



St John the Evangelist
Stevenson

11th June 2023

Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ 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	_____	9.30am Mass in St Anthony's PS	10am Mass (L)
Wednesday	10am Mass (L)	_____	10am Mass (L)
Thursday	_____	10am Mass (L)	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 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.

Canon has Funeral Masses in St Mary's, Irvine on Monday for James Docherty RIP and Friday for Marie Clare Kelly RIP

DAY FOR LIFE. A special collection for pro-life causes will take place at our 4.30pm Mass this weekend.

SYNOD NEWS. Synodality is not an added element to the Church; it is the Church. In fact, the Holy Father says that the Church either is synodal or it is not Church at all. And when we say Church, again I repeat, we mean the people of God. This is the teaching of Vatican II, Lumen Gentium, Chapter 2, where all the baptised are included. **Cardinal Mario Grech, Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops.**

Please remember the following deaths in your prayers

Daniel McAuliffe RIP

Thomas Hughes RIP

Daniel's Prayers of Reception will take place on Tuesday 20th June at 6pm in St Mary's
 His Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 21st June at 10am. Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery
 Thomas' Prayers of Reception will take place on Wednesday 21st June at 6pm in St Mary's
 His Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday 22nd June at 10am. Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery
 +May they rest in peace+

And what is the measure of God? Without measure! The measure of God is without measure. Everything! Everything! Everything! It's impossible to measure the love of God: it is without measure! And so we become capable of loving even those who do not love us: and this is not easy. Because if we know that a person doesn't like us, then we also tend to bear ill will. But no! We must love even someone who doesn't love us! Opposing evil with good, with pardon, with sharing, with welcome. Thanks to Jesus and to his Spirit, even our life becomes "bread broken" for our brothers. And living like this we discover true joy! Pope Francis

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Special Intention: John Dolan (RIP Birthday), Tom McKay (RIP Birthday) and Sick

Anniversaries: Patrick Moran Snr, Hugh Carr, Terry Morrison, Sheila Reilly, Joe McKeever, Arthur Smyth, Deceased members of Smyth and Coleman families.

Recently deceased: Marie Clare Kelly, Jimmy Docherty, Jim Ainsworth, Robert Reid (Ardrossan), Ian Howie, Daniel McAuliffe, Tommy Hughes, David Dearing, Ann Taggart and Sarah Barbour.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Eleventh Sunday of Year A: Exodus 19:2-6; Psalm 99; Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36;10:8

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

For all the sick in our parishes

Special Intention: John Dolan (RIP Birthday), Tom McKay (RIP Birthday) and Sick

Those who have an anniversary: Patrick Moran Snr, Hugh Carr, Terry Morrison, Sheila Reilly, Joe McKeever, Arthur Smyth, Deceased members of Smyth and Coleman families, Jean Paton, Theresa McCann, Jim Feeney, Michael Taylor, Elizabeth Grant and Robert Ross.

Those who have died recently: Marie Clare Kelly, Jimmy Docherty, Jim Ainsworth, Robert Reid (Ardrossan), Tommy Hughes, David Dearing, Daniel McAuliffe, Patrick O'Connor (Jersey), Ian Howie, Sarah Barbour, Josephine (Jo) Angus (Bearsden), Drew McParland (Kirkintilloch), Sean McMillan, James McGoldrick (Glasgow), Roddy Boyle and Michael Collins (Bolton).

ST MARY'S AND ST JOHN'S CHURCH COLLECTION AND STANDING ORDER INCOME FOR MAY 2023. St John's Church Collections £1,892.50; Standing Orders £1007.00. St Mary's Church Collections £2,801.70; Standing Orders £2,519.00. Thank you.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS. St Mary's: £419.90 (Envelopes £232.60. Cash £187.30). St John's: £959.00 (Envelopes £792.00. Cash £167.00); Building Fund £170.23

AFTERNOON TEA. Has been arranged for Sunday 25th June between 2pm-4pm in St Mary's Church Hall to thank and say farewell to Sr Marie Monique.

ST MARY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL. Will meet this coming Thursday at 7pm in the Parish House.

DEMENTIA AWARENESS FUNDRAISER. Will take place in St Mary's Parish Hall on Sunday 20th August at 2pm. Tickets are priced at £5 which includes tea/coffee. Tickets are available from Kathleen Quinn (Kilwinning) on 01294 556986

OUR NEW SCOTS/UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY. Will meet in St Mary's hall today this Sunday (11th) and then again on Sunday 2nd July 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.

FAIR PAY FOR SOCIAL CARE CAMPAIGN. Following a conference with Archbishop Nolan and the former Moderator Rev. Greenshields and their joint statement, clergy/parishioners are invited to participate in this campaign: Fair Pay for Social Care Campaign (justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk).

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO SCALAN. Takes place on Sunday 2nd July with Mass outdoors at the Scalan beginning promptly at 4pm. Scalan can be found a mile beyond Chapeltown of Glenlivet. An approximate postcode is AB37 9JS. Coaches need to stop half a mile beyond Chapeltown. Cars and minibuses can park very near and are usually willing to take anyone needing a lift.

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

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.

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First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

Moses said to the people: “Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart—whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord. “Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.” **The Word of the Lord**

PSALM: 147

R/ O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! Zion, praise your God! He has strengthened the bars of your gates, he has blessed the children within you. **R/**
2. He established peace on our borders, he feeds you with finest wheat. He sends out his word to the earth and swiftly runs his command. **R/**
3. He makes his word known to Jacob, to Israel his laws and decrees. He has not dealt thus with other nations; he has not taught them his decrees. Alleluia. **R/**

Second Reading: I Corinthians 10:16-17

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf. **The Word of the Lord**

Gospel: John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the Jews: “I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.” Then the Jews started arguing with one another: “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” they said. Jesus replied: “I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.”



PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

What is your participation in Eucharist like these days? Do you come to Communion wholeheartedly or out of habit?

Mothers live out Jesus’s model of giving up his body as food and drink in a special way; pregnancy and breastfeeding are some of the most literal ways one can give up one’s body for another. What might your experience of mothering or being mothered teach you about what Jesus is doing in the Eucharist?

Who in the church do you find it difficult to understand yourself as being in communion with? How might the Eucharist serve as an invitation to transcend the boundaries between you?

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for June 2023 - For the abolition of torture. “We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.”

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.

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.

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

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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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