



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

3rd May 2026 Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A

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| Day | St John's | St Mary's | St Peter's |
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| Monday | 10am Funeral Mass (L) Pat McNamara | ————— | 10am Mass (L) |
| Tuesday | 10am Funeral Mass Donna Davidson | 10am Eucharistic Service 6pm Prayers of Reception Thomas Forde | 10am Funeral Mass (L) Mae Cavani |
| Wednesday | 10am Eucharistic Service | 10am Funeral Mass Thomas Forde | 10am Mass (L) |
| Thursday | ————— | 10am Eucharistic Service | 10am Mass (L) |
| Friday | 10am Mass (L) | ————— | 10am Mass (L) |
| Saturday | 11am First Eucharist Mass (L) | 4.30pm Mass (L) | 5.30pm Mass (L) |
| Sunday | 11.30am Mass (L) | 10am Mass (L) | 10.30am Mass (L) |

L = LIVESTREAMED

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: Tuesday at 2pm.

EXPOSITION: St Mary's—Tuesday 9.30am-10am. St John's—Friday 10.30am-11am.
RECONCILIATION: St. Mary's— Saturday 3.45pm-4.15pm.
ROSARY: Every Tuesday during May at 7pm in St John's.

Please remember the following in your prayers

Pat McNamara RIP

Donna Davidson RIP

Thomas Forde RIP

Leo Herbert Walker RIP

Pat's Prayers of Reception will take place tonight (Sunday) at 6pm in St John's. Funeral Mass tomorrow (Monday) at 10am.
Followed cremation at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium.

Donna's Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday at 10am in St John's.
Followed by burial in High Road Cemetery.

Thomas' Prayers of Reception will take place on Tuesday at 6pm in St Mary's. Funeral Mass on Wednesday at 10am.
Followed by burial in High Road Cemetery.

Leo's Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Monday 18th May at 10am in St John's.
Followed by burial in High Road Cemetery

+May they rest in peace+

FOOD TASTING SESSION. Will be held in St Mary's Church hall today at 1pm.

CHURCH STUDENTS—SPECIAL COLLECTION. Will take place at all masses next weekend. Envelopes are available for those who wish to Gift Aid their donation.

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Special Intentions: 30th Wedding Anniversary

Anniversaries: James Timmons, Anne White, John Ross, Michael McCann and James Fergus Dorrian

Recently deceased: Canon Pat McSorley, Kevin Rowswell, Leo Herbert Walker, Betty Loye, Pat McNamara, Donna Davidson, Thomas Forde, Liam McBirnie and Bill Thomson (Troon).

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: Sixth Sunday of Easter
Year A: Acts 8:5-8,14-17; Psalm 66; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

For all the sick in our parishes

Special Intentions: 30th and Diamond Wedding Anniversaries and for the sick.

Those who have an anniversary: James Timmons, Anne White, John Ross, Michael McCann, James Fergus Dorrian, Jean Monan, Joseph & Jessie Stevens, Joe McIver, Arthur Collins and Agnes Lennon (4th).

Those who have died recently: Canon Pat McSorley, Kevin Rowswell, Leo Herbert Walker, Liam McBirnie, Bill Thomson (Troon), John Chalmers (USA), Liam McBirnie, Grace McGahon, Tom Cassidy (Switzerland), Denise Reilly, Margaret Cannon (Irvine), Ann Stuart (Nairn), Pat McNamara, Donna Davidson, Sr Dominic Savio C.P. (Lytham St Anne's), Betty Loye, Cathy McGinn, Kathleen McGarva (Greenock) and Paul Carmichael.

FIRST EUCHARIST. Will be celebrated in St John's next Saturday (9th) at 11am and in St Mary's on Saturday 16th May at 11.30am and 1pm.

MAY MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. Will take place at the Vigil of Pentecost on Saturday 23rd May at 6pm in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr. All welcome.

