



St John the Evangelist
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19th May 2024

Pentecost—Solemnity Year B

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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 (L)	_____	10am Mass (L)
Thursday	_____	10am Eucharistic Service	_____
Friday	10am Eucharistic Service	10am Funeral Mass William "John" Reid	10am Mass (L)
Saturday	_____	1pm Wedding Service 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 on Thursday at 6.30pm

RECONCILIATION. St. John's—Saturday 10.30am-11am. St. Mary's— Saturday 3.45pm-4.15pm.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. St Mary's Tuesday 9.30am-10am.

ROSARY. During the month of May the Rosary will be prayed in St John's on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Please remember the following deaths in your prayers

William "John" Reid RIP

Hugh O'Pray RIP

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

Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery.

Hugh's Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Monday 3rd June at 10am in St John's.

Followed by burial in Hawkhill Cemetery.

+May they rest in peace+

SPECIAL COLLECTION. For Communications will take place at all masses next weekend. Gift Aid Envelopes are available for those who wish to Gift Aid their donation.

SAVE THE DATE. Mass on Friday 7th June for St John's 60th Anniversary of the present church and 50th Anniversary of the present school.

LAUDATO SI' WEEK—19th-26th May 2024 . Please follow link to the 'Celebration Guide' for this year's Laudato Si' Week. Or you can click on link available on the parish website.

https://laudatosiweek.org/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=2024-05-09&utm_campaign=May%20Laudato%20Si%20Week%20new%20Board%20

MONTH'S MIND MASS. For Fr Martin Chambers RIP will be celebrated in Our Lady of the Assumption and St Meddan's, Troon on Thursday 30th May at 7pm.

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Special Intention: Sick

Anniversaries: Kevin MacNamara, Ellen Hamilton, Michael Higgins, George Boyd, Eileen McCann, Cathy McGuire, Theresa Gilchrist, James & Frances Breen and Jim Dunwoodie

Recently deceased: Theresa Kim, Catherine Gallagher (Kilwinning), Hugh O'Pray, William "John" Reid, Marie Gallacher, Marie Clark (Craig), Jan Sturgeon (Dumfries) and Hugh O'Pray.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: *The Most Holy Trinity—Solemnity Year B; Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40; Psalm 32; Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20*

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

For all the sick in our parishes.

Special Intention

Those who have an anniversary: Kevin MacNamara, Ellen Hamilton, Michael Higgins, George Boyd, Eileen McCann, Cathy McGuire, Theresa Gilchrist, James & Frances Breen, Jim Dunwoodie, James & Mary McEvoy, William & Isabella Stuart, Ann Marie Murphy, Derek Findlay, Morag McLaughlan, John Collins, Kathleen McGurk, Mary Harbinson, Mary Kilmartin, Mary Hayes, James Turbet, Thomas Kirk, Victor Mitchell, Flora Murray and Betty McGowan.

Those who have died recently: Theresa Kim, Catherine Gallagher (Kilwinning), William "John" Reid Marie Gallacher, Marie Clark (Craig), Jan Sturgeon (Dumfries), Hugh O'Pray, Gordon O'Neil, Susan Craig (Irvine), Ann Barr (Cardonald), Fr Des Broderick, Kathleen Henvey (Canada) and Donald John MacCormick.

SPECIAL COLLECTION—FRANCISCAN MISSIONAIRES OF MARY. St John's £484.27 and St Mary's £1,196.38.

MARTIN CHAMBERS—ECUADOR TRUST. Thank you all for your kind donations. £1,003.63 will be sent to the Trust.

GOOD WISHES. To Eleanor Clarke and Conor John Loudon who are to be married in St Mary's Church next Saturday.

DONALD JOHN MacCORMICK. Eileen, Marion, Patricia and Kathryn wish to thank the parishioners for their kindness on the death of Donald and their attendance at his Requiem Mass. The many masses offered and sympathy card received have brought great consolation. In Donald's memory the collection at his funeral resulted in £500 donated to St Mary's St Vincent de Paul Society and £500 to the Apostleship of the Sea.

PRAY FOR LIFE NOVENA. We invite you to join Catholics across Scotland, England, Wales and Ireland in a Novena For Life from 23 May to the Feast of the Visitation, praying for the protection of human life. Sign up to the Novena at prayforlife.ie for your daily intention, accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. The Feast of the Visitation is a celebration of joy in new life, even in challenging circumstances, and we pray for a return to a society that values and protects all human life from the moment of conception to its natural end. The Novena will lead up to our annual Day for Life on Sunday 16th June 2024 of the Bishops Conferences of England and Wales, Ireland and Scotland.

NORTH AYRSHIRE FOODBANK. The Foodbank's stock is very low at the moment. So please buy an item of tinned meat or fish, or pasta sauce and put it in the Foodbank Box provided in most supermarkets. Thank you.

