



St John the Evangelist
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6th April 2025

Fifth Sunday in Lent Year C

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Canon Matt McManus (Retired)



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Saltcoats

Day	St John's	St Mary's	St Peter's
Monday	10am Funeral Mass (L) John Magowan	_____	10am Mass (L)
Tuesday	_____	10am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)
Wednesday	10am Mass (L)	_____	10am Funeral Mass (L) John MacDonald
Thursday	_____	10am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)
Friday	10am Eucharistic Service	10am Funeral Mass James Gray	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 Sr Ursula and Sr Anna. Friday in St John's at 7pm led by The Parish Pastoral Council.

Please remember the following in your prayers

John Magowan RIP

James Gray RIP

Mary Murphy RIP

John's Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place tomorrow (Monday) at 10am in St John's.
Followed by cremation at Clyde Coast and Garnock Valley Crematorium.

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

Mary's Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday 15th April at 10am in St John's.
Followed by cremation at Clyde Coast and Garnock Valley Crematorium.

+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. Hot on the heels of being awarded the freedom of her home city, Elaine C Smith is now backing SCIAF's **WEE BOX APPEAL** and urging people to get behind it. "So, c'mon Scotland, show you care by using your WEE BOX to make a BIG CHANGE!" <https://www.sciaf.org.uk/about-us/news/774-freeman-elaine-backs-sciaf-wee-box>

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Anniversaries: John Dorrans, Mairi McGuire, Wullie Hamilton, Emilia Sallie, Fr Martin Chambers (1st), Sam Taylor and Alistair Dickie

Recently deceased: William Penny (East Sussex), George Brawley (Partick), Jim Donnelly, James Gray, John Magowan and Mary Murphy.

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: Palm Sunday Year C:
Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 21; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

For all the sick in our parishes.

Those who have an anniversary: John Dorrans, Mairi McGuire, Wullie Hamilton, Emilia Sallie, Fr Martin Chambers (1st), Sam Taylor, Alistair Dickie, Daniel Gilmour, Margaret Peacey, John Hamilton, Tommy Brennan, Agnes Forbes and Alice Lynn.

Those who have died recently: George Brawley (Partick), Jim Donnelly, David Wilson, James Gray, John Magowan, Mary Murphy, Anna Grymes, William Penny (East Sussex), Andrew McConville (Thornliebank) and Caroline Reynolds.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM. Holy Thursday: 7pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper in St Mary's; Collection for poor (SCIAF Boxes); Washing of Feet; Procession to Altar of Repose; Night Prayer at 9.30pm. **Good Friday: 3pm in St John's;** Day of Fasting and Abstinence; 3pm Liturgy including Passion, Veneration of the Cross; Distribution of Communion, **Collection for Holy Places.** 7pm Stations of the Cross in St John's and St Mary's. **Holy Saturday: 10am Morning Prayers in St John's** followed by Blessing of Polish Easter Baskets. **Vigil of the Resurrection: 8.30pm in St Mary's;** Blessing of Fire and Easter Candle, Readings from Old and New Testament; Blessing of Easter Water and Renewal of Baptismal Promises. **NO 4.30PM MASS. Easter Sunday: 10am Mass in St Mary's, 11.30am Mass in St John's. A Sign up sheet for ministries is available in St Mary's Sacristy.**

300 CLUB. Congratulations to the winners of the March draw. No 200—I. Reid £30 and No 226—H. Frew £20

ST MARY'S WEEKLY COLLECTION ENVELOPES. New sets of weekly offering envelopes are still 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 at 7pm. All welcome.

LEGION OF MARY. Acies of Legion—will be held in St Mary's, Largs tomorrow (Monday) 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 has now closed and will until later in the year. St Mary's this Wednesday 11.30am-1.30pm then will close for the Easter Break and return on Wednesday 30th April.

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.

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.

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

DIAMOND JUBILEE. Mass will be celebrated in St Peter's on the 16th May at 7pm to mark Canon Matt's Diamond Jubilee.

YOUNG ADULTS (18-30) TALK. Aged 18-30? Join us in St Joseph's, Kilmarnock tonight 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 @redgyouth 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@redg.org.uk or 01563 521832.

Gospel: John 8:1-11

At that time:

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives, Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst they said to him, 'Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?' This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, 'Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.' And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus stood up and said to her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' She said, 'No one, Lord.' And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.'

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

When have you been the adulterous woman? When have you been the Pharisee?

Have you ever been in the middle of a heated situation and then diffused the anger? How did you accomplish this? What does it take to encourage indignant people to calm down?

What is one way that you can detach yourself from material things this week?

What is one "great thing" the Lord has done for you recently? Why did it bring you consolation?

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for April. Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times. "How I would like for us to look less at screens and look each other in the eyes more!" <https://thepopevideo.org/april-for-the-use-of-the-new-technologies/>

*Dear brothers and sisters, that woman represents all of us. We are sinners, meaning adulterers before God, betrayers of his fidelity. Her experience represents God's will for each of us: not our condemnation but our salvation through Jesus. He is the grace which saves from sin and from death. **Pope Francis***

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

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