



St John the Evangelist
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23rd March 2025

Third Sunday in Lent Year C

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 and Sr Ursula and Sr Anna
 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 Eucharistic Service	10am Funeral Mass Anna Grymes	10am Mass (L)
Thursday	_____	10am Mass (L)	10am Funeral Mass (L) Rosemary Smith
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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—DURING LENT. Tuesday in St Mary's 9.30am-10am led by the Sacristans. Friday in St John's at 7pm led by The Synod Group

Please remember Anna in your prayers

Anna Grymes RIP

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

Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery

+May she rest in peace+

CHRISM MASS IN ST MARGARET'S CATHEDRAL, AYR. Will be celebrated by Bishop Frank on Tuesday 15th April at 7.30pm. A sign up sheet is available at the back of both churches for those wishing transport. The coach will leave St Mary's at 6.30pm and St John's at 6.45pm. The cost will be £5 per person.

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

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES. St Mary's, Saltcoats—Tuesday 1st April at 2pm; St John's, Stevenston—Wednesday 2nd April at 7pm and St Peter's, Ardrossan—Monday 31st March at 7pm.

WELCOME. Bishop Frank to all our Masses this weekend.

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

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Special Intention: 90th Birthday

Anniversaries: Agnes Kelly, Connell Thomas, John Mitchell (9 months mind), May & Patrick Hanlon and Annie McKeever.

Recently deceased: Olivia Kuczynska, Andrew McConville (Thornliebank), Caroline Reynolds and Rosemary Smith

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: Fourth Sunday in Lent

Year C: Joshua 5-9a, 10-12; Psalm 34; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15-18

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

For all the sick in our parishes.

Special Intentions: 90th Birthday and People of the 3 parishes.

Those who have an anniversary: Agnes Kelly, Connell Thomas, John Mitchell (9 months mind), May & Patrick Hanlon, Annie McKeever, Sarah Crawford, Bridget MacDonald, Bobby McCall, Philip Burns (5th).

Those who have died recently: 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), Margaret Brodie and Eileen Coppola.

GOOD WISHES. Got to Karon Boyd and Steven Clarke who are to be married next week in St John's

SATURDAY CLUB. Will take place next Saturday in St John's Church Hall at 10am-12 Noon for those in P4 at St John's PS preparing for First Eucharist

PRIZE BINGO— To raise funds for Youth for Lourdes trip. Will take place on Friday 4th April in St Mary's Church Hall, doors open at 7pm eyes down for 7.30pm. Tickets: Adult £2/Child £1. For tickets please contact Hannah Burns-Calvert 07886377701, Emily Burns 07944413441, Teresa Burns or the parish office. Any prize donations would be greatly appreciated, these can be handed into the parish office.

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 on Saturday 5th April in St Peter's Parish Centre, St Peter's Ardrossan at 3pm

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.

JUBILEE YEAR DIOCESAN DAY CONFERENCE. As part of a series, St Joseph's Deanery (East Ayrshire) will host a Day Conference on the Vatican II Constitution *Lumen Gentium* (*[Christ is the] Light of the Nations*). The Conference will take place in St Joseph's Church Hall, Kilmarnock next Saturday (29th) from 11am –3pm. For those who wish, Mass will also be celebrated at 10am. The day will consist of several presentations on the key themes of *Lumen Gentium* by lay and ordained people from the deanery, group discussion and listening, and concluding with a period of prayer. The theme: "It's okay to be holy!" reflects on the nature of the Church and celebrates our call through Baptism to live as saints by entrusting our lives to Jesus Christ. Please bring a packed lunch; tea and coffee will be served. All are welcome.

ST MATTHEW'S ACADEMY. In June a group of pupils and staff will be travelling to Malawi to visit their partner school, St. Peter's, Mzuzu. As part of their fundraising activities a Family Quiz Night will be held in St Matthew's on Thursday 27th March at 7pm. Tickets are £5 and can be purchased/reserved from the school office. All members of the community are invited to attend.

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.

ST MARY'S SOUP AND CHAT WILL NOT BE ON THIS WEEK DUE TO FUNERAL TEAS.

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 @redgyouth online or email youth@redg.org.uk.

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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.

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 on Sunday 6th April, 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.

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.

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 13:1-9

There were some present at that very time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered them, 'Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.' And he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vine dresser, "Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?" And he answered him, "Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig round it and put on manure. Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

- *Do you get frustrated when you do all you can to live a holy life, and bad things still happen? Has there been a particularly frustrating situation recently? How do you deal with earthly suffering?*
- *Do you have any experience watching a fruitless fig tree finally begin to bloom? Did you give up on it, or fight to keep it planted?*
- *Has God ever broken into your life in a radical scene, like Moses encountering the burning bush?*
- *Is there anyone in your life who lives as an example to you of how to grow in holiness? How did you encounter this person's story? How does looking at the story of someone else's faith influence your own growth?*

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for March 2025 - For families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts even in their differences. See Pope Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SkqR7ReJuNI> launches 5th March.

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.

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS - MISSION STATEMENT

The Catholic Church in Scotland is concerned with the lives, safety, wholeness and well-being of each individual person within God's purpose for everyone. It seeks to safeguard the welfare of people of all ages who are involved in whatever capacity with the Church and its organisations. As a Church community, we accept that it is the responsibility of all of us, ordained, professed, paid and voluntary members, to work together to prevent the physical, sexual, emotional abuse or neglect of children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser: Mr Tony Fisher 01292 266750

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