



St John the Evangelist  
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# 6th October 2024 Twenty Seventh Sunday of Year B

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Canon Matt McManus (Retired)



Our Lady Star of the Sea  
Saltcoats

Day	St John's	St Mary's	St Peter's
Monday	10am Funeral Mass (L) <b>Mary Hume</b>	—————	10am Mass (L)
Tuesday	—————	10am Eucharistic Service	10am Mass (L)
Wednesday	—————	—————	10am Mass (L) Funeral Service 12.15pm <b>Lorraine McManus</b>
Thursday	—————	10am Eucharistic Service	10am Mass (L)
Friday	—————	10am Funeral Mass (L) <b>James O'Rourke</b>	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.

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

*Please remember the following deaths in your prayers*

**Mary Hume RIP**

**James O'Rourke RIP**

Mary's Prayers of Reception will take place tonight (Sunday) at 6pm in St John's. Funeral Mass tomorrow at 10am.

Followed by burial in High Road Cemetery.

James' Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Friday at 10am in St Mary's.

Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery.

**+May they rest in peace+**

**ST JOHN'S HEATING.** Please note that due to St John's Church heating being out of order at present, weekday and Sunday Masses will be held in the parish hall for the time being however **Funeral Masses will still be held in the Church.** As there is no masses in St John's this week, Eucharistic Services will be said in St Mary's on Tuesday and Thursday at 10am.

**SYNOD NEWS.** Pope Francis, at the opening of the second session of the 16th General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, emphasises the need for a humble and synodal Church guided by the Holy Spirit to fulfill its mission of peace and forgiveness in the world.  
*Vatican News*

**THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:**

**Anniversaries:** Rose McKay, Joe O'Rourke, Seamus Boyle, John Wilson, Eileen Higney and Sean Henry.

**Recently deceased:** Hugh White (Died in Australia—formerly a parishioner of St Mary's), Catherine Hay (Coatbridge), Nancy Watson, Janet Conway, James Gallagher, Mary Hume and James 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 Eighth Sunday of Year B; Wisdom 7:7-11; Psalm 89; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30***

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:**

**For all the sick in our parishes.**

**Those who have an anniversary:** Rose McKay, Joe O'Rourke, Seamus Boyle, John Wilson, Eileen Higney, Sean Henry, John Smith, Sean Pentleton, William Fraser, William Hazelton, Mary Nellis, Margaret McDermott (1st) and Jim McGrath.

**Those who have died recently:** 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).

**CARITAS STUDENTS.** On Tuesday the Synod Group will be hosting the Caritas students from St Matthew's (about 100) for a Mini Synod and a day of reflection. This is in response to the main Synodal Theme "Walking Together" as God's Church and to reach out to our young people.

**ADELAIDE COLLEGE, SALTCOATS.** Are having a Booksale and Coffee morning next Saturday (12th) at 11am. See poster on parish noticeboards for more information.

**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](mailto: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

**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.

**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](http://castleriggmanor.com) >> join the team, or Email Jack Regan – [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk)

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

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### Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, "Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?" They were testing him. He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" "Moses allowed us" they said "to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce." Then Jesus said to them, "It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and that two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide." Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, "The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too."

People were bringing little children to him for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

### PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

*In the first reading we find the famous line from Genesis: "This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body." In your life, which couples have modelled marital unity and mutual service for you?*

*We also hear, "It is not good that the man should be alone." How important is community and companionship in your life of faith?*

*In the letter to the Hebrews, we encounter the theme of perfection being brought on by suffering. How have you experienced suffering as a means to greater holiness?*

*Jesus tells the disciples, "Anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." What aspects of childhood do you think Jesus is referring to that adults are meant to emulate?*

#### 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...  
Hang It On The Cross.

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 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](https://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](mailto: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](mailto: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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