



St John the Evangelist  
Stevenston

# 9th November 2025 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica 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		9.30am Mass in St Anthony's PS	10am Mass (L)
Tuesday	_____	10am Mass (L)	10am Funeral Mass (L) <b>Archie Blades</b>
Wednesday	10am Mass (L)	_____	10am Mass (L)
Thursday	_____	10am Eucharistic Service 6pm Prayers of Reception for <b>Margaret Hicks</b>	10am Eucharistic Service
Friday	10am Eucharistic Service	10am Funeral Mass <b>Margaret Hicks</b>	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**

**EXPOSITION:** St Mary's-Tuesday 9.30am-10am. **GOSPEL REFLECTION:** Wednesday at 12 Noon.  
**RECONCILIATION:** St. John's—Saturday 10.30am-11am. St. Mary's— Saturday 3.45pm-4.15pm.

**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

**MASS FOR COP30 CLIMATE SUMMIT – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 1pm.** Hosted by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland's Care of Creation Office and supported by Justice & Peace Scotland, SCIAF, and SCES this Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Nolan in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Glasgow, to pray for the success of the COP30 climate summit in Brazil. After Mass, join us for refreshments at 2pm in Eyre Hall and a live video update from SCIAF's Ben Wilson, reporting from COP30. All are welcome.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY.** Service at the War Memorial in Saltcoats at 11am. Service at the War Memorial in Stevenston at 1.30pm. I am always grateful to those who represent both parishes on these occasions.

**PARISH MASS FOR THE DECEASED.** St John's on Monday 17th November at 7pm. St Mary's on Wednesday 26th November at 7pm. Hospitality will be available in both parish halls after Mass.

*Please remember the following in your prayers*

**Margaret Hicks RIP**

**Jean Burns RIP**

**Margaret Brennan RIP**

Margaret Hicks' Prayers of Reception will take place on Thursday at 6pm in St Mary's. Funeral Mass on Friday at 10am. Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery.

Jean's Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Monday 17th at 10am in St Mary's.

Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery

Margaret Brennan's Prayers of Reception will take place on Thursday 20th at 6pm in St Mary's. Funeral Mass on Friday 21st at 10am.

Followed by burial in Hawkhill Cemetery

*+May they rest in peace+*

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

**Anniversaries:** Bronislaw Family, Cathie Dorrian, Cyril Martin Dorrian, Jos & Sadie Brayford, Theresa Loudon, Alex Tulloch (1st), Amadeo Badialli and Sharon Lafferty.

**Recently deceased:** Margaret Brennan, Margaret Hicks, Jean Burns and Rev Robert Simpson (Retired Deacon).

*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: *Thirty Third Sunday—Year C; Malachi 4:1-2a; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19***

**THE ANNUAL CEMETERY MASS.** Will take place in Ardrossan Cemetery on Sunday 16th November at 2pm

**SPECIAL COLLECTION.** For Catholic Education will take place at all masses next weekend.

**EDUCATION MASS.** Will take place on Wednesday 26th November 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.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB.** Will take place in St Mary's Church hall this coming Thursday.

**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.

**ST AUGUSTINE—TALK BY GEORGE GALLAGHER.** Will take place next Sunday at 3pm in St Mary's Parish Hall.

**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/>

**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.

**ST MATTHEW'S ACADEMY.** Have decided that they will not be walking Goatfell, but they will walk 15km from Ardrossan to Largs instead (Will still be on the 16th of November). The GoFundMe is still up and we are still taking donations.

