



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

23rd November 2025

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year C

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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) 6pm Prayers of Reception Alice Burns	10am Mass (L)
Wednesday	10am Eucharistic Service	10am Funeral Mass (L) Alice Burns 7pm Mass for the Deceased (L)	10am Mass (L)
Thursday	—————	10am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)
Friday	10am Mass (L)	—————	10am Funeral Mass (L) John Cahill
Saturday	—————	4.30pm Mass (L)	5.30pm Mass (L)
Sunday	11.30am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)	10.30am Mass (L)

L = LIVESTREAMED

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

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: Tuesday at 2pm.

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

PARISH MASS FOR THE DECEASED.

St Mary's on Wednesday. Hospitality will be available in the parish hall after Mass.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES. Monday 15th December at 7pm in St Peter's, Ardrossan; Tuesday 16th December at 2pm in St Mary's, Saltcoats and Thursday 18th December at 7pm in St John's, Stevenston

SCIAF—REAL GIFT OF WATER FOR A VILLAGE. Once again we are taking donations to help raise funds for Water for a Village. Each village will cost £1,200

WELCOME. To the Wayside Club today for their annual Christmas party.

Please remember the following in your prayers

Alice Burns RIP

Prayers of Reception will take place on Tuesday at 6pm in St Mary's. Funeral Mass on Wednesday at 10am.

Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery

+*May she rest in peace*+

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Special Intentions

Anniversaries: Hugh McAllister, Cathie Pllu, Anne McCauley, John Maxwell, Kathleen Poland, Hannah Kirk, Mary Hamilton, Elizabeth Aitken and Ken Trayner (Edinburgh).

Recently deceased: Michael (Mickey) McCafferty (Wishaw), Alice Burns, Fr John Kinsler, Jean Burns and Anne Ivison.

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: *First Sunday of Advent Year A; Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm:122:1-9; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44*

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

Special Intentions

For all the sick in our parishes.

Those who have an anniversary: Hugh McAllister, Cathie Pllu, Anne McCauley, John Maxwell, Kathleen Poland, Hannah Kirk, Mary Hamilton, Elizabeth Aitken, Ken Trayner (Edinburgh), Settimo Cavani, Albert White, Billy Cassidy, Jack Gartland and Larry Burke.

Those who have died recently: Michael (Mickey) McCafferty (Wishaw), Fr John Kinsler, Jean Burns, Anne Ivison, Alice Burns, Margaret Brennan, Rev Robert Simpson (Retired Deacon), Margaret Hicks, Ann Currivan and Betty Withers (Irvine).

ADESTE FIDELES. Advent Sunday, 30th November, St Mary's Church Hall, 6pm to 7pm, Children's choirs, Christmas cards, mince pies, Caritas Students presentation on special gifts for Christmas. All Welcome. A great way to start your Advent preparation for Christmas.

ST JOHN'S WEEKLY COLLECTION ENVELOPES. Are being prepared—if you would like a set please let us know.

EDUCATION MASS. Will take place on Wednesday at 6.30pm in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr. Bishop Frank invites all those involved in education in the Diocese to join him for mass in the cathedral, acknowledging your vocation within the life of our church.

ST ANTHONY'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE. Takes place this coming Friday at 3pm in the school.

CARITAS CHRISTMAS QUIZ. St Matthew's 6th Year Caritas group are organising a quiz to raise funds for Action Aid on Sunday 7th December in St John's hall from 3pm-5.30pm. Cost £4 per adult £2.50 per child inc. tea, coffee and cake. Tickets available from Mr Harrison at St Matthew's Academy, or you can pay on the night at the door.

H.C.P.T. LOURDES GROUP 376. Christmas Festive Afternoon Sunday 7th December 2pm St Peter-in-Chains featuring Theresa Morrison and Paul Hume. Tickets available from Esther Coulter 07772433070.

CHANA (CHURCHES HOMELESS ACTION NORTH AYRSHIRE). Is again teaming up with the Night Before Christmas Charity (NB4CC) to provide a Christmas present for those who are homeless & being supported by North Ayrshire. Last year 168 gifts were provided, including gifts for boys & girls of all ages as well as particularly vulnerable or isolated adults who otherwise might not have received a present at Christmas. If you can help, please put a cash donation in an envelope marked NB4CC & put it in the usual collection bag or donate online at <https://www.nightbeforechristmas.co.uk/>

HELP!!!! TESCO FOODBANK COLLECTION. Thursday 27th till Saturday 29th November 10am till 4pm. Can you do a 2 hour shift? Please phone Danny on 0797 954 2319. Thank you.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS. Lists are still available for our deceased relatives and friends during the month of November.

