



St John the Evangelist
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30th March 2025

Fourth Sunday in Lent Year C

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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 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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION. Tuesday at 2pm. **EXPOSITION.** St John's—Friday 10.30am-11am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—DURING LENT. Tuesday in St Mary's 9.30am-10am led by the SCIAF Group. Friday in St John's at 7pm led by Hall Committee and Soup & Chat Group

Please remember the following in your prayers

John Magowan RIP

Mary Murphy RIP

John's Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Monday 7th April at 10am in St John's.

Followed by cremation at Clyde Coast and Garnock Valley Crematorium.

Mary's Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday 15th April at 10am in St John's.

Followed by private cremation .

+May they rest in peace+

CHRISM MASS IN ST MARGARET'S CATHEDRAL, AYR. Will be celebrated by Bishop Frank on Tuesday 15th April at 7pm. A sign up sheet is available at the back of both churches for those wishing transport. The coach will leave St Mary's at 6pm and St John's at 6.15pm. The cost will be £5 per person. **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF MASS TIME AND COACH PICK UP TIMES.**

SCIAF SPECIAL COLLECTION. Will take place at all Masses this weekend.

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY. Happy Mothering Sunday to all the ladies in both parishes

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES. St Mary's, Saltcoats—Tuesday at 2pm; St John's, Stevenston—Wednesday at 7pm and St Peter's, Ardrossan—Tomorrow (Monday) at 7pm.

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Anniversaries: Daniel Gilmour, Margaret Peacey, John Hamilton, Tommy Brennan, Agnes Forbes and Alice Lynn.

Recently deceased: David Wilson, James Gray, John Magowan, Mary Murphy, Rosemary Smith, Caroline Reynolds, Anna Grymes and William Penny (East Sussex).

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 in Lent*
Year C: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

For all the sick in our parishes.

Special Intentions: 90th Birthday.

Those who have an anniversary: Daniel Gilmour, Margaret Peacey, John Hamilton, Tommy Brennan, Agnes Forbes, Alice Lynn, Agnes Kelly, Connell Thomas, John Mitchell (9 months mind), May & Patrick Hanlon and Annie McKeever.

Those who have died recently: David Wilson, James Gray, John Magowan, Mary Murphy, Anna Grymes, William Penny (East Sussex), Andrew McConville (Thornliebank), Caroline Reynolds, Rosemary Smith, Philip Pelligini, Patricia O'Neil, Olivia Kuczynska, Teresa McCormick, Patsy Magee (Newry), Tommy Jack (Greenock), Michael Norwood, John Conlan, Alistair Ramsay, Philomena Boyle (Ireland) and Margaret Brodie.

OUR GOOD WISHES. Go to Canon Matt McManus and Fr John Kinsler who celebrate their Diamond Jubilee (60yrs) in the Priesthood this coming week.

PRIZE BINGO— To raise funds for Youth for Lourdes trip. Will take place this coming Friday (4th) in St Mary's Church Hall, doors open at 7pm eyes down for 7.30pm. **Tickets are now sold out.** Any prize donations would be greatly appreciated, these can be handed into the parish office.

ST MARY'S WEEKLY COLLECTION ENVELOPES. New sets of weekly offering envelopes are now available from the Sacristy or the parish office. If you are a tax payer and wish to Gift Aid your collection please consider doing so-it makes such a difference. Please contact the parish office.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR FR MARTIN CHAMBERS. Will be celebrated in Our Lady of the Assumption and St Meddan's Church, Troon on Thursday 10th April at 7pm. All welcome.

JOURNALS FROM JERUSALEM – Holy Land Talk. Anne-Marie Clements from Justice & Peace Scotland will present a talk and reflections on her recent journey to Jerusalem while accompanying Archbishop Bill Nolan for the Holy Land Coordination 2025. The afternoon will feature stories heard first hand from the Christian communities in Jerusalem and the West Bank with an opportunity for discussion and Q&A. Tea and coffee provided. All welcome! Will take place next Saturday (5th) in St Peter's Parish Centre, St Peter's Ardrossan at 3pm.

LEGION OF MARY. Acies of Legion—will be held in St Mary's, Largs on Monday 7th April at 7pm. All active Auxiliary Members and those wanting to know more about the Legion are all welcome to attend.

CHANA - Kirkgate Lunch. We are providing lunch for up to 40 people in the Kirkgate, Saltcoats every Friday from 12.30pm. We need more helpers to either cook, serve, wash dishes or just be there. Please contact Anne McGuire on 07585 665751 for more information. Thank you.

H.C.P.T Lourdes Group 376. Gerry Cavani is running the London marathon to raise money for the group. We have waited many years to secure a place for one of our members as spaces are very limited. You can donate through www.justgiving.com/page/gerry-cavani-1727614390636 if you require further information please phone Esther Coulter 07772433070.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK. A 5-day Pilgrimage to Knock from September 22nd – 26th for the Jubilee Year. The cost is £680 per person sharing a twin room at the Knock House Hotel on a half-board basis. If you would like to join the Pilgrimage please call Alba Tours Ltd. on 01698 262941 and Anne Marie or Jim will be delighted to help you book.

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.

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

YOUNG ADULTS (16-30) LENTEN RETREAT. Aged 16-30? Join Galloway Young Adults for our online Lenten retreat, meeting Tuesdays during Lent from 7-8pm on Microsoft Teams. For more information or to join the group, search for @rcdgyouth online or email youth@rcdg.org.uk.

YOUTH EASTER GATHERING. Are you in P6-S6? Join the Diocesan Youth Office for a day of fun, games, activities and discussions as we gather to celebrate Easter on Saturday 26th April in St Teresa's, Dumfries from 11am to 4pm. Free transport is available from Saltcoats, Kilmarnock, and Ayr. Scan the QR code on the poster or search @rcdgyouth online to register to take part.

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 a booking form has to be completed to confirm your booking.

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YOUTH LEADERS – WE NEED YOU! Could you volunteer as a youth leader to help support or bring youth evenings to your deanery? The Youth Office is looking to recruit more adult leaders to help support the growth of their Youth Evenings in all areas of our Diocese. For full details and to register your interest, go to our website: rcdg.org.uk.

YOUNG ADULTS (18-30) TALK. Aged 18-30? Join us in St Joseph's, Kilmarnock for our next evening next Sunday (6th), starting with Mass at 5.45 pm. Fr Kevin Rennie will be speaking on 'The Paschal Triduum: Understanding Christ's Sacrifice' as we explore the questions of why Christ had to die on the cross, and why he accepted death on a cross. For more info, search @rcdgyouth online.

ST JOHN'S SVDP. Are collecting non perishable food for the Crisis Bags. **FOODBANK STEVENSTON.** 07437 521 930.

GALLOWAY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025. This year will take place from 7th – 14th July. Further information and booking details are available from Joe Walsh Tours. info@joewalshstours.co.uk. Freephone: 0808 1890468.

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

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

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO PRIESTHOOD? If you sense a vocation to be a Priest and would like support to discern this call, please contact Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Stephen McGrattan, at vocations@rcdg.org.uk or 01563 521832.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

At that time:

The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, 'This man receives sinners and eats with them.' So he told them this parable: 'There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me." And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. 'But when he came to himself, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."' 'And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound." But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, "Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!" And he said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

- *Who do you consider to be a "sinner"? Do you avoid people like this? Why or why not?*
- *What do you think is the benefit of placing yourself beside sinners?*
- *When was a time you were the Prodigal Son? Or the father? Or the other brother?*
- *How do you participate in the ministry of reconciliation?*

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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Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser: Mr Tony Fisher 01292 266750

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