SYNODALITY DAY— 16th MAY— ST MARGARET'S CATHEDRAL. Starts at 12 Noon with soup and sandwiches and concludes with the Vigil Mass at 6pm. Bishop McGee will lead workshops on Conversations in the Spirit. Each parish is asked to send 2 representatives to take part. The question at the heart of the day is how the Holy Spirit wants us to proclaim the Passion, death and resurrection of Christ in 2023. Volunteers please contact Canon Martin.

JOHN MAGOWAN RIP. A legacy of £1,000 to St John's has been received from the Estate of the late John Magowan. Thank you.

CARFIN. A statue of St Ninian, Patron of our Diocese, will be unveiled at Carfin on Sunday 21st June. If anybody would like to travel by bus please add your name to the list in the porches.

THANKSGIVING MASS AT CARFIN. Will take place Sunday 24th May 2026 at 3pm. Our Lady of Compassion Praesidium have organised a bus leaving Irvine Cross at 11.45am, Dalry Road Kilwinning at 12 Noon and St Brigid's Kilbirnie at 12.15pm. To book a seat please contact Gerry Quirk on 556680 or 07795 632889.

YOUNG ADULTS' (S5-30) EVENING. The next evening takes place tonight (Sunday) when Fr Philip Kitchen will be joining the group for the second in our series of evenings on "The History of the Church" as he speaks on the Middle Ages. Join Young Adults from across the Diocese at St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock, beginning with Mass at 6pm, or join from 6.30pm in person or online for the talk. To follow online, register through their website: youth.rcdg.org.uk and click on 'Young Adults'.

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

SOUP AND CHAT. St Mary's from 11.30am-1.30pm in the parish hall. St John's will return later in the year.

MARY'S MEALS. Walk For Hope—This year, the charity Mary's Meals is organising a selection of pilgrimage walks around the UK, bringing people together to pray for our mission to feed hungry children. Visit our website to find out about our selection of walks and register your interest: <https://bit.ly/MarysMealsPilgrimage>.

DO YOU FEEL CALLED TO DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD. To learn more about the application process and what a Priestly vocation entails, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Stephen McGrattan stephen.mcgrattan@rcdg.org.uk

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.

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.

CHOIR PRACTICE ST JOHN'S. Takes place on Sundays (when guitars are on) from 10.30am. All welcome.

FESTIVAL OF SYNODALITY – SATURDAY 6 JUNE 2026. At Glasgow Caledonian University, a day inspired by Pope Francis' call to be "witnesses to synodality." Lunch is included. All are welcome. Tickets available: bit.ly/synodality26.

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CAMP OUT FOR HOPE. Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Scotland invite you to the Camp Out for Hope on Saturday 30th May-Sunday 31st May in Carfin Grotto from 8am - 8pm. Go to Trybooking.com to sign up for free. You must be aged 16+ to participate. Contact ACN Scotland at scotland@acnuk.org or 01698 337 470 for more information.

GOSPEL: John 14:1-12

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"?''

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. 'Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.'

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

Reflect on what the word "home" means to you and the places that have been your home. How do these places impact how you envision the place Jesus is preparing for you?

What role does hospitality play in your life? How might you, called to be a "living stone," help to create a home for others?

Do you find it easy or hard to trust God in the long wait for God's promises to be fully realised?

Pope Leo's prayer intention for May: 'That everyone might have food' Pope Leo XIV releases his prayer intention for the month of May and invites Catholics to pray that everyone might have food, as he highlights how millions of brothers and sisters continue to suffer from hunger while so much food is wasted. "Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food."

Brothers and sisters, let us live the present, let us take the present in hand, but let us not be overwhelmed; let us look up, let us look to Heaven, let us remember the goal, let us think that we are called to eternity, to the encounter with God. And, from Heaven to the heart, let us renew today the choice of Jesus, the choice to love him and to walk behind him. **Pope Francis.**

"Good Father, make us capable of transforming the logic of selfish consumption into a culