



St John the Evangelist
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29th September 2024 Twenty Sixth Sunday of 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 Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)
Wednesday	10am Mass (L)	10am Funeral Mass (L) Janet Conway	10am Mass (L)
Thursday	_____	10am Eucharistic Service	10am Mass (L)
Friday	10am Funeral Mass (L) James Gallagher	_____	10am Mass (L)
Saturday	_____	4.30pm Vigil Mass (L)	5.30pm Vigil Mass (L)
Sunday	11.30am Mass (L) 6pm Prayers of Reception Mary Hume	10am Mass (L)	10.30am Mass (L)

L = LIVESTREAMED

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. Tuesday 9.30am-10am St Mary's.
ROSARY. During October. St John's on Tuesday at 7pm

Please remember the following deaths in your prayers

Janet Conway RIP

James Gallagher RIP

Mary Hume RIP

James O'Rourke RIP

Janet's Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday (2nd) at 10am in St Mary's.
Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery.

James Gallagher's Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Friday (4th) at 10am in St John's.
Followed by burial in Hawkhill Cemetery

Mary's Prayers of Reception will take place on Sunday 6th October at 6pm in St John's. Funeral Mass on Monday 7th at 10am.
Followed by burial in High Road Cemetery.

James O'Rourke's Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Friday 11th October at 10am in St Mary's.
Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery.

+May they rest in peace+

SYNOD NEWS. New this year to the Roman Synod will be a penitential vigil held on the evening of Tuesday, 1st October, at St. Peter's Basilica, and presided over by Pope Francis. In particular, sins against peace, creation, indigenous peoples, migrants, women, family, youth; the sin of using doctrine as a stone against others, sins against poverty and synodality (such as the failure to listen, or sins compromising communion or the participation of all) will be confessed. The Pope will conclude by asking forgiveness from God and all humanity on behalf of all the faithful. **Vatican News**

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Anniversaries: John Smith, Sean Pentleton, William Fraser, William Hazelton, Mary Nellis, Margaret McDermott (1st) and Jim McGrath.

Recently deceased: Janet Conway, James Gallagher, Mary Hume, James O'Rourke, Peter Maxwell (Kilmarnock), Anne Marie McLauchlan (Greenock), Margaret Wilson, Willie Burns, Edward McCauley and Peter Chalmers (Urquart),

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 Seventh Sunday of Year B*; Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 127; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

For all the sick in our parishes.

Special Intention: Peter Cartwright (Birthday Anniversary), Mass for Sick Person and Larry Burke (Burial in Ireland)

Those who have an anniversary: John Smith, Sean Pentleton, William Fraser, William Hazelton, Mary Nellis, Margaret McDermott (1st), Jim McGrath, Agnes Dickie, Kate and Harry Nellis, Canon Gunning, Dominic Burke, Cornelius Burke, John Smith, Anne Lafferty and Mary Conti.

Those who have died recently: Janet Conway, James Gallagher, Anne Marie McLauchlan (Greenock), Margaret Wilson, Edward McCauley, Peter Chalmers (Urquart), Mary Hume, James O'Rourke, John Kelly (Glasgow), Peter Maxwell (Kilmarnock), A. Petrie, June Trundle, Betty McCafferty (Hamilton) and Campbell Wilson.

CONGRATULATIONS. To the winners of the September draw. No 24—E. McGoldrick £30 and No 233—U. McDowall £20.

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.

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. 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.

SOUP AND CHAT. Will reopen again this Wednesday 11.30am-1.30pm.

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

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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.

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



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Gospel: Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

John said to Jesus, “Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.” But Jesus said, “You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. “If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward. But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone, round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.”

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

In the first reading Moses tells Joshua, “If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets!” Who are some of the modern-day prophets calling us to holiness at this time in history?

How do you exercise prophetic ministry in your life of discipleship?

In the second reading, St James condemns the corrosive power of wealth built on the suffering of others. How does your parish community speak out for the rights of workers and the dignity of the poor?

In the gospel, Jesus instructs the disciples to sever ties with anything that causes them to sin. At this moment in your life, are you being called to give up a practice or possession that separates you from God.

Hang it on the cross (From Intercom)

If you have a secret sorrow,
a burden or a loss, an aching need for healing...
Hang It On The Cross.

If worry steals your sleep
and makes you turn and toss, if your heart is feeling heavy...
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Every obstacle to faith or doubt you come across,
every prayer unanswered...
Hang It On The Cross.

For Christ has borne our brokenness
and dearly paid the cost to turn our trials to triumph...
Hanging On The Cross

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.

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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