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# 13th April 2025 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year C



Our Lady Star of the Sea  
Saltcoats

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and Sr Ursula and Sr Anna

Canon Matt McManus (Retired)

Day	St John's	St Mary's	St Peter's
Monday	_____	_____	10am Mass (L)
Tuesday	10am Funeral Mass (L) <b>Mary Murphy</b>	10am Eucharistic Service	10am Mass (L)
Wednesday	10am Mass (L)	_____	10am Funeral Mass (L) <b>Williamina McCulloch</b>
Holy Thursday	_____	7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (L)	7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (L)
Good Friday	3pm Passion of our Lord (L)	_____	3pm Passion of our Lord (L)
Holy Saturday	10am Morning Prayers with Blessing of Polish Baskets	8.30pm Vigil of the Resurrection (L)	<del>5.30pm Easter Vigil Mass (L)</del> 8.30pm Easter Vigil Mass (L)
Easter Sunday	11.30am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)	10.30am Mass (L)

**L = LIVESTREAMED**

**GOSPEL REFLECTION.** Tuesday at 2pm.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS—DURING LENT.** Tuesday in St Mary's 9.30am-10am led by The Saint Vincent de Paul Conference. Friday in St John's at 7pm led by The Liturgy Group and in St Mary's 7pm.

*Please remember the following in your prayers*

**Mary Murphy RIP**

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

Followed by cremation at Clyde Coast and Garnock Valley Crematorium.

*+May she rest in peace+*

**CHRISM MASS IN ST MARGARET'S CATHEDRAL, AYR.** Will be celebrated by Bishop Frank on Tuesday 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.

**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.

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

**Anniversaries:** Joe Burns, Fr Martin Chambers (1st), Pauline McCallum (Henry), Alex McPherson, Isabella & William Stuart, George Mullin, Peter Gerald O'Hare and Joe Coleman.

**Recently deceased:** John Magowan, Jean McFadden, Angus McLeod, Jim Donnelly, David Davis (Kilwinning) 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: *Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Year C: Acts 10:34. 37-43; Psalm 117; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9***

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

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

**Those who have an anniversary:** Joe Burns, Fr Martin Chambers (1st), Pauline McCallum (Henry), Alex McPherson, Isabella & William Stuart, George Mullin, Peter Gerald O'Hare, Joe Coleman, John Dorrans, Mairi McGuire, Wullie Hamilton, Emilia Sallie, Sam Taylor and Alistair Dickie.

**Those who have died recently:** Jean McFadden, Angus McLeod, David Davis (Kilwinning), George Brawley (Partick), Jim Donnelly, David Wilson, James Gray, John Magowan, Mary Murphy, Anna Grymes, William Penny (East Sussex) and Andrew McConville (Thornliebank).

**SAVE THE DATE.** Sunday 27th April in St John's Hall from 3-4pm. Come along and celebrate Easter with Afternoon Tea. The children of St John's and Sr Anthony's will sing their Easter songs. St Matthew's Malawi Group will look ahead to their trip. All Welcome

**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.

**ECUADOR TRUST.** Some former members of St John's Youth Group are doing the Kiltwalk on 27th April in honour of Fr Martin Chambers and the Ecuador Trust. Donations can be made online at following address - <https://www.justgiving.com/team/kiltwalk2025mccet> - alternatively there are sponsor sheets available at back of the church. Thank you for your support.

**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](http://www.justgiving.com/page/gerry-cavani-1727614390636) if you require further information please phone Esther Coulter 07772433070.

**"THANKSGIVING DAY"—CARFIN.** St Winin's have organised a coach for Sunday 25th May. It will leave Dalry Road, Kilwinning at 12 Noon. For more information or to book a place please contact Gerry Quirk on 556680 or 07795632889. Cost person £10.

**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. No teas this week.**

**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 return later in the year. St Mary's will 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.

**YOUNG ADULTS (18-30) TALK.** Aged 18-30? Join us in St Joseph's, Kilmarnock (KA3 1HB) for our next evening on Sunday 4th May, starting with Mass at 5.45 pm. Mrs Helena Rameckers will be speaking on the theme of Vocation: her own vocation journey and life as a mother, and discerning God's call for all of us in our own lives. For more info, search @rcdgyouth online.

**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](http://rcdg.org.uk).

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

**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](http://www.gallowaydiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy-and-gdpr)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:vocations@rcdg.org.uk) or 01563 521832.

#### **Gospel: Luke 19:28-40**

At that time:

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" you shall say this: "The Lord has need of it."' So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' And they said, 'The Lord has need of it.' And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!' And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.'

#### **PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING**

*Usually, the congregation is invited to play the role of the crowd in today's gospel. Looking at it now, which character(s) do you feel most drawn to? What about the scene makes you feel this way?*

*Have you ever been devastated by a good friend? Were you able to move forward through that hurt? Has that relationship ended?*

*If you were at the Last Supper, how do you think you would have reacted to the information that one of your friends was going to betray Jesus?*

*Have you ever "emptied yourself" for another person?*

**SCIAF** Brian McGee, Bishop President of SCIAF, has written to the Prime Minister criticising the recent UK aid cuts and urging the Government to reconsider. Bishop McGee has visited a range of SCIAF projects including ones in Zambia, Ethiopia and India. "I have seen first-hand the tremendous difference that ODA (Overseas Development Aid) makes across the world, and I know that cuts to ODA funding will hurt lives and livelihoods amongst the poorest."

**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/>

*A Humble and Peaceful King "Dear brothers and sisters, Jesus entered Jerusalem as a humble and peaceful king. Let us open our hearts to him. Only he can deliver us from enmity, hatred, violence, because he is mercy and the forgiveness of sins."*  
**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](http://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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