



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

30th April 2023 Fourth Sunday of Easter 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	6pm Reception Ann Taggart	10am Mass	10am Funeral Mass (L) Rose Bowers
Wednesday	10am Funeral Mass (L) Ann Taggart	_____	10am Mass (L)
Thursday	_____	10am Mass (L)	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 Mary's Tuesday 9.30am. St John's Friday 10.30am-11am.
ROSARY. During the month of May the Rosary will be prayed in St John's on Tuesdays at 7pm and in St Mary's on Thursdays at 9.30am.

SYNOD NEWS. The last two paragraphs of the European submission to the Synod:- We want to walk together, as holy people of God, both lay persons and pastors, pilgrims along the roads of Europe to proclaim the joy of the Gospel which springs from the encounter with Christ. We want to do it together with our brothers and sisters from other Christian denominations. We shall work tirelessly to enlarge the space of our tents so that our ecclesial communities become even more places where everyone feels welcome.

Please remember the following deaths in your prayers

Ann Taggart RIP

Margaret Kostigovs RIP

Ann's Prayers of Reception will take place on Tuesday at 6pm in St John's.

Funeral Mass on Wednesday at 10am. Followed by burial in High Road Cemetery

Margaret's Funeral Service will take place on Tuesday 9th May at 1.30pm in Holmsford Bridge Crematorium

+May they rest in peace+

SUNDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES—ST JOHN'S HALL, STEVENSTON— THIS SUNDAY 30th APRIL AT 7PM— THE SHACK. A highly emotional film about tragedy and redemption. Rated PG-13 for thematic material including some violence

LIVESTREAMING. We are currently experiencing some technical issues with the streaming in St John's.

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Anniversaries: James Timmons, Fergie Dorrian, John Ross, Michael McCann, Peter Finnigan, Arthur Collins, Ann Marie Murphy, Betty Montgomery (4th), Mary McNamee (5th) and Graham Kane.

Recently deceased: Mary Clempson (Prestwick), Christine McCort, Jim O'Kane, Margaret Kostigovs, Ann Taggart, Cissie Caughey, Travis Shaun Arnold, Nan Mooney (Greenock) and Sheena Wright (Johnstone).

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Fifth Sunday of Easter
Year A: Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 32; I Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

For all the sick in our parishes

Special Intention: Birthday RIP Intention for Patsy Reid (100th) and Graham Kane.

Those who have an anniversary: James Timmons, Fergie Dorrian, John Ross, Michael McCann, Peter Finnigan, Arthur Collins, Ann Marie Murphy, Betty Montgomery (4th), Mary McNamee (5th), Graham Kane, Bobby Milligan (2nd), William & Mary Flood, Hugh Donald (10th), Jean Monan, Philomena Tulloch and Lina Badiali (50th).

Those who have died recently: Mary Clempson (Prestwick), Christine McCort, Cissie Caughey, Travis Shaun Arnold, Nan Mooney (Greenock), Sheena Wright (Johnstone), Ronnie Aland, Kim Dowie, Helen Danks (Glasgow), Jim O'Kane, Stephen Fitzpatrick, Margaret Kostigovs, Ann-Marie Bell, Alexis McCreath, Patrick Roe, Ann Taggart, Angelo Suffredini, Sandra McLean and Gretta Donaghy.

VOCATIONS SUNDAY. Please pray for Vocations to the Priesthood Diaconate and Religious Life.

ST JOHN'S PARISH COUNCIL. Will meet in St John's Parish House this Wednesday at 7pm.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR STUDENTS FUND. Will take place at all masses this weekend. Envelopes are available for those who wish to Gift Aid their donation.

OUR NEW SCOTS/UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY. Meet in St Mary's hall on Sundays from 2-4pm to make new friends, find out about and become more involved with their new community and support each other to become more fluent and confident in our language. Many of them already have a good conversational level of English but all are keen to become better. If you have some time to spare, young or old, and think you could become involved or simply want to know more, drop in to the hall on Sundays or speak with, call or text Barbara Griffin on 07783502106.

ST. MARY'S WEEKLY ENVELOPES. There are still a few sets of weekly offering envelopes in the Sacristy. If you are a tax payer and wish to Gift Aid your collection please consider doing so-it makes such a difference. Please contact the parish office.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY. Afternoon Tea in St. Mary's Parish Hall on Monday 8th May 2023 (Bank Holiday Coronation Weekend) 2pm until 4pm. Social chat, music and raffle. 100 tickets will be available at no cost. Tickets are available from Peter Timmons.

ST JOHN'S ANNUAL SUMMER FETE . St John's will be holding their Annual Summer Fete in the Church hall. We will also be celebrating the 60th anniversary of St John's so are looking for ideas to help with the celebrations. Perhaps different types of stalls or fundraising events that could help mark our 60th Anniversary. If you would like to help in anyway or have any ideas please speak to any of St John's Church Hall Committee or phone Brenda 07812758415 or Lorna 07833347035

SOUP AND A CHAT. Every Wednesday 11.30am till 1.30pm in St Mary's Hall. This will run until the end of May and restart again in September.

DRUMALIS. For further information and to book a space please contact Anne Brennan on 07933787003.

MINISTRY. Opportunity to take part in ministries in the Church and in the parish. For more information please complete the form available and return it as soon as possible.

PARISH HALLS. To book any of our halls please call the Parish Office on 463461 for St Mary's and Michael Lafferty on 461234 for St John's. Please note booking form has to be completed to confirm your booking.

GALLOWAY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2023. 3rd July 2023, 7 nights flying from Glasgow Prestwick Airport for £949/person. For bookings and more information please see posters on church noticeboards or contact Joe Walsh Tours 0808 1890468 or email info@joewalshstours.co.uk.

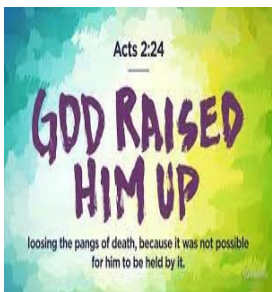
SVDP. Please call 07379 400 568 for St Mary's. Please call 07498 501 326 for St John's.

FOODBANK STEVENSTON. 07437 521 930.

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for May 2023 - For church movements and groups. We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

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: Acts 2:14, 36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: "The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ." Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, "What must we do, brothers?" "You must repent," Peter answered, "and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself." He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, "Save yourselves from this perverse generation." They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three hundred were added to their number. **The Word of the Lord**

PSALM: 22

R/ The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters, he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R/**
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R/**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R/**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R/**

Second Reading: I Peter 2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. **The Word of the Lord**

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Jesus said to the Jews: "I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gate-keeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him; they do not recognise the voice of strangers." Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: "I tell you most solemnly I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full."



PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

There are at least two related images for Christ in today's readings: he is both the shepherd who guides and protects us and the gate into the sheepfold, our point of entry into safety and rest. Which of these images do you prefer? Why?

The first reading emphasises that repentance and baptism are the appropriate responses to the good news of Christ. How do you live out the call of your baptism in a continuous way, even if it occurred long ago?

It can feel like the members of a flock of sheep have no individuality, but Christ's images of shepherding often stress the individual love he carries for each of us. How could you care for a member of your community in an individualised way this Easter season.

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.

KILTWALK FOR CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY IRVINE & DREGHORN AREA. On 30 April Alan and Eleanor McLaren will be walking in the Glasgow Kiltwalk to raise money for Fullarton Parish Church CAP Debt centre. They have Just Giving pages created that you can look up. Here is the link to one of them <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/alan-mclaren5>

The Bible and Catechism in a Year Podcast with Fr Mike Schmitz. 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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