



St John the Evangelist
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23rd June 2024

Twelfth Sunday of Year B



Our Lady Star of the Sea
Saltcoats

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and Sr Ursula and Sr Anna

Canon Matt McManus (Retired)

Day	St John's	St Mary's	St Peter's
Monday	10am Funeral Mass (L) Marie Cambridge	—————	10am Mass (L)
Tuesday	—————	10am Eucharistic Service	10am Mass (L)
Wednesday	10am Mass (L)	—————	10am Mass (L)
Thursday	—————	10am Mass (L) with St Anthony's PS	10am Mass (L)
Friday	10am Mass with St John's PS	—————	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 3pm

RECONCILIATION. St. John's—Saturday 10.30am-11am. St. Mary's— Saturday 3.45pm-4.15pm.
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. Not on this week

FR WILLIE BOYD—Message From Bishop Frank

“As you will know, Fr Willie took ill on Monday 3rd June and was taken to hospital. Since then, he has received treatment and is at home recuperating. The treatment has gone well, and Fr Willie is keen to return to active ministry as soon as possible. However, he also recognises that he needs to rest for a while and will do so during June and July at least. This also means that he cannot receive visitors, and I would ask you in the strongest possible terms to give him the space to recover. Please continue to keep Fr Willie in your prayers. I am grateful to the local clergy for the help they have been giving in covering Masses in the parishes. Please ask the Lord to bless their good work.”

Please remember the following death in your prayers

Marie Cambridge RIP

Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place tomorrow (Monday) at 10am in St John's

Followed by burial in Knadgerhill Cemetery

+May she rest in peace+

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR PETER'S PENCE. Will take place at all masses next weekend.

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Special intention: 60th Anniversary of Religious Life

Anniversaries: Denis Ramsay (Snr), Harry Boyle, Agnes (Cameron) McCaffery and Janet Collins.

Recently deceased: Betty O'Rourke, Marie Cambridge, Raymond Graham, Kathleen Rigney and Cathie Frye.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: St Peter and St Paul—Solemnity Year B; Acts 12:1-11; Psalm 33; Timothy 4:6-8.17-18; Matthew 16:13-19

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS. As our schools close for the summer holidays we wish all in our schools communities a safe and relaxing break.

NEW LECTIONARIES. Have been purchased for both parishes costing : St Mary's £1,238.88 and St John's £1,192.34. A donation box will be available in St John's church porch.

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.



GENERAL ELECTION 4TH JULY. The bishops of Scotland have published a letter on the General Election, highlighting some of the key issues to help Catholics reflect on and raise with parliamentary candidates. This is accompanied by a list of questions for candidates (This can be found in church porches and parish website). For more information and resources, including how to contact candidates, use the QR code or visit <https://rcpolitics.org/general-election-2024/>.

SISTER ACT—A DIVINE MUSICAL COMEDY. St Matthew's Academy invite you all to attend their upcoming school show, Sister Act, which will take place from Monday 24th until Wednesday 26th June. Tickets are priced at £8 for adults, Concession/children £5; family of 5 (2 adults, 3 children) £26 and Family of 4 (2 adults, 2 children) £24. Tickets can be purchased from the school office. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

ST MATTHEW'S COMMUNITY WARDROBE. Will be open from 10am-3pm on Wednesday 10th July for all families in our community who require uniform for the new school year. There is a wide range of new and pre-loved uniform available: black trousers, black skirts, white shirts, black jumpers, blazers and shoes. Please contact Louise Stevenson at the school on 01294 606680 for more information.

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.

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.

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.

SYNOD NEWS. *"The Holy People of God has been set in motion for mission thanks to the synodal experience. In the reports there were enthusiastic and creative responses offered as well as some with resistance and concern. Most reports, however, show the joy of the journey that has given new life to many local communities and also provoked significant changes on their way of living and being Church. The seeds of the Synodal Church are already sprouting!"*
said Cardinal Jean-Claude Hollerich S.J.,

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

For all the sick in our parishes.

Special intention: 60th Anniversary of Religious Life

RIP Birthday Intentions: John Dolan and Tom McKay

Those who have an anniversary: Denis Ramsay (Snr), Harry Boyle, Agnes (Cameron) McCaffery, Janet Collins, Jean Paton, Sheila Reilly, Elizabeth Murchie, May McGoogan, Patrick Moran Snr, Hugh Carr, Joe McKeever, Terry Morrison, Margaret Taylor, James Martin Taylor and James Moffat,

Those who have died recently: Raymond Graham, Kathleen Rigney, Mary Collins (Galston), Jim Conlin (Glasgow), Betty O'Rourke, Marie Cambridge, Catherine Newall, Joseph Martin, Cathie Frye, Ennis McHugh, John Reid and James Monan (Kilwinning).



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SOUP AND CHAT. Has stopped now for a summer break and will reopen again on 4th September.

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 \(repolitics.org\)](http://BufferZones-CatholicParliamentaryOffice(repolitics.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 4:35-41

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us cross over to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, "Master, do you not care? We are going down!" And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Quiet now! Be calm!" and the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, "Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?" They were filled with awe and said to one another, "Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him."

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

In the first reading God speaks to Job of the work of creation. How does the natural world reveal God's glory and majesty to you?

God addresses Job from the midst of a storm. How have times of suffering led you to grow in faith?

St Paul tells us, "Anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation." How does your parish call its members to newness of life?

In the Gospel Jesus calms the sea and wind telling them, "Quiet Now! Be Calm!" What storms in your life are you being called to entrust to the Lord?

Do you not care about me? But we see how they call on him: "Teacher, do you not care if we perish?" (v. 38). Do you not care: they think that Jesus is not interested in them, does not care about them. One of the things that hurts us and our families most when we hear it said is: "Do you not care about me?" It is a phrase that wounds and unleashes storms in our hearts. It would have shaken Jesus too. Because he, more than anyone, cares about us. Indeed, once they have called on him, he saves his disciples from their discouragement. **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. 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 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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