



St John the Evangelist  
Stevenston

# 6th July 2025 Fourteenth 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 Mass (L)
Tuesday		10am Eucharistic Service	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	12 noon Wedding Service (L)	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 John's—Friday at 10.30am-11am.

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

**Not a Lone Missionary.**

The Gospel this Sunday (Lk 10:1-12, 17-20) speaks to us about this: the fact that Jesus is not a lone missionary, he does not want to fulfil his mission alone, but involves his disciples. And today we see that in addition to the twelve Apostles he calls another 72, and sends them to the villages, two by two, to proclaim that the Kingdom of God is close at hand. This is very beautiful! Jesus does not want to act alone, he came to bring the love of God into the world and he wants to spread it in the style of communion, in the style of brotherhood. That is why he immediately forms a community of disciples, which is a missionary community. He trains them straight away for the mission, to go forth. *Pope Francis.*

**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.

**DIOCESAN SOCIAL MEDIA.**

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

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

**Special Intentions:** 80th Birthday and for the sick

**Anniversaries:** James McIvor and Peter Reilly.

**Recently deceased:** Anna Gallagher (senior).

*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: Fifteenth Sunday of Year C; Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Psalm 69(68):14.30-31. 33-34. 36ab, 37. R. cf. 33; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37**

**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:** James McIvor, Joe McKeever, Ian Gargan and David, Margaret White and Peter Reilly.

**Those who have died recently:** Joe Pellegrini, Carol Martin (Cumnock), David Barr, Jamie O'Neill, John Raffermati, Robert Stirling (Glasgow), Michael Mullin, Margaret Todman and Anna Gallagher (senior).

**MARY'S MEALS.** Once again the team would like to thank everyone who gave us donations for Mary's Meals. Since the start of 2025 we have sent £830 to help feed over 2.6 million children in schools in 16 of the world's poorest countries. Your generosity is bringing good, joy & hope to these children, allowing them to make the most of their education & giving them the chance of a better future. A very special thank you to the children of P4 in St Anthony's School who gave us a donation of £139.

**ST MATTHEW'S COMMUNITY WARDROBE.** Will be open this coming Tuesday (8th) between 10am-2pm. New and pre-loved school uniform will be available. No appointment necessary. Any donations of pre-loved uniform and school ties will be gratefully received at the school before the end of term. Please contact Louise Stevenson on 01294 606680 for more information.

**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.

**STELLA MARIS.** We are still looking for one volunteer from St John's parish to help with Sea Sunday (which falls on 12/13 July this year). This is the day when the Church comes together to pray for seafarers, fishers and their families. The volunteer will read out the appeal (which Stella Maris will provide) at the end of Masses that weekend. If you can kindly do this, please contact roland.hayes@stellamarisemail.org or call 07887 893 763.

**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 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.

**SPRED THANK YOU.** A special thank you to Canon Martin Poland and the parishioners of St. John's, Stevenston for a warm welcome at the 11.30am Mass on Sunday, 22 June. *Hugh McGuire, Coordinator, SPRED Galloway.*

**GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION**

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**YOUNG ADULTS (S5-30) EVENING.** Aged 18-30? Join us in St Joseph's, Kilmarnock (KA3 1HB) for our next evening on Sunday, 6th July, starting with Mass at 6pm. The IHM sisters from Kilmarnock will then be speaking on prayer: forms of prayer and why we pray. For more info, search @rcdgyouth online.

**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.

**GOOD WISHES.** Go to Htet Htet Ei Khin and Konan Whyton who are to be married in St. John's next Saturday.

**SAFE TRAVEL.** To all who are travelling to Lourdes with the Diocesan Pilgrimage.

**300 CLUB WINNERS.** L. Gallagher £30; L Higgins £20.

**SEA SUNDAY.** Next Sunday is Sea Sunday and a collection will be taken up for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea).

**PARISH OFFICE.** Will be closed from Tuesday 1st until Monday 7th July.

**FAITH. FOOTBALL. FUNDRAISING.** Parishes are invited to enter a team in SCIAF's 5-a-side football tournament, 'The SCIAF Shield' on Saturday 30 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](http://sciaf.org.uk/events)

### **GOSPEL Luke 10:1-12, 17-20**

At that time: The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no money bag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road.



Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace be to this house!" And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the labourer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick in it and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you.

Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near." I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.'

The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!' And he said to them, 'I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'

### **PROMPTS FOR FAITH SHARING**

*Who are your partners in your daily work or career? Who are your partners in your faith?*

*Jesus tells his disciples, "Carry no money bag, knapsack, no sandals. Greet no one on the road." How does this direction make you feel? Could you pick up and go out into the world without any luggage? This would make most people uncomfortable. Why do you think Jesus asks it?*

*In our reading from Isaiah, we see a vivid and tender image of the Lord. What imagery do you use to understand the Lord's care for you? How does the image of a nursing mother feel. Do you feel that the Lord does indeed care for you this way, or is this explicitly maternal image somewhat new?*

**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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