



St John the Evangelist
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2nd June 2024

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - Year B



Our Lady Star of the Sea
Saltcoats

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and Sr Ursula and Sr Anna
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Day	St John's	St Mary's	St Peter's
Monday	10am Funeral Mass (L) Hugh O'Pray	_____	10am Mass (L) 6pm Prayers of Reception Andrew Farrell
Tuesday	_____	10am Mass (L)	10am Funeral Mass (L) Andrew Farrell
Wednesday	10am Mass (L)	_____	10am Funeral Mass (L) Catherine Newell
Thursday	_____	10am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L) 6pm Prayers of Reception Ennis McHugh
Friday	7pm Mass (L)	_____	10am Funeral Mass (L) Ennis McHugh
Saturday	_____	4.30pm Vigil Mass (L)	5.30pm Vigil Mass (L)
Sunday	11.30am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L) 6pm Prayers of Reception Cathie Frye	10.30am Mass (L)

L = LIVESTREAMED

GOPEL REFLECTION. Livestreamed on Thursday at 2pm

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.

Please remember the following deaths in your prayers

Hugh O'Pray RIP

Cathie Frye RIP

Hugh's Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place tomorrow (Monday) at 10am in St John's.
Followed by burial in Hawkhill Cemetery.

Cathie's Prayers of Reception will take place on Sunday (9th) at 6pm in St Mary's. Funeral Mass will take place on Monday
(10th) at 10am. Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery

+May they rest in peace+

ANNIVERSARY MASS. Bishop Dougan will celebrate Mass in St John's, Stevenston on Friday 7th June at 7pm to mark 60 years of the present Church and 50 years of the present school. Everyone is welcome to join us for the Mass and refreshments afterwards especially former parishioners.

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Special Intentions: Sick and Birthday Intention (ND)

Anniversaries: Catherine Buchan, Alex Pllu, Carla Marie Dickie, John Morrison, Elizabeth Grant (22nd), Theresa (Murphy) McCann and Daniel McAuliffe (1st).

Recently deceased: Joseph Martin, Hugh O'Pray, Cathie Frye and Ennis McHugh.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Tenth Sunday of Year B; Genesis 3:9-15; Psalm 129; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

For all the sick in our parishes.

Special Intentions: Sick and Birthday Intention (ND)

Those who have an anniversary: Catherine Buchan, Alex Pllu, Carla Marie Dickie, John Morrison, Elizabeth Grant (22nd), Theresa (Murphy) McCann, Daniel McAuliffe (1st), Terence Grant, Ellen Hamilton, John Monaghan and Terry Milligan

Those who have died recently: Joseph Martin, Cathie Frye, Ennis McHugh, John Reid, James Monan (Kilwinning), Theresa Kim, Catherine Gallagher (Kilwinning), William "John" Reid Marie Gallacher, Marie Clark (Craig), Jan Sturgeon (Dumfries), Hugh O'Pray and Gordon O'Neil.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS. Will have the opportunity to renew their commitment this weekend.

300 CLUB. Congratulations to the winners of the May draw. No 31—L. Poland £30 and No 26—S. McGoldrick £20.

MASS FOR SICK. Will take place on 30th June at 3pm in St Mary's. Anyone needing transport to the Mass please add your name on the sign up sheet at the back of the church.

ST MARY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL. Will meet this coming Thursday (6th) at 7pm in the parish house.

PROFESSOR MICHAEL GARRETT. Has been elected to the Fellowship of the Royal Society this year for his contributions to science. He is presently the Sir Bernard Lovell Chair of Astrophysics and Director of Jodrell Bank Centre for Astrophysics (JBCA) Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of Manchester. Michael and his family will attend a ceremony in London in July when the Fellows sign the Charter Book of the Society founded by King Charles 11

TABLE TOP SALE. Thanks to all who attended, and contributed the table top sale in support of The Saltcoats Sea Queen Gala weekend. Thank you to all who helped too. We raised £446.60 which will be a great help in the event taking place in July.

PRAY FOR LIFE NOVENA. We invite you to join Catholics across Scotland, England, Wales and Ireland in a Novena for Life, 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.

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.



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>

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.

SYNOD NEWS.....synodality, if truly operative, shows itself in how as Church we celebrate liturgy, run our schools, look after our finances, prepare people for the sacraments, enable and empower our pastoral and finance councils, and so on. The era of clerical authoritarianism has had its day. Only by praying and working together in mutual respect as God's people, ordained and lay, and drawing upon our complimentary giftedness and charisms, will we be able to live out our mission as Christians in today's world. *Professor Eamonn Conway(Father Conway is a priest of the archdiocese of Tuam, Ireland.)*

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

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Mark 14:12-16. 22-26

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, 'The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there." The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover. And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. "Take it," he said "this is my body." Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them and all drank from it, and he said to them, "This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God." After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

- *In the first reading and the Gospel, we hear of a covenant made in blood between the people and God. How do you attend to your covenant relationship with God each day?*
- *Today's psalm asks "How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?" What are the greatest gifts you have received from the Lord?*
- *How does your parish community, as the Body of Christ alive in the world, seek to be bread that is broken and wine that is poured out for others?*
- *We know the Eucharist is "The source and summit of Christian life." How is this true in your journey of faith?*

Holy Year FB page is Holy Year Scotland 2025 and can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/hollyyearsScotland2025>

We are precious. "Through the Eucharist, the Lord also heals our negative memory, that negativity which seeps so often into our hearts. The Lord heals this negative memory, which drags to the surface things that have gone wrong and leaves us with the sorry notion that we are useless, that we only make mistakes, that we are ourselves a mistake. Jesus comes to tell us that this is not so. He wants to be close to us. Every time we receive him, he reminds us that we are precious, that we are guests he has invited to his banquet, friends with whom he wants to dine. And not only because he is generous, but because he is truly in love with us."
Pope Francis

Pope Francis' prayer intention for the month of June is for "those fleeing their own countries." The Pope invites the Church to pray for this intention in this month's The Pope Video, released on Tuesday. The prayer intention is entrusted to the entire Catholic Church through the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network during the month in which the United Nations commemorates World Refugee Day on 20 June.

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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