



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

13th July 2025

Fifteenth Sunday of 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 Funeral Mass (L) Annemarie Matthews
Tuesday	_____	10am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)
Wednesday	10am Eucharistic Service	10am Funeral Mass Mary McEwan	10am Mass (L)
Thursday	_____	10am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)
Friday	10am Mass (L)	_____	10am Mass (L)
Saturday	_____	4.30pm Mass (L)	5.30pm Mass (L)
Sunday	11.30am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)	10.30am Mass (L)

L = LIVESTREAMED

GOSPEL REFLECTION. Will return in August

EXPOSITION: St Mary's—Tuesday 9.30am-10am. St John's—Friday at 10.30am-11am.

RECONCILIATION: St Mary's Saturday 3.45pm—4.15pm. St John's Saturday 10.30am-11am.

Please remember the following deaths in your prayers

Mary McEwan RIP

Anna Gallagher (Snr) RIP

Robert Stirling RIP

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

Followed by burial in High Road Cemetery.

Anna's Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday 24th July at 10am in St Mary's.

Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery.

Robert's Funeral Service will take place on Monday 28th July at 11.30am in Holmsford Bridge Crematorium, Dreghorn

+May they rest in peace+

Pope Leo's Prayer Intentions for July. Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel. See the video at <https://thepopevideo.org/>

SEA SUNDAY. This weekend is Sea Sunday and a collection will be taken up for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea). Envelopes are available if you wish to Gift Aid your donation.

DIOCESAN SOCIAL MEDIA.

Stay up to date with all the latest news and events from across the Diocese, follow us: @rcdgalloway on Facebook, X, or Instagram, and check out our new website: www.rcdg.org.uk.

X/TWITTER ACCOUNT. The X/Twitter handle is @stmarysstjohns for those who wish to follow it.

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

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Anniversaries: Margaret McAteer, RoseAnn McAteer, David Stevenston, Alan Duncan, Michael Cowan, John Lynn, Peggy Clarke and Liz McGee (Burley)

Recently deceased: Anna Gallagher (Snr), Mary McEwan, Jo Curlewis, Ian McCall, Kathleen McCallum and Robert Stirling.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: *Sixteenth Sunday of Year C; Genesis 18:1-10; Psalm 14; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42*

TWIN PARISH. Message of thanks received for donation of £252 from the parish of St Sebastian, Joao Pessor, Brazil.

ST JOHN'S SUMMER FETE. Join us for our annual

Summer Fete in the grounds of St John's Church Hall on Sunday 7th September! We're looking for volunteers to help run the usual variety of stalls and assist with teas and coffees on the day. If you're able to lend a hand in any way, please speak to a member of the hall committee or Canon Martin - your support would be greatly appreciated. Donations needed- we are also seeking donations for the following: raffle prizes, tombola prizes, chocolate for the chocolate tombola, bottles for the bottle stall and home baking. If you can donate items, run a stall, help with refreshments, or assist in selling raffle tickets, please get in touch with: Lorna Walker - 07833 347035, Brenda Robertson - 07812 758415 or Michael Lafferty - 07813 650411 **Please Note:** We kindly ask not to receive donations of bric-a-brac, books, toys, clothes, DVDs, or videos. Thank you for your understanding. **Summer Fete - Lucky Boxes.** Are now available for purchase at the back of the church for £1 per box. Each A4 sheet contains 6 boxes, and we would be very grateful if you could support the hall committee by taking a few sheets to sell. Your help is much appreciated!

WHITHORN. The Annual Whithorn Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 31st August with Mass at the shore at 4pm. If anyone is interested in travelling there by bus please add your name to the sign up sheet in either church porch. Please note this year because of increased fuel prices there will be a charge of £8/person to offset costs.

NO TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS - FASLANE CHRISTIAN PEACE VIGIL: SATURDAY 2ND AUGUST, 10.30AM TO 12 NOON, HM NAVAL BASE CLYDE, SOUTH GATE. In the week of the 80th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki join Justice & Peace Scotland president Archbishop William Nolan; the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, Rt. Rev. Rosemary Frew; Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, Most Rev Mark Strange; and members of the Iona Community for an ecumenical service of prayer, reflection and hymns. All are welcome as we raise our voices for a world without nuclear weapons on the site where these affronts to humanity are housed. A free bus will be provided from Edinburgh and Glasgow. The Lothian Buses coach will arrive at Waterloo Place (beside Waverley Station) in Edinburgh at 7.30am and depart at 7.45am, then pick up in Gordon Street, Glasgow (at the front of Central Station), leaving here at 9.15am. For any queries contact: office@justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY - SUNDAY 27TH JULY 2025. To celebrate this day, the National Marriage, Family and Life Commission invites everyone to St. Francis Xavier's, Carfin for Mass at 3pm with Bishop John Keenan. Come along and enjoy this inter-generational event.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN - SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2025. As we are in the midst of the Jubilee Year the theme for this year's Pilgrimage will be Pilgrims of Hope. Holy Mass will be celebrated at the Shrine at 3pm, the main Celebrant and Preacher being the Most Reverend Leo Cushley, Archbishop of St Andrew's and Edinburgh, who is celebrating his 40th Anniversary as a Priest this year. Our new Pope, Leo XIV, recently announced that Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, will be canonised on this day in Rome, so it seems an ideal day for the Scottish Catholic Community to come together to joyfully celebrate our faith in communion with Pope Leo and the Universal Church.

