



St John the Evangelist
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2nd February 2025

The Presentation of the Lord

Year C

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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 Funeral Mass (L) Betty Craig
Wednesday	10am Mass (L)	_____	10am Mass (L)
Thursday	_____	10am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)
Friday	10am Mass (L)	_____	10am Mass (L) 12 Noon Funeral Mass Catherine Finnegan
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. Tuesday 2pm. Would you be able to help with the Gospel Reflection Livestream? If so please let Canon Martin know or phone Danny on 07979542319.

EXPOSITION. St. Mary's Tuesday 9.30am—10am. St John's Friday 10.30am-11am
RECONCILIATION. St John's Saturday 10.30—11am. St Mary's Saturday 3.45pm—4.15pm.

READERS EVENINGS. The new Lectionary has been in use for nearly 2 months and a meeting for parish readers has been arranged for: St John's this Tuesday (4th) at 7pm and St Mary's this Wednesday (5th) at 7pm both meetings will be held in the Church and will be led by Kevin Rowswell.

Please remember the following deaths in your prayers

May Jennifer Hurley RIP

Sabrina Clarke RIP

Louie Grier RIP

Margaret Simpson RIP

May's Cremation Service will take place on Wednesday at 12 Noon in Clyde Coast & Garnock Valley Crematorium.

Sabrina's Funeral Service will take place in Daldowie Crematorium, Glasgow on Thursday at 1.30pm.

Louie's Prayers of Reception will take place on Tuesday 18th February at 6pm in St Mary's.

Funeral Mass on Wednesday 19th at 10am. Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery

Margaret's Prayers of Reception will take place on Thursday 20th February at 6pm in St Mary's

Funeral Mass on Friday 21st at 10am. Followed by Cremation in Holmsford Bridge Crematorium.

+May they rest in peace+

LEPRA—SPECIAL COLLECTION. Will take place at all Masses next weekend.

Parishes of the RC Diocese of Galloway Charity Registration No: SCO10576

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Special Intentions: Sick and William & Grace Lundie (RIP Wedding Ann)

Anniversaries: Bernie Doyle, Michael Boyd, Patsy Reid, Agnes Hazelton, Moira Grant and Rachel Cairnie.

Recently deceased: Robert Stewart (Dalry), Shane Long, Carolyn McGinn, Kevin Wallace, Margaret Simpson, Louie Grier, Sabrina Clarke, Catherine Finnegan (**Funeral Mass will take place in St Peter's on Friday at 12 Noon followed by burial in Glasgow**)

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: Fifth Sunday of Year C: Isaiah 6:1-2a,3-8; Psalm 138; I Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

For all the sick in our parishes.

Special Intentions: Sick and William & Grace Lundie (RIP Wedding Ann)

Those who have an anniversary: Bernie Doyle, Michael Boyd, Patsy Reid, Agnes Hazelton, Moira Grant, Rachel Cairnie, Julia McRoberts, Thomas Slimmon, Teresa Fitzsimmons (20th), James & Annie Monam, David McGowan, Mary McNulty, Eddie Clarke (1st) and Mary Quinn.

Those who have died recently: Robert Stewart (Dalry), Shane Long, Carolyn McGinn, Kevin Wallace, Margaret Simpson, Louie Grier, Nelson Baillie, Sabrina Clarke, Barbara Pearson, Kathleen Tracy, Kathleen Lehane, Irene Moran, Janie Pellegrini, Eileen Raeburn (Cumbernauld), Maureen Mumford, Matthew Burns (Coatbridge), May Hurley, Catherine Finnegan, Peter Smyth, Elizabeth McCulloch (Glasgow), Cathy Lynn, Vera Laverty, Pat Hodge and Andy McQuillan.

ST ANTHONY'S PS. Primary 1 children's visit has been rearranged to Thursday 13th February.

STEVENSTON PARISH CHURCH. Are holding a Songs of Praise in Ardeer Church next Sunday (9th) at 2:30pm and extend a warm invitation to our friends at St John's to attend.

MUSIC AND QUIZ NIGHT AT ST. PETERS. Quiz, live music, raffle and more to raise funds for repairs to the Church building. On Saturday 1st March at 7pm in the parish centre. Please bring your own drinks and snacks. Tickets available in St Peter's Church stall and from Margaret Munn 07794981499.

