



St John the Evangelist
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15th September 2024 Twenty Fourth Sunday of Year B

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and Sr Ursula and Sr Anna
Canon Matt McManus (Retired)



Our Lady Star of the Sea
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 Mass (L)	10am Mass (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. Will return in September

RECONCILIATION. St. John's—Saturday 10.30am-11am. St Mary's—Saturday 3.45pm-4.15pm
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. Tuesday 9.30 am—20am St. Mary's; Friday 10.30am—11am St. John's.

Please remember the following death in your prayers

Margaret Smyth RIP

Margaret's Prayers of Reception will take place on Sunday 22nd September at 5pm in St Mary's.
Funeral Mass on Monday 23rd at 10am. Followed by burial in Dalry Cemetery

+May she rest in peace+

SYNOD NEWS. "Throughout the synodal process and from all regions of the globe, the request emerged for a Church less focused on bureaucracy and more capable of nurturing relationships with the Lord, between men and women, in the family, in the community, and between social groups. Only a web of relationships that weaves together the multiplicity of belongings can sustain individuals and communities, offering them points of reference and orientation and showing them the beauty of life according to the Gospel. It is in relationships - with Christ, with others, in the community - that faith is transmitted." Towards the Second Session of the Synodal Assembly (October 2024).

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Special Intentions: SPC

Anniversaries: Jean Tortolano; Jim McGrath; Charlotte Mitchell; Betty Ross; Margaret McGee; Esther and Bobby Gaston; Ina Kelly; Mary Conti.

Recently deceased: A. Petrie, June Trundle, Betty McCafferty (Hamilton), Campbell Wilson, Willie Burns, Jan McGabe, Raymond McGhee, James Ferguson, James Carroll (Glasgow), Margaret Smyth and Jim O'Rourke.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Twenty Fifth Sunday of Year B;

Wisdom 2:12, 17=20; Jas. 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

Special Intentions: For all the sick in our parishes; SPC.

Those who have an anniversary: Jean Tortolano; Jim McGrath, Charlotte Mitchell; Betty Ross; Margaret McGee; Esther and Bobby Gaston; Ina Kelly; Mary Conti.

Those who have died recently: A. Petrie, June Trundle, Betty McCafferty (Hamilton), Campbell Wilson, Willie Burns, Jan McGabe, James Carroll (Glasgow), Raymond McGhee, Gertrude Robertson (Kilmarnock), James Ferguson, Jenna Doig (Coatbridge), Danny Thompson, Margaret Smyth, M. Devenay, John Gallagher and Jim O'Rourke.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: Parents/Guardians meeting in St John's Hall on Monday at 6pm for Reconciliation (P3); 6.30pm for Confirmation and First Eucharist (P4) for those attending St. John's Primary School.

Parents/Guardians meeting in St. Mary's church on Tuesday at 6pm for Reconciliation (P3) and 6.30pm for Confirmation and First Eucharist (P4) for those attending St. Anthony's Primary School or celebrating the Sacraments in St. Mary's. This meeting in St. Mary's church.

SOUP AND CHAT: Takes place each week (Wednesdays from 11.30am—1.30pm) in St. Mary's.

ST MARY'S SVDP. Are collecting toiletries— shampoo/conditioner, shower gel/soap, toothbrush/toothpaste, roll on antiperspirants only and would be grateful for any support you can give them. Items can be left in the marked box in the porch. Thank you.

ST MARY'S , LARGS—PARISH FESTIVAL. Will take place from 16th September until 29th September. More details and full programme are available in both parish noticeboards or the parish website.

2024 NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO PRAY FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF THE VENERABLE MARGARET SINCLAIR. Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh on Sunday 22nd September 2024 from 12.30–1.30pm. Goods and Candles for Sale, Tea & Coffee; 1.30–2.30pm Holy Hour (Exposition, Rosary, Benediction, Confessions); 2.45–3.15pm Individual Priestly Blessings at the Shrine of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair; 3.30–4.15pm Reflection on the Venerable Margaret Sinclair, Novena Prayers, Presentation from Pupils of Sinclair Academy; 4.30pm Holy Mass

GALLOWAY DIOCESAN CHOIR. Is looking to recruit new members who enjoy singing as part of a group and are committed to the enhancement of the liturgy through music. This four-part choir has been in existence in its present form for 24 years. They lead the music at diocesan events at least twice a year, and the rehearsal period runs from September to March (with a break in December/January). Rehearsals take place in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr on Wednesday evenings from 7.15 pm until about 8.45 pm. The first rehearsal of the new season is on Wednesday 18th September at 7.15 pm. If you are interested in joining them or would like more information please contact: David Robinson at david.robinson.mj@gmail.com or on 07714 340854.

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.

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

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 PARISH OFFICE. Will be closed until Wednesday 18th September.

ST MARY'S AND ST JOHN'S SUNDAY TEAS. Takes place after Sunday Mass.

FOODBANK STEVENSTON. 07437 521 930.

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

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



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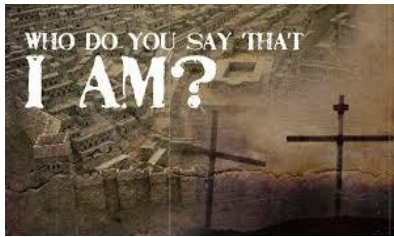
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LOOKING FOR A LATE CATHOLIC GAP YEAR? Do you know anybody who is Catholic, aged around 18 to 22 and still not got anything lined up for the year ahead? Castlerigg Manor (the Diocese of Lancaster retreat centre, located in the Lake District) are still looking for young people to join their youth ministry in internship scheme. The scheme provides comprehensive training and experience as well as accommodation and food for the year, and a stipend each week. Anyone who is interested can check out castleriggmanor.com >> join the team, or Email Jack Regan – director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35



Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say I am?” They said in reply, “John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets.” And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter said to him in reply, “You are Christ.” Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him.

He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly.

Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.”

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it.”

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

The prophet Isaiah writes, “The Lord is my help,/therefore I am not disgraced.” When has your faith helped you to stand firm in the face of derision?

St. James reminds us “Faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.” How do you put your faith into action each day?

Once again, we encounter Jesus’s question to the disciples: “But who do you say that I am?” At this moment in your journey of faith, how would you answer this question?

How do you understand Jesus’s words “whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it?”

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER—FOR THE CRY OF THE EARTH - We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climate change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

<https://youtu.be/yybxtLFNHCw?si=k4E6G-OU1J9vmkH>

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 Bible in 10 minutes video can be found on www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jm3b4Q98vx8

***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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