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/st-matthews-caritas-climb?fbclid=PAT01DUANoL8ZleHRuA2FlbQIxMAABp\\_YH7y1FagOtxa1NnBYeQa1zELJVWuuVBRAubmCMbWJTM4A08R\\_zicgf\\_x\\_3R\\_aem\\_AI6Rm2lm0n6Hf0FlyLNR0Q](https://www.gofundme.com/f/st-matthews-caritas-climb?fbclid=PAT01DUANoL8ZleHRuA2FlbQIxMAABp_YH7y1FagOtxa1NnBYeQa1zELJVWuuVBRAubmCMbWJTM4A08R_zicgf_x_3R_aem_AI6Rm2lm0n6Hf0FlyLNR0Q)

**THE BIG QUIZ NIGHT.** Stevenston Parish Church on Friday at 7pm. Free Entry. Donations to Tearfund. All welcome.

**#REDWEDNESDAY.** On #RedWednesday, 19th November, our Scottish cathedrals will join Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) in celebrating Mass to remember Christians across the world who suffer for their faith. 80% of all religious persecution in the world is directed against Christians, and our brothers and sisters in Christ desperately need our prayers and support. Will you help us 'break the silence on Christian persecution'? Mass will be said in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr at 7pm. For more details, contact [scotland@acnuk.org](mailto:scotland@acnuk.org) or call the office at 01698 337 470.

**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.

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

**Wayside Club Visit** – Sunday 23rd November. We would be very grateful for donations of toiletries, raffle prizes, hats, scarves or gloves in support of this visit.

**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](http://www.gallowaydiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy-and-gdpr)

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:**

**For all the sick in our parishes.**

**Special Intention:** Thanksgiving

**Those who have an anniversary:** Bronislaw Family, Cathie Dorrian, Cyril Martin Dorrian, Jos & Sadie Brayford, Theresa Loudon, Alex Tulloch (1st), Amadeo Badialli, Sharon Lafferty, Kathleen Runcie, Margaret Martin, Sandra Cassidy (2nd), Mary Timmons, David Owen Murphy, Luigi & Marietta Tortolano, Laura Dickie (1st), William & Jeanie Smyth and Catherine "Cassie" McMullen

**Those who have died recently:** Margaret Brennan, Rev Robert Simpson (Retired Deacon), Margaret Hicks, Jim Hume, Ann Currivan, Betty Withers (Irvine), Jean Burns, Pat Docherty (Cambuslang), Caroline Walker, Ian Robertson, Daniel Hunter and Anthony Glackin (Glasgow).

**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's, Ardrossan next Sunday (16th). The next evening will reflect on 'The Saints: Who are they and why do they matter?'. Young people are invited to come dressed up as their favourite saint with a prize for the best costume. The evening runs from 5– 7pm, beginning with Mass at 5pm. See you there!

**SUPPORTING YOUTH MINISTRY.** Check out the Youth Office's new online store – [youth.rcdg.org.uk/shop](http://youth.rcdg.org.uk/shop) – for a range of fantastic products including their 2026 Calendar featuring photos from events throughout the year. By buying these products you'll receive a great product while also supporting youth ministry in Galloway.

**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](http://youth.rcdg.org.uk/200-club)

**MONEY SMART.** Welfare Rights Advice—North Ayrshire Council 01294 310000 (Option 1) or email [moneysmart@north-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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: John 2:13-22**

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the Temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the Temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, 'Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' So the Jews said to him, 'What sign do you show us for doing these things?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

### **SUMMARY**

- *The Lateran Basilica is the Pope's cathedral church in Rome and Mother Church of all the churches in the world*
- *Today, Remembrance Sunday, we pray to and for people who might be uncanonised saints, whose good works are known only to God and to those for whom they literally laid down their lives.*
- *On Remembrance Sunday it's worth remembering that people's faith in a loving God has helped them to survive war and destruction.*

**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.*

*On Thursday morning Pope Leo met with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, and discussed the "urgent need" for an end to the conflict in Gaza and for the entry of humanitarian aid. The day before his meeting with Pope Leo, President Abbas had visited the Basilica of St Mary Major to pay his respects at Pope Francis' tomb. **Vatican News***

*Today the liturgy commemorates the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, which is the Cathedral of Rome and which tradition defines as "mother of all Churches of the city and of the world". The term "mother", refers not as much to the sacred building of the Basilica, as to the work of the Holy Spirit who is made manifest in this building, bearing fruit through the ministry of the Bishop of Rome, and in all communities which abide in unity with the Church over which he presides. **Pope Francis***

**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](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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