ASSISTED DYING LEGISLATION AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. An event will be held next Saturday (8th) at St. Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock. Fr Dan Fitzgerald (Diocese of Paisley) will speak in the morning about what the Catholic Church teaches. This will be followed by Mass and lunch. The afternoon session will be structured to allow people to discuss the issue in more detail, and to learn more about how we can respond to the proposed legislation. Please sign up to attend by using the form at <https://forms.office.com/e/zQkEtN9nr2> or by scanning the QR code. Alternatively, please contact Helena at prolife@rcdg.org.uk or 079610130493. It is important that everyone who wishes to attend signs up, so that online attendees receive their link to attend in good time, and so that those attending in person receive lunch and refreshments.

Assisted Dying Legislation and the Catholic Church



GALLOWAY YOUTH (P7-S6) NIGHTS. The Galloway Youth nights begin on Sunday 16th February in St Joseph's, Kilmarnock from 5-7pm and continue on the third Sunday of each month during term time. The evening begins with Mass, followed by a short talk, activities, pizza and time to socialise, all led by S3 students from St Joseph's Academy. Interested? Download a parental consent form from our website: rcdg.org.uk or email youth@rcdg.org.uk for more details. For any parents bringing your children to the event, you're welcome to stay for the evening; there will be a room with tea, coffee, and snacks for you to meet following the Mass.

YOUNG ADULTS (18-30) EVENINGS. Join Young Adults from across the Diocese for their monthly talks at St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock on the first Sunday of each month from 6- 8pm. Find the full program of talks on the noticeboard or on social media: [@rcdgyouth](https://www.instagram.com/rcdgyouth).

GALLOWAY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025. The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year will take place from 7th – 14th July. Direct Return Flights from Glasgow Prestwick to Lourdes. Cost £1045 p.p. (Based on two adults sharing) Full Board. Further information and booking details are available from Joe Walsh Tours. Email: info@joewalshstours.co.uk. Freephone: 0808 1890468.

SOUP AND CHAT. St John's every Monday at 11.30am-1.30pm and St Mary's every Wednesday 11.30am-1.30pm.

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

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

DIOCESAN SOCIAL MEDIA. Stay up to date with all the latest news and events from across the Diocese, follow us: [@rcdggalloway](https://www.facebook.com/rcdggalloway) on Facebook, X, or Instagram, and check out our new website: www.rcdg.org.uk.

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 JOHN'S SVDP. Are collecting non perishable food for the Crisis Bags.

FOODBANK STEVENSTON. 07437 521 930.

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

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

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

Gospel: Luke 2:22-32

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord') and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the Temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, 'Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.'

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

How have you experienced God's salvation in your life; an experience of being loved or discovering a sense of purpose in life, or being touched by the wonders of creation?

Like Mary, a sword can pierce your soul—what has helped you to maintain hope in these times?

What has helped you to keep seeking the light of God in your life rather than resisting it?

What helps you to grow in wisdom or how have you seen growth in another person?

Holy Year FB page is Holy Year Scotland 2025 and can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/holyyearsotland2025>

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for February 2025. *FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE* Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Recognise the Good in the World. *At an Audience on Wednesday Pope Francis, recalling his indiction of the Jubilee Year, pointed to the signs of hope in the "signs of the times," inviting everyone to recognise the good in the world so as not to be tempted "to consider ourselves overcome by evil and violence." "The poor and the sick, the young and the elderly, migrants and displaced people, even those deprived of their freedom, must be at the centre of our considerations," he insisted, "so that no one is excluded and everyone's human dignity is respected." Pope Francis said that Christ's admonition, "What you did to the least of these my brethren, that you did to me," invites Christians to recognize the image of God in every man and woman, who are called to be "brothers and sisters" in the human family, and children of God. VATICAN NEWS*

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www.youtube.com/watch?v=6WFQ6d9DU1g

Dei Verbum (The Word of God) - A Reflection—led by Fr William McFadden—can be found on the Diocese of Galloway YouTube Channel.

MASS INTENTIONS.

Please ensure you have the permission of the family to include the name of the deceased in the parish bulletin

X/TWITTER ACCOUNT. The X/Twitter handle is @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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