ST MARY'S AND ST JOHN'S SUNDAY TEAS. Takes place after Sunday Masses.

SOUP AND CHAT. St John's every Monday at 11.30am-1.30pm and St Mary's every Wednesday 11.30am-1.30pm.

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.

YOUTH (P6-S4) EVENINGS. The next monthly Cluster Youth Evening for young people in P6-S4 takes place in St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan on Sunday 21st December. The next evening will reflect on 'Advent & Christmas: Preparing to welcome Christ'. The evening runs from 5.00 – 7.00 pm, beginning with Mass at 5.00 pm. See you there!

SUPPORTING YOUTH MINISTRY. Check out the Youth Office's new online store – youth.rcdg.org.uk/shop.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – ST JOHN'S HALL COMMITTEE EVENTS.

Christmas Craft Fayre – Sunday 30th November, 12:30pm. Join us in the church hall for our annual Christmas Craft Fayre. Tables available for crafters at £15 each. *Please note:* The hall committee is not responsible for items sold by stallholders. To book a table or for more details, please contact: Brenda – 07812758415, Lorna – 07833347035, Michael – 07813650411

New Year's Eve Ceilidh – Wednesday 31st December, 7:30pm–12:30am. Our Annual Ceilidh will be held in the church hall to raise funds for the Ukraine Appeal. Tickets: £15 each includes tea and coffee – (Please bring your own snacks) For tickets or more info, contact: Michael – 07813650411

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

THE PARABLES OF JESUS (YOUNG ADULTS (S5-30) EVENING). Join young adults (S5-30) from across the Diocese in St Joseph's, Kilmarnock Sunday 7th December for their monthly Young Adults Evening. For their next evening, they'll be joined by Fr Mark Kelly as he speaks on 'The Parables of Jesus: Understanding Christ's teaching in the Gospels'. The evening begins with Mass at 5.45 pm with the talk beginning at 6.30 pm.

200 CLUB. Are you passionate about supporting youth and young adults ministry in Galloway? The Youth Office runs events across the Diocese to help young people grow in faith and friendship to come to know and love God through like minded groups. For £5 a month you can help support their work and win cash prizes. For details, and to register, go to: youth.rcdg.org.uk/200-club

Dignity Not Detention- St Andrew's Day Solidarity Gathering. On Sunday 30th November, St Andrew's Day, Justice & Peace Scotland invites you to join our Dignity Not Detention solidarity gathering outside Dungavel Immigration Removal Centre at 1pm. In a climate of increasing hostility around immigration, this small act of witness is a way to offer a counter message of fraternity and compassion and emphasise the dignity of every human person made in the image and likeness of God.

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.

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 23:35-43

At that time:

The rulers scoffed at Jesus, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there railed at Jesus, saying, 'Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.' And he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' And he said to him, 'Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.'

PROMPTS FOR FAITH SHARING

Do you feel you have more tendency to model the criminal questioning the power of Jesus, or the one asking to be remembered? Why?

Do you go 'rejoicing' to church, or is it more of a task? How can you better orient your heart so that your work is more of a joy and less of an obligation.

Pope Leo's Prayer Intentions for November. The Pope dedicates his prayer intention for the month of November to "those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts," that they "might find support" in their community and "might be open to the beauty of life." <https://thepopevideo.org/november-for-the-prevention-of-suicide/>

THE HAYOCKS—ITS HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT—A Book by Alex McLatchie. Is available at Stevenston library—cost £12 and includes sections on St John's Church and St John's Primary School.

Dear brothers and sisters, today we proclaim this singular victory, by which Jesus became the King of every age, the Lord of history: with the sole power of love, which is the nature of God, his very life, and which has no end (cf. 1 Cor 13:8). We joyfully share the splendour of having Jesus as our King: his rule of love transforms sin into grace, death into resurrection, fear into trust. **Pope Francis.**

Pope Leo visited St Francis' tomb in Assisi on Thursday. "It is a blessing to be able to come here today to this sacred place. As we approach the 800th anniversary of St. Francis's death, we have the opportunity to prepare to celebrate this great, humble, and poor saint at a time when the world is searching for signs of hope." **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 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 Parish: Father Duncan McVicar, St Peter's, Ardrossan 464063.

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.

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS - MISSION STATEMENT

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.

Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser: Mr Tony Fisher 01292 266750



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