



St John the Evangelist
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27th October 2024

Thirtieth 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) 6pm Prayers of Reception Paul Devine
Tuesday	_____	10am Mass (L)	10am Funeral Mass (L) Paul Devine
Wednesday	10am Mass (L)	_____	10am Mass (L) 6pm Prayers of Reception Ugo Pellegrini
Thursday	7pm Mass	10am Mass (L)	10am Funeral Mass (L) Ugo Pellegrini
All Saints Day Friday	11am Mass (L)	9.30am Mass in St Anthony's PS 7pm Mass	10am and 7pm Masses (L)
All Souls Day Saturday	10am Mass (L)	4.30pm Vigil Mass (L)	5.30pm Vigil Mass (L)
Sunday	11.30am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)	10.30am Mass (L)

L = LIVESTREAMED

RECONCILIATION. St. John's—Saturday 10.30am-11am. St Mary's—Saturday 3.45pm-4.15pm.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. Tuesday 9.30am-10am in St Mary's.

ROSARY. During October. St John's on Tuesday at 7pm.

Please remember the following death in your prayers

John Taggart RIP

Prayers of Reception will take place on Tuesday 5th November at 6pm in St John's. Funeral Mass on Wednesday at 10am.

Followed by burial in High Road Cemetery.

+May he rest in peace+

MISSION SUNDAY. Thank you for 'going and inviting everyone to the banquet' on World Mission Sunday! Your generous donations to Missio Scotland help to support the missionary work of the Church and is a real blessing for the missions! Please continue to pray for missionaries and for the people to whom they bring the Good News of Jesus. May God bless you for your generous missionary spirit!

ALL SAINTS DAY / ALL SOULS DAY. This coming Friday is All Saints Day and a Holy Day of Obligation, Mass in St John's at 7pm Vigil and 11am (with St John's Primary School); Mass will be said in St Anthony's Primary School at 9.30am with Mass in St Mary's at 7pm. All Souls Mass will be 10am in St John's.

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Special Intention: Thanksgiving for recovery.

Anniversaries: James Platts, Eleanor Platts Harkness, James McCann, Matt Taylor, Patrick McMenamin, John Douglas, Bobby Fleming, John McCann, Cathy Murphy (McGurran), Sarah Murray, Vincent Quinn and Jimmy Kelly.

Recently deceased: Peter Chalmers, John Taggart, Margaret Cormick, Margaret Murray and Paul Devine.

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: *Thirty First Sunday of Year B; Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Psalm 17; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28-34*

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

For all the sick in our parishes.

Special Intention: Thanksgiving for recovery, 90th Birthday, Parish Intentions and those undergoing surgery.

Those who have an anniversary: James Platts, Eleanor Platts Harkness, James McCann, Matt Taylor, Patrick McMenamin, John Douglas, Bobby Fleming, John McCann, Cathy Murphy (McGurran), Sarah Murray, Vincent Quinn, Jimmy Kelly, Monica Anne Taylor (Nee Reilly), Charles Conti, Stephen (Tiney) Brennan and George Lafferty.

Those who have died recently: Peter Chalmers, John Taggart, Margaret Cormick, Margaret Murray, Ruby Ward (Perth), Paul Devine, Dermot Quinn (Edinburgh), Margaret Connick (Delahunt), Tommy Reid (Saltcoats), Arthur Cambridge, Alex McGuire, Eddie Shields, Sr Mary Lambie, William (Billy) McEvoy (Irvine), Frank McLaughlin, Hugh White (Died in Australia—former parishioner of St Mary's), Catherine Hay (Coatbridge) and Nancy Watson.

PAYA. This scheme for payment of collections through the Diocese has now closed. Standing Order Forms are available for those who wish to pay through the bank.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS. August-September: St Mary's £7,581.92 (Envelopes £1,431.62; Cash £1,431.62 and Standing Orders £4,665.00). **St John's £5,270.62**, (Envelopes £2,634.00; Cash £662.62 and Standing Orders £1,974.00).

RETIRED PRIESTS SPECIAL COLLECTION. St Mary's £1,127.25 and St John's £493.82.

THE NEW SUNDAY MISSAL. With readings for the 3 Year Cycle can be ordered at a cost of £20. If you wish to order a copy of the Missal with the new readings please put your name and contact number on the sheet in the porch.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS. Lists are available for our deceased relatives and friends during the month of November. Please hand them into St Mary's parish office or St John's Sacristy where they will be placed on the Altar during this month. Those included on the list will be remembered in masses in both churches as well as Canon Matt and Fr McCabe in Cape Town.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB. For Primary 4 pupils preparing for Confirmation and First Eucharist at St Mary's will take place on 7th and 21st November from 3pm-4pm in St Mary's hall. Helpers required to assist the children in this programme. If you are available to assist please inform the parish office.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT / FAYRE. St John's Hall Committee are holding a Christmas Craft/Fayre in the Church hall on Sunday 1st December at 12.30pm. If you would like to book a table they are £15 each. To book or for more information please contact Brenda 07812758415, Lorna 07833347035 or Michael 07813650411. Please note that the hall committee is not responsible for any items sold by table holders.

GROUP FOR THE DIVORCED, SEPARATED & CIVILLY REMARRIED (St. Mary's, Largs). At the November meeting of this group on Tuesday 12th of that month, Fr. Peter will give a talk outlining the Church's law on marriage nullity, what it is and what it is not, and how the annulment process unfolds. Given the importance of the subject matter, the meeting will be open to anyone who is interested, even just out of curiosity.

PILGRIMAGE OF PRAYER—PRAYER AND SACRED MUSIC. An exploration of Prayer and Sacred Music by Sir James MacMillan will take place in St Mary's, Largs next Saturday (2nd) at 2pm followed by refreshments in the hall. All welcome.

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.

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.

SYNOD NEWS. At the Synod briefing at the Holy See Press Office on Tuesday, participants highlight the role of young people and women in the Church, as well as the Synod's final document, which is set to be approved at the conclusion of the General Assembly on Saturday. **Vatican News.**

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

Your privacy is important to the Parish Communities of St. John's and St. Mary's. We use the personal data, provided by you for Pastoral support and the administration of weekly collections. The information is held securely and confidentially in electronic or paper format. We will not share this information with third parties without your prior consent. A fuller Privacy Notice is now available on the Diocesan website. www.gallowaydiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy-and-gdpr



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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. Every Wednesday at 11.30am-1.30pm in St Mary's hall.

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

FOODBANK STEVENSTON. 07437 521 930.

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.

MONEY MATTERS. Welfare Rights Advice—North Ayrshire Council 01294 310456 Monday-Friday 9.30am-4pm. Direct Line 07901338682.



Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, "Son of David Jesus, have pity on me," And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him here." So they called the blind man. "Courage," they said "get up; he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, "What do you want me to do for you?" "Rabbuni," the blind man said to him "Master let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has saved you." And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

Today's psalm tells us, "Those that sow in tears/shall reap rejoicing." How have you experienced this in your title?

The letter to the Hebrews says that a "high priest is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and the erring." How do you treat others with compassion, especially those you disagree with?

The disciples tell Bartimaeus, "Take courage, get up Jesus is calling you." How have you experienced the call of Jesus in your life?

Where are you in need of courage a this moment on your journey of faith?

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

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER — "Let us pray that the Church continue to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity." *Vatican News.* This is the link to the Pope Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=59nGW4QZ7tY>

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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