



St John the Evangelist
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5th May 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter Year B

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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 Funeral Mass (L) Donald John MacCormick	10am Mass (L)
Wednesday	10am Mass (L) 7pm Vigil Mass (L)	_____	10am Mass (L)
Ascension Thursday	11am Mass with St John's PS	9.30am Mass in St Anthony's PS and 7pm Mass	10am & 7pm Masses (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 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 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.

Please remember the following death in your prayers

Donald John MacCormick RIP

Donald's Prayer of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday at 10am in St Mary's.

Followed by burial in Campsie Cemetery, Lennoxtown.

+May he rest in peace+

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD. Holy Day of Obligation on Thursday

SPECIAL COLLECTION. For Church Students will take place at all masses next weekend. 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.

OBITUARY FOR FR MARTIN CHAMBERS. An online obituary is available for those who wish to leave a message by following the link below. This link is also available on the parish website.

<https://www.rcsaltcoats.com/obituaries/bishoplect-father-martin-chambers/>

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Anniversaries: Mary McCann, John Norman, Patrick Price (Months mind), Anne White, Tom McGrath, John Ross, Michael McCann, Peter Finnegan, William McRoberts and John McGuire.

Recently deceased: Susan Craig (Irvine), Ann Barr (Cardonald), Fr Des Broderick, Donald John MacCormick, Kathleen Henvey (Canada), Fr Martin Chambers, Margaret McNamara, Danny McGoogan Jnr and Robert Reid.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: *Seventh Sunday of Easter —Year B: Acts 1:15-17.20-26; Psalm 102; I John 4:11-16; John 17:11-19*

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

For all the sick in our parishes.

Those who have an anniversary: Mary McCann, John Norman, Patrick Price (Months mind), Anne White, Tom McGrath, John Ross, Michael McCann, Peter Finnegan, William McRoberts, John McGuire, Arthur Collins, James Fergus Dorrian, Jean Monan, John Hamilton and Elizabeth Giffney (10yrs).

Those who have died recently: Susan Craig (Irvine), Ann Barr (Cardonald), Fr Des Broderick, Kathleen Henvey (Canada), Donald John MacCormick, Fr Martin Chambers, Margaret Russell, Matty Harvey (Kilwinning), Graham Kane, Bernard Goodwin (Kilwinning), Philip Rice, Robert Reid, Theresa Wilson, Antonella Hilgarth (Geneva), Harry Sammons, Maureen Theresa Murphy and Danny McGoogan Jnr.

MARY'S MEALS FUNDRAISER. Quiz & Music Night in Saltcoats Bowling Club this coming Friday at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 (includes supper) can be obtained from Theresa Thornton and Mirella Badiali or by phoning 07469889370. Raffle prizes gratefully accepted.

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

NORTH AYRSHIRE FOODBANK. Are arranging a collection in Asda Supermarket, Ardrossan from 10am until 3pm on Friday 17th May till Sunday 19th May. Volunteers are needed. Can you offer your help by volunteering to cover a 2 hour slot for this greatly needed service? Please contact Danny on 07979 542319.

CHANA (Churches Homeless Action North Ayrshire). We are collecting toiletries for those who are homeless. We need soap, shampoo, body wash, disposable razors, toothpaste and toothbrushes, please. There is a box at the back of the church for these. Thank you.

TABLE TOP SALE. To raise funds towards Sea Queen Saltcoats Gala weekend 2024 today at 1.30pm till 3.30pm in St Mary's Parish Hall. Craft stalls, jewellery, art work, face painting, home baking and lots more. Tea/coffee, home baking will be available. Please come along to support us if you can, all welcome.

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. The auction will take place in St Peter's Parish Centre at 2pm prompt, on Thursday 23rd May and is a cash only auction. The centre will be open for viewing from 1.30pm. Any items for donation are gratefully received at the centre on any Wednesday between 1 - 3pm.

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL—COMMUNITY TRANSPORT STUDY. Community Transport can help in addressing loneliness and social isolation and also provide access to services, healthcare, training and employment opportunities. A good survey return will help greatly in understanding demand and finding a Community Transport supplier to meet that demand. A poster is displayed in both parish porches on ways you can get involved.

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.

SYNOD NEWS. The World Meeting of Parish Priests for the Synod opened on Monday to discuss "how to be a synodal local Church in mission," allowing priests from around the world to discuss questions raised during the ongoing synod and share their personal pastoral experiences. The four-day meeting, which is taking place from April 29 to May 2 is attended by about 300 priests from around the globe. "The parish priest is a man of the people and for the people. Like Jesus, he is open to the crowd, constantly open to the crowd, to help each and every one understand that they are a letter from Christ," said Cardinal Mario Grech at the opening session.

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

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 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: Love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another."

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

In the Acts of the apostles, Peter tells the kneeling Cornelius to "Stand up. I am only a man after all!" Are there spiritual leaders you tend to idolise or place on a pedestal?

Today's responsorial psalm invites us to "Sing a new song to the Lord". Where is God calling you to newness in the spiritual life?

In his first letter St John tells us "This is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us". In your relationship with God, do you find yourself more comfortable pondering your love for God or God's love for you?

In the Gospel, Jesus expresses his desire that "My own joy may be in you and your joy be complete." Where do you find your greatest joy at this moment in your life?

Holy Year FB page is Holy Year Scotland 2025 and can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/holyyearsScotland2025>

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/JCecwPqLYII>

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

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