



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

3rd August 2025

Eighteenth Sunday of Year C

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and Sr Ursula and Sr Anna

Canon Matt McManus (Retired)



Our Lady Star of the Sea
Saltcoats

Day	St John's	St Mary's	St Peter's
Monday	—————	—————	10am Mass (L)
Tuesday	—————	10am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)
Wednesday	10am Mass (L)	—————	10am Mass (L)
Thursday	10am Funeral Mass Sandra Murphy	10am Eucharistic Service	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 late in the month

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

Sandra Murphy RIP

Elizabeth Sinclair RIP

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

Followed by burial in High Road Cemetery.

Elizabeth's Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Monday 11th August at 10am in St Mary's.

Followed by burial in Hawkhill Cemetery.

+May they rest in peace+

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS. April—June: St Mary's: **£16,594.05**—Envelopes £4,821.12; Cash £4,643.53 and Standing Orders £7,129.40. St John's: **£9,991.00**—Envelopes £4,299.00; Cash £1,172.84; Standing Orders £2,726.00 and Building Fund £1,793.16.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: Peter's Pence: St John's £314.20 and St Mary's £685.44. **Stella Maris:** St John's £281.18 and St Mary's £721.12.

CONTACTLESS PAYMENTS. Received so far: St John's £961.00 and St Mary's £190.00

Pope Leo 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/>

SPECIAL COLLECTION. For Day for Life will take place at all masses this weekend.

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

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Special Intention

Birthday Intentions: Celia McCann (RIP)

Anniversaries: Isabel Platts, The Conti Family, Alec McCann and Joe Murray.

Recently deceased: Angelo Vergemezis (Australia), Pat McGlone (Irvine), Sandra Murphy, Monica Dillon, Elizabeth Sinclair and Michael Mullin.

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: Nineteenth Sunday of Year C; Wisdom 18:6-9; Psalm 32; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

For all the sick in our parishes.

Special Intention

Birthday Intentions: Celia McCann (RIP) and Canon Martin

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 and Annie Cavani

Those who have died recently: Angelo Vergemezis (Australia), Pat McGlone (Irvine), Sandra Murphy, Monica Dillon, Jim O'Hare, Roberta Williamson, Elizabeth Sinclair, Mary McEwan, Jo Curlewis, Ian McCall, Kathleen McCallum and Robert Stirling.

300 CLUB. Congratulations to the winners of the July draw. No 42—A. Russell £30 and No 116—J. Poland £20.

ST WININ'S PARISH—KILWINNING. Are having a Farewell Evening for Fr Gerry on Friday 29th August from 7pm. If you would like to attend please notify Mary Scott on 07809139856.

MASS FOR PEACE—SEEKING THE INTERCESSION OF OUR LADY OF PALESTINE. Will be celebrated by Bishop Frank this coming Thursday (7th) at 7pm in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr. Followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Hall. All welcome.

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.

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>



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 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 choose 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 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 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

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

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.

GALLOWAY YOUTH (P6-S4) SUMMER GATHERING. Are you in P6-S4? Come and join us next Saturday (9th) 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.

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.

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.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21



At that time:

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.’ But he said to him, ‘Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?’ And he said to them, ‘Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of one’s possessions.’ And he told them a parable saying, ‘The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, “What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?” And he said, “I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’” But God said to him, “Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So is the one who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich towards God.’

PROMPTS FOR FAITH SHARING

- *What does “wealth” mean to you? Who do you consider a “wealthy” person?*
- *What is something that faded away before you realised its value? How would you approach that situation differently today?*
- *If the Lord called you home tonight, would you be pleased with how you have or have not prioritised worldly wealth? Why or why not?*
- *What does it mean to “labour in wisdom”?*

*Today, Jesus teaches us that at the heart of all this are not only some who are powerful, or certain economic systems. The covetousness that is in everyone’s heart is at the centre. And so, let us try to ask ourselves: Where am I at with my detachment from possessions, from wealth? Do I complain about what I lack, or do I know how to be content with what I have? In the name of money or opportunity, am I tempted to sacrifice relationships and sacrifice time with others? **Pope Francis** www.popefrancishomilies.com/luke-chapter-11-14*

Jubilee of Youth. Pope Leo XIV made a surprise appearance in St. Peter’s Square on Tuesday evening to greet the thousands of participants at the welcoming Mass for the Jubilee of Youth. In English, the pope recalled Jesus’ words: “You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world”. “And today, your voices, your enthusiasm, your cries; are all for Jesus Christ, and you will be heard until the ends of the earth,” he proceeded, switching to Spanish. Catholic News Agency www.catholicnewsagency.com/

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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