



St John the Evangelist
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13th October 2024 Twenty Eighth 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 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

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 St Mary's. Friday 10.30am-11am in St John's
ROSARY. During October. St John's on Tuesday at 7pm

Please remember the following deaths in your prayers

Arthur Cambridge RIP

Alec McGuire RIP

Arthur's Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Monday 21st at 10am in St John's
 Followed by burial in Knadgerhill Cemetery.

Alec's Prayers of Reception will take place on Monday 21st at 6pm in St John's. Funeral Mass on Tuesday 22nd at 10am.
 Followed by burial in High Road Cemetery.

+May they rest in peace+

MISSION SUNDAY. Next Sunday—World Mission Sunday—we are called to be part of the Church's missionary efforts, supporting missionary priests, religious sisters and brothers, and lay catechists who provide loving service to those most in need. They play a crucial part in 'going and inviting everyone to the banquet.' As Catholics around the world—here at home and in the missions—gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, let us pray for the Church's missionary work and offer our financial support to Missio Scotland for our brothers and sisters throughout the world.

SYNOD NEWS. I come from a country that has been engulfed in fire and blood for fifty years now. I think that the greatest decision to be made is that the Church, through this Synod, be a messenger of living together, that is, in listening to the other, respecting each other, dialoguing with each other, respecting them, and then freeing ourselves from the fear of the other. We must free ourselves from this fear, because it dwells within us. I think this would be a first step as a great recommendation of this Synod for humanity. **Bishop Khairallah, of Lebanon**

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

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

Anniversaries: James & Frances Breen, Pat McAvoy, Barry McKeever, Ellen Murphy, Jimmy Crawford, Rosemary Duncan, Joe Coleman, Francis & Josephine Morrison,

Recently deceased: Tommy Reid, Arthur Cambridge, Alec McGuire, Sr Mary Lamble, William (Billy) McEvoy (Irvine), Eddie Shields, Frank McLaughlin, Mary Hume and Hugh White (Died in Australia—formerly a parishioner of St Mary's).

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 Ninth Sunday of Year B; Isaiah 53:10-11; Psalm 32; Hebrews 4:14-14; Mark 10:34-45*

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

For all the sick in our parishes.

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

Those who have an anniversary: James & Frances Breen, Pat McAvoy, Barry McKeever, Ellen Murphy, Jimmy Crawford, Rosemary Duncan, Joe Coleman, Francis & Josephine Morrison, Rose McKay, Joe O'Rourke, Seamus Boyle, John Wilson, Eileen Hignite and Sean Henry.

Those who have died recently: Tommy Reid, Arthur Cambridge, Alec McGuire, Eddie Shields, Sr Mary Lamble, William (Billy) McEvoy (Irvine), Frank McLaughlin, Hugh White (Died in Australia—formerly a parishioner of St Mary's), Catherine Hay (Coatbridge), Nancy Watson, Janet Conway, James Gallagher, Anne Marie McLauchlan (Greenock), Margaret Wilson, Edward McCauley, Peter Chalmers (Urquart), Mary Hume, James O'Rourke, John Kelly (Glasgow) and Peter Maxwell (Kilmarnock).

THE HUME FAMILY. Would like to thank everyone for the mass cards, sympathy cards, flowers and good wishes received on the recent death of their mother Mary. Thank you to all volunteers who helped with catering.

ST JOHN'S PASTORAL COUNCIL. Will meet this coming Wednesday (16th) at 7pm in the parish house.

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

CARITAS STUDENTS. Over eighty Caritas students from St Matthew's Academy accepted our parishes' invitation to attend an event this week entitled 'Connecting with Synodality' in St John's Hall. The students, from parishes across our Deanery, engaged in reflection, prayer and discussions about what Synodality means to them. Overwhelming, the students reported that they found the event interesting and a significant number felt optimistic that the church is beginning to listen to young people. Our own Soup and Chat group provided refreshments and lunch for the students. Look out for a full report later this year in the Walking Together Journal.

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 on Saturday 2nd November 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.

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 until 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. 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.



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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.

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

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 10:17-30

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, "Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother." and he said to him, "Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days." Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, "There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth. Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those

who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, "My children," he said to them "how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." They were more astonished than ever. "In that case" they said to one another "who can be saved?" Jesus gazed at them. "For men" he said "it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God." Peter took this up. "What about us?" he asked him. "We have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land—not without persecutions—now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life."

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

In the first reading, understanding and wisdom are lifted up as more important than riches or power. In what areas of life are you in need of God's gifts of wisdom and right judgement?

The psalm says, "In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days." What brings you the deepest joy at this moment in your life?

The author of Hebrews writes. "The word of God is alive and active." How do you engage with the word of God daily in your life of faith?

Today's gospel provides a good example of a man whose possessions "own him" rather than him owning his possessions. How might God be calling you to give up certain material things in order to gain greater freedom in the spiritual life?

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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