ST MARY'S AND ST JOHN'S SUNDAY TEAS. 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 and St Mary's are now closed and will return later in the year. Thanks to all who provided this service.

PARISH HALLS. To book any of our halls please call the Parish Office on 463461 for St Mary's and Michael Lafferty on 07813650411 for St John's. Please note a 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.

MONEY SMART. Welfare Rights Advice—North Ayrshire Council 01294 310000 (Option 1) or email moneysmart@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

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.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

For all the sick in our parishes.

Special Intentions: 80th Birthday and for the sick

Those who have an anniversary: Margaret McAteer, RoseAnn McAteer, David Stevenston, Alan Duncan, Michael Cowan, John Lynn, Peggy Clarke, Liz McGee (Burnley), James McIvor and Peter Reilly.

Those who have died recently: Anna Gallagher (Snr), Mary McEwan, Jo Curlewis, Ian McCall, Kathleen McCallum, Robert Stirling, Joe Pellegrini, Carol Martin (Cumnock) and David Barr

Masses are celebrated also by Fr Benjamin, Fr Gerard McCabe (South Africa) plus Retired Priests and Missio Scotland (Pontifical Mission Societies).

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

YOUNG ADULTS (S5-30) BBQ. Regular or first timer? You're invited to join Young Adults from across the Diocese as we gather for our Summer Social – a BBQ in St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock, on Saturday 2nd August. The BBQ will follow the regular Vigil Mass at 6pm in the Church Garden. Free transport is available from Dumfries. There's no charge to take part, but please register by scanning the QR code on the poster or searching @rcdgyouth on social media so we know that you're coming.

GALLOWAY YOUTH (P6-S4) SUMMER GATHERING. Are you in P6-S4? Come and join us on Saturday 9th August from 11am– 4pm in St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock for our Summer Youth Gathering! (*free transport available from Saltcoats, Ayr, and Dumfries*) Join with young people from across the Diocese as we gather to celebrate the theme of Hope with games, activities, talks, Mass – and of course pizza and a BBQ – all led by our fantastic S3 Junior Leaders! The day is free for all, but please register in advance by scanning the QR code on the poster or searching for @rcdgyouth on social media.

YOUTH (P6-S4) PILGRIMAGE TO WHITHORN. As part of the annual National Pilgrimage to Whithorn the Youth Office will be running a Youth Pilgrimage. Join with young people from across the Diocese as we gather to learn more about the life and witness of St Ninian. In the morning we'll have games, activities, lunch (please bring a packed lunch) and a talk at the Isle of Whithorn, before walking to the beach for Mass with Bishop Frank. Free transport available, please register by scanning the QR code on the poster or searching for @rcdgyouth on social media.

FAITH. FOOTBALL. FUNDRAISING. Parishes are invited to enter a team in SCIAF's 5-a-side football tournament, 'The SCIAF Shield' on Saturday 30th August at Goals, Shawlands. It's a fun, faith-filled way to support SCIAF's work. Teams of up to 8 players (aged 16+) welcome. For more details or to sign up visit: sciaf.org.uk/events



GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

At that time:

Behold, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, 'Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? How do you read it?' And he answered 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.' But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance

a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' And Jesus said to him, 'You go, and do likewise.'

PROMPTS FOR FAITH SHARING

- Which character in today's gospel do you identify with the most? Is it the lawyer questioning Jesus? Is it the man of faith who walks by the man in need? Why do you feel drawn to this particular character?
- Who is a neighbour with whom you can spend more time being a Samaritan?
- Have you ever sidestepped an issue because it made you uncomfortable? Do you see yourself in those who passed by the beaten man?
- Who is your enemy?

Laudato Si. During the week Pope Leo celebrated the first Mass for the Care of Creation at the Laudato Si' Village in Castel Gandolfo, and urged Christians to embrace our mission to bring peace and reconciliation to our world and all creation. He lamented the many natural disasters that afflict people around the world, which are "often caused—at least in part—by human excess and our way of life." "We must also pray for the conversion of many people, both inside and outside the Church, who still do not recognize the urgency of caring for our common home," he said. **Vatican News.**

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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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.

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