MARYS MEALS. The team would like to say a great big THANK YOU to everyone who made our first fundraiser night such a great success. Special thanks to David Lennox - quizmaster, singer & DJ. To the ladies of St Mary's teas for their donation of delicious sandwiches. To everyone who gave prizes for the raffle & all who gave us money donations. And finally a special thanks to everyone who attended & spent lots of money. A total of £1,386.25 was raised. THANK YOU!

"THANKSGIVING DAY" - CARFIN. St Winin's have organised a coach for next Sunday (26th). It will leave Dalry Road, Kilwinning at 12 Noon. For more information or to book a place please contact Gerry Quirk on 556680.

CHANA (Churches Homeless Action North Ayrshire). We could really do with more helpers for lunch at the Kirkgate on a Friday. Why not come along, have your lunch and see what it's like. We serve lunch from 12.30 till 2pm.

ASSISTED SUICIDE – CALLED TO CARE, NOT TO KILL. Please contact your MSPs today to stop assisted suicide becoming legal in Scotland. Use the QR code to access an online resource created by the Catholic Parliamentary Office, including guidance on contacting your MSPs. You can also visit rcpolitics.org/assistedsuicide or email us at office@rcpolitics.org for more information.



TABLE-TOP AUCTION & RAFFLE. There is a Table-Top Auction arranged to raise funds for St Peter's Church in St Peter's Parish Centre at 2pm prompt, this coming Thursday and is a cash only auction. The centre will be open for viewing from 1.30pm.

ST MARY'S PARISH OFFICE. Will be closed from Monday 20th May until Tuesday 28th May.

SYNOD NEWS. The Lord who has called us and consecrated us asks us today to listen to the voice of his Spirit to advance in the direction that he points out to us. Of one thing we can be sure: he will never leave us without his grace. Along the way, we will discover how to set our ministry free from the things that wear us down and rediscover its most authentic core, the proclamation of God's word and the gathering of the community for the breaking of bread. I encourage you, then, to accept this, the Lord's call to be, as parish priests, builders of a synodal and missionary Church and to devote yourselves enthusiastically to achieving this goal. From **Pope Francis' address to the International Meeting of Parish Priests.** See <https://www.synod.va/en/news/letter-to-the-parish-priests.html>

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

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

SCIAF PETITION. The violence we have seen in the Holy Land since 7th October must be a turning point, a moment where we all come together and say “never again”. Join our call for the UK Government to do all it can to help end this war as quickly as possible, secure humanitarian support and build lasting peace. You can sign the Petition at <https://campaign.sciaf.org.uk/cry-for-peace>

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS. Will have the opportunity to renew their commitment on the Feast of Corpus Christi (2nd June), if anyone would like to be a part of this ministry please let me know.

ST JOHN’S SVDP. Are collecting non perishable food for the Crisis Bags they share with the High Kirk.

SOUP AND CHAT. St Mary’s Church Hall Wednesdays 11.30am-1.30pm.

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.

ST MARY’S AND ST JOHN’S SUNDAY TEAS. Takes place after both Sunday Masses.

PROPOSED NEW LAW THREATENS TO CRIMINALISE PRAYER IN SCOTLAND. For more information and action plan visit: [Buffer Zones – Catholic Parliamentary Office \(rcpolitics.org\)](https://rcpolitics.org)

ST MARY’S CHURCH CLEANERS. Helpers still required on Thursday at 10.30am.

SVDP. Please call 07379400568 for St Mary’s. Please call 07498501326 for St John’s. Please call 07825726904 for St Peter’s.

FOODBANK STEVENSTON. 07437 521 930.

Gospel: John 20:19-23

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, “Peace be with you,” and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again. “Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.” After saying this he breathed on them and said: “Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

- *In today’s psalm we pray, “Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.” How do your faith community’s ministries renew the earth?*
- *St Paul writes to the Corinthians, “The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.” How are you using your gifts for good purpose of God?*
- *Jesus addresses the disciples “Peace be with you.” How are you in need of the Lord’s peace at the moment?*
- *Commissioning the disciples to carry on his ministry, Jesus says, “As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.” How do these words reverberate with your own faith journey?*

Holy Year FB page is Holy Year Scotland 2025 and can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/hollyearscotland2025>

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for May 2024. Pope Francis asks that, during May, we pray that “men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual, and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel”. The video can be seen on You Tube at <https://youtu.be/JCecwPqLY1I>

X/TWITTER ACCOUNT. Has started so that members can be up-to-date on parish events and other news. The X/Twitter handle is [@stmarysjohns](https://twitter.com/stmarysjohns) for those who wish to follow it.

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. Christians Against Poverty will be holding their Scottish Gathering in Edinburgh on Thursday 20th June. If you are interested in finding out more about CAP, meeting more of the team and engaging with the theme of “Alive in Christ” Please contact Alan McLaren for more details. alanmclaren@capuk.org or 07717 645804 for more information.

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 stephen.mcgrattan@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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