



St John the Evangelist
Stevenson

9th July 2023

Fourteenth Sunday of Year A

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Canon Matt McManus (Retired)



Our Lady Star of the Sea
Saltcoats

Day	St John's	St Mary's	St Peter's
Monday	_____	_____	10am Mass (L)
Tuesday	_____	10am Eucharistic Service	10am Mass (L)
Wednesday	10am Eucharistic Service	_____	10am Mass (L)
Thursday	_____	10am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)
Friday	10am Eucharistic Service	10am Funeral Mass Frank Keegans	10am Mass (L)
Saturday	_____	1pm Nuptial Mass 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. Saturday 10.30am-11am in St John's. 3.45pm-4.15pm in St Mary's
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. NOT ON THIS WEEK

SYNOD NEWS. The document to be studied by the Synod in October has three main themes, "Growing in communion by welcoming everyone, excluding no one; recognizing and valuing the contribution of every baptised person in view of mission; and identifying governance structures and dynamics through which to articulate participation and authority over time in a missionary synodal Church. **Vatican News**

SEA SUNDAY. Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Sea Sunday is today. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need.

A Special Collection will be taken up next weekend or you can also donate by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work - so please give generously. Thank you.

Please remember the following deaths in your prayers

Frank Keegans RIP

Helen Lynn RIP

Frank's Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Friday 14th July at 10am in St Mary's
Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery

Helen's Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday 18th July at 10am in St Mary's
Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery

+May they rest in peace+

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Anniversaries: John McGuirk (1 month mind), Dr Jimmy Gallagher, Clifford Wylie, Margaret McAteer, RoseAnn McAteer and Agnes Gailey.

Recently deceased: Effie Speirs (Blantyre), Frank Keegans, Helen Lynn, Peter Conaghan (Donegal), Francis Yang, Ian Howie, Helen Foley and Sinead Montgomery (Irvine).

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Fifteenth Sunday of Year A: Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 64; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

For all the sick in our parishes and Family Special Intention

Those who have an anniversary: John McGuirk (1 month mind), Dr Jimmy Gallagher, Clifford Wylie, Margaret McAteer, RoseAnn McAteer, Agnes Gailey and Betty McConnell.

Those who have died recently: Effie Speirs (Blantyre), Frank Keegans, Helen Lynn, Peter Conaghan (Donegal), Francis Yang, Helen Foley, Sinead Montgomery (Irvine), Margaret Hanson Breau (Canada), James Agnew, Bishop Emeritus Maurice Taylor, May McGoogan, John McGuirk, Isobel Mullen, Geoffrey Dyson (Huddersfield), Josephine (Irvine) Hamilton, Ann McDonald and Monica McCusker (Lochwinnich).

PRAYERS AND GOOD WISHES. Go to Mrs Mary Hume who will be 101 next weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS. To John Gallagher and Sharon Inman who will celebrate their wedding next Saturday in St Mary's

300 CLUB. Congratulations to the winners of the June draw. No 119—S. Higgins £30 and No 110—H. McKeating £20.

ST MARY'S CHURCH CLEANERS. We currently only have 4 volunteers who clean our church. If you can spare 1-2hrs every Thursday (after Mass) we would love to hear from you. If we get enough volunteers we could have teams and this would mean only volunteering every other week. Please contact Canon Martin, the parish office or just come along on a Thursday.

ST MARY'S SUNDAY TEAS. Will return after a few weeks holiday.

ST MATTHEW'S ACADEMY SCHOOL SUMMER BULLETIN. Is available to view by following this link. Or contact the parish office if you wish a paper copy. <http://saintmatthewsacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Summer-2023.pdf>

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 or from Maureen Moffat at St Mary's Stall.

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).

ST JOHN'S ANNUAL SUMMER FETE "REVIEWED DATE". St John's will be holding their Annual Summer Fete in the Church hall on Sunday 10th September 2023. 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.

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 July 2023 For a Eucharistic life. We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

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: Zechariah 9:9-10

The Lord says this: "Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth." **The Word of the Lord**

PSALM: 144

R/ I will bless your name for ever, O God my King

1. I will give you glory, O God my King. I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. **R/**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R/**
3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **R/**
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. **R/**

Second Reading: Romans 8:9. 11-13

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live. **The Word of the Lord**

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus exclaimed, "I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light."



PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

What consolations does Jesus offer you in your Christian journey? What consolations do you wish he would offer?

Do you find Jesus's yoke easy and light? What makes it hard to carry sometimes?

How do you honour God's invitations—and even commands!- to rest?

*He awaits us; he always awaits us. Not to magically resolve problems, but to strengthen us amid our problems. Jesus does not lift the burdens from our life, but the anguish from our heart; he does not take away our cross, but carries it with us. And with him every burden becomes light, because he is the comfort we seek. **Pope Francis***

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

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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