



St John the Evangelist
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9th June 2024

Tenth Sunday of Year B



Our Lady Star of the Sea
Saltcoats

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Canon Matt McManus (Retired)

Day	St John's	St Mary's	St Peter's
Monday	_____	10am Funeral Mass Cathie Frye	10am Mass (L)
Tuesday	_____	10am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)
Wednesday	10am Mass (L)	_____	10am Mass (L)
Thursday	_____	9.30am Mass in St Anthony's PS	10am Funeral Mass (L) William Ralston
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 Wednesday 3pm

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. St John's Friday 10.30am-11am

Please remember the following death in your prayers

Cathie Frye RIP

Prayers of Reception will take place tonight (Sunday) at 6pm in St Mary's.

Funeral Mass will take place tomorrow at 10am. Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery

+May she rest in peace+

SYNOD NEWS. The "Synodal" Church, let me take this word. The Church is born from the community, it is born from the foundation, it is born from Baptism, and it is organised around a bishop, who brings it together and gives it strength; the bishop who is the successor of the Apostles. This is the Church. But in all the world there are many bishops, many organised Churches, and there is Peter. Therefore either there is a pyramidal Church, in which what Peter says is done, or there is a synodal Church, in which Peter is Peter but he accompanies the Church, he lets her grow, he listens to her, he learns from this reality and goes about harmonising it, discerning what comes from the Church and restoring it to her. **Pope Francis**

DAY FOR LIFE. A Special Collection will take place at all masses next weekend.

BISHOP MAURICE TAYLOR RIP. The First Anniversary Mass will take place in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr, on Friday 14th June at 12 Noon. Tea/coffee will be provided afterwards.

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Special Intentions: Sick and Birthday Intention (ND)

Anniversaries: Michael Matthew Taylor (Bod), John McGuirk, Robert Ross and Arthur Smyth.

Recently deceased: Betty O'Rourke, Catherine Newall, 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: *Eleventh Sunday of Year B; Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 91; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34*

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: Michael Matthew Taylor (Bod), John McGuirk, Robert Ross, Arthur Smyth, Catherine Buchan, Alex Pllu, Carla Marie Dickie, John Morrison, Elizabeth Grant (22nd), Theresa (Murphy) McCann and Daniel McAuliffe (1st).

Those who have died recently: Betty O'Rourke, Catherine Newall, 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) and Hugh O'Pray.

DIVINE MERCY. Anyone interested in establishing a Divine Mercy Group in the Three Towns can contact Miriam on 07377457657 or contact the parish office at St Mary's 463461.

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.

ORGAN RECITAL. Will take place in St Peter's, Ardrossan and Wednesday 19th June at 7pm. Please see poster on noticeboard for more information.

JUSTICE & PEACE SCOTLAND SOLIDARITY WEEKEND. Gaza National Demonstration on Saturday 15th June 10.30am at Glasgow Green and Dungavel Solidarity Gathering on Sunday 16th June at 1pm at Dungavel IRC.

SAFEGUARDING MATTERS. June 2024 edition of Safeguarding Matters, issued by the Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency. Can be viewed on the parish website or copies available from the parish office.

DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENT—"GOD IS OUR FATHER" WITH BISHOP FRANK. Next Sunday (16th) at St Matthew's, Kilmarnock. The evening begins with Mass at 6pm and ends at 8.30pm. It will include pizza, games and a follow on activity related to our theme. There is no charge and it is open to all young people from secondary school age.

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.

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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Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind.

The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, "Beelzebul is in him," and, "It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out." So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan! If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either—it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house.

"I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin." This was because they were saying, "An unclean spirit is in him."

His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, "Your mother and brothers are outside asking for you." He replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother."

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

Jesus' family thought he was out of his mind. Perhaps some regard your interest in faith, or church, in the same way. What sustains you?

Successful ventures can arouse jealousy as well as admiration. When have you seen your good efforts, or the good efforts of others, spoiled by jealousy or hostility. Does it help when people are prepared to stand together in face of criticism?

When and where have you experienced encouragement from people of shared vision and faith?

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

A New Family. *Jesus formed a new family, no longer based on natural ties, but on faith in him, on his love which welcomes us and unites us to each other, in the Holy Spirit. All those who welcome Jesus' word are children of God and brothers and sisters among themselves. Welcoming the word of Jesus makes us brothers and sisters, makes us Jesus' family. **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. <https://thepopevideo.org/>*

X/TWITTER ACCOUNT. The X/Twitter handle is [@stmarysstjohns](https://twitter.com/stmarysstjohns) 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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