family members, John Murphy and Murphy and McCarney family members, Gerard Monaghan, Cathy McGuire, Ann Hughes, Pllu family, O'Meara family, Meechan & McCafferty families, Kane, Murchie and McHugh families, Joe & Sarah Murray, Derrick Whitehead, John Whitehead, Arthur Smyth and deceased members of Smyth and Coleman families.

Those who have an anniversary: Frances Kelly, Mary Fraser, Frances & Teddy Kelly, Catherine O'Meara, Nora McCluskey, James Monan, Peter Cartwright (2nd), Isa Kearney, Mairi Grier, Patrick McCann, Tom McKay, John Dolan, Elizabeth Turbet, Robert & Jean Wylie, Peter & Rose Finnegan, Jessie Burns (5th) and Kathleen (Kitty) Boyle.

Those who have died recently: Fr John Smyth (Columban Missionary), Anne Kennedy, Harry Ireland, Kevin Grant (New Zealand), Betty Strachan (Dunfermline), Betty Paterson, Patricia Gallagher, Allan Peter MacIsaac (South Uist), John Harkins (Wishaw), Patrick Joseph McEvoy. Thomas Carolan (County Meath), Mary Giffney, Rose Cushnan, Irene Crozier, Anna Wilson, Agnes Devine, Mary Donnelly (Fr Gerard Donnelly's Mum), Margaret Williams, Donnie McMillan, Patricia (Pat) Power (Giffnock), Brendan Clarke (Norwich), Adam King, Peggie Duffy, Margaret Austin, Alice Kane (Castlemilk) and Betty Drysdale (Paisley).

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: Numbers 6:22-27

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “Say this to Aaron and his sons: ‘This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace.’ “This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them,” **The Word of the Lord**

PSALM: 66

R/ O God, be gracious and bless us.

1. God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **R/**
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples. You guide the nations on earth. **R/**
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **R/**

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, “Abba, Father,” and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir. **The Word of the Lord**

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God, for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told. When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised they gave him the name Jesus, and the name the angel had given him before his conception.



PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

Do you identify more with the hasty evangelisation of the shepherds or Mary’s quiet pondering?

Where do you need God’s face to shine in your life? What questions need answers? What dark corners need illumination?

Do you feel confident in calling God your Father? What holds you back from a relationship of childlike trust with God?

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

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

***The new terms of the Data Protection Regulation prevent us from publishing the names of the sick either in electronic form or in paper form in the bulletin.**

Neighbouring Parishes:

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.

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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