



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

10th August 2025 Nineteenth 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 |
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| Monday | | 10am Funeral Mass Elizabeth Sinclair (Grant) | 10am Mass (L) |
| Tuesday | | 10am Mass (L) | 10am Memorial Service (L) Stevie McEwan |
| Wednesday | 10am Mass (L) | | 10am Mass (L) |
| Thursday | 7pm Vigil Mass | 10am Mass (L) | 10am Funeral Mass (L) Patricia Williams |
| Friday | 11am Mass (L) | 9.30am Mass 7pm Mass | 10am Mass (L) 7pm Mass |
| Saturday | | 11.30am Memorial Service (L) Rose Marie Harvey Vigil Mass 4.30pm (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. No exposition in St. John's this week.
RECONCILIATION: St Mary's Saturday 3.45pm—4.15pm. No confessions in St. John's this week.

Please remember in your prayers:
Elizabeth Sinclair (Grant)
Elizabeth's Funeral Mass this Monday 11th August at 10am in St Mary's.
Followed by burial in Hawkhill Cemetery.
+ May she rest in peace +

A Memorial Service will take place on Saturday 16th August at 11.30am in St. Mary's for Rose Marie Harvey who died in the USA.

Pope Leo's Prayer Intentions for August - For mutual coexistence.
Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic; political; religious or ideological reasons. See <https://thepopevideo.org/>

X ACCOUNT. The X account is @stmarysstjohns for those who wish to follow it.

Pope Leo on 6th August the anniversary of the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima. "Today marks the eightieth anniversary of the atomic bombing of the Japanese city of Hiroshima, and in two days' time we will remember that of Nagasaki. I wish to assure my prayers to all those who have suffered its physical, psychological and social effects. Despite the passing of the years, those tragic events constitute a universal warning against the devastation caused by wars and, in particular, by nuclear weapons. I hope that in the contemporary world, marked by strong tensions and bloody conflicts, the illusory security based on the threat of mutual destruction may give way to the tools of justice, to the practice of dialogue, and to trust in fraternity."

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Special Intentions: Athur Smyth RIP - Birthday Intention.

Anniversaries: Isabel Platts; The Conti Family; Alec McCann; Joe Murray; Elizabeth Crawley; Thomas Girvan; Catherine O'Rourke; Veronica Farrell; Edward Pllu; Jim Moran; John Collins; Isabel Houton; Kathleen Higgins; Brian Fleming; Willie Burns.

Recently deceased: Angelo Vergemezis (Australia); Pat McGlone (Irvine); Sandra Murphy; Monica Dillon; Elizabeth Sinclair; Michael Mullin; Kathleen McCallum; Sam McGrady; Christopher Adams.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Twentieth Sunday of Year C; Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Psalm 40(39):2, 3, 4. 18.R.14b; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

For all the sick in our parishes.

Special Intentions: Arthur Smyth RIP - Birthday Intention.

Those who have an anniversary: Isabel Platts; The Conti Family; Alec McCann; Joe Murray; Matthew Brady, Sr Anne of Jesus (Rose Brady); John McGarvey; Martin Maughan (7 months mind); Sandra Convery; Rita McCann (Ferguson); Jimmy McCann; George & Ali Burnett; Annie Cavani; Elizabeth Crawley; Thomas Girvan; Catherine O'Rourke; Veronica Farrell; Edward Pllu; Jim Monan; John Collins; Isabel Houston; Kathleen Higgins; Brian Fleming; Willie Burns.

Those who have died recently: Angelo Vergemezis (Australia); Pat McGlone (Irvine); Sandra Murphy; Monica Dillon; Jim O'Hare; Roberta Williamson; Elizabeth Sinclair; Mary McEwan; Joe Curlewis; Ian McCall, Kathleen McCallum; Robert Stirling; Michael Mullin; Sam McGrady; Christopher Adams.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: Friday is the Feast of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary and a Holyday of Obligation.

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, tomobola 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 per person to offset costs.

PILGRIMAGE WALK OF HOPE FOR MARY'S MEALS: Mary's Meals warmly invites you to join their Pilgrimage Walk of Hope on Saturday 30th August from 10.30am to 3.45pm at Craig Lodge House of Prayer, Dalmally, Argyll. In this Jubilee Year, as we are called to be Pilgrims of Hope, walk alongside members of the Mary's Meals team and supporters from across the country. The day will include times of reflection, inspiring stories of hope, Holy Mass, and a visit to The Shed where Mary's Meals began. Find out more and book your place at: <https://MMWalkOfHope.eventbrite.co.uk>

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.

JUBILEE EVENT: The parishes of North Ayrshire (St Mary's Deanery) will be joined by people from across the Diocese for our event marking 2025 as a Jubilee under the theme "Pilgrims of Hope". On Sunday 14th September - the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross - we will walk from St John's Church Stevenston to St Peter's Church Ardrossan on a Pilgrims of Hope walk and then have a picnic for individuals, groups & families on the grass directly in front of St Peter's (near the HMS Dasher memorial). Those unable to walk the whole distance can chose to walk from St Mary's Saltcoats, or even just meet the 'Pilgrims' at St Peter's. After the picnic we will gather in St Peter's Church for a short service and celebration. Should the weather prove too poor to picnic outside we will 'picnic' in St Peter's Church Hall instead. Please keep the date and start making your plans for the day. Timings are 2.30pm at St John's, 3.15pm at St Mary's with the closing liturgy starting at 5pm in St Peter's Church. All very welcome, please bring your own picnic and come equipped for the weather on the day.

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. St John's SVDP are collected 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 07813650411 for St John's. Please note a booking form has to be completed to confirm your booking.

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.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

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PARISH OFFICE. Is closed at the moment due to illness. Messages can be left on the phones of either Parish House.

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.

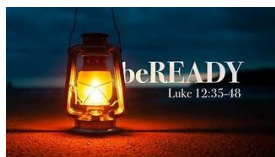
R.C.I.A. Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or joining the Church should contact the parish office or Canon Martin and register for the programme.

But what is God's love? It is not something vague, some generic feeling. God's love has a name and a face: Jesus Christ, Jesus. Love for God is made manifest in Jesus. For we cannot love air... Do we love air? Do we love all things? No, no we cannot, we love people and the person we love is Jesus, the gift of the Father among us. It is a love that gives value and beauty to everything else; a love that gives strength to the family, to work, to study, to friendship, to art, to all human activity. **Pope Francis. The full Homily** <https://www.popefrancishomilies.com/gods-love>

GALLOWAY YOUNG ADULTS: On Saturday over 20 Young Adults (S5-30) from across our Diocese met for their Summer BBQ. Everyone had a great evening and looks forward to our monthly evenings resuming on Sunday 14th September, as well as lots more socials to come as well. Are you in S5-30? Why not come and join us! Follow @rcdgyouth on social media, or email youth@rcdg.org.uk for more information.

GALLOWAY DIOCESAN CHOIR: The Diocesan Choir is looking to recruit new members who enjoy singing as part of a group and are committed to the enhancement of the liturgy through music. This four-part choir has been in existence in its present form for 25 years. They lead the music at diocesan events at least twice a year, and the rehearsal period runs from September to March (with a break in December/January). Rehearsals take place in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr on Wednesday evenings from 7.15 pm until about 8.45 pm. The first rehearsal of the new season is on Wednesday 3rd September at 7.15 pm. If you are interested in joining them or would like more information please contact: David Robinson at david.robinson.mj@gmail.com or on 07714 340854.

GOSPEL Luke 12:32-48



At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with money bags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be

broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for all?' And the Lord said, 'Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. But if that servant says to himself, "My master is delayed in coming", and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of the servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces and put him with the unfaithful.

Prompts for Faith Sharing:

- *Think about your long term goals and how you are preparing for them. Are you more excited for retirement or salvation?*
- *Jesus refers to his disciples as "little flock". Is there a term of endearment you use with children, or you remember your parents or grandparents use for you? How does using a diminutive form invite tenderness?*
- *What is your treasure? Where do you keep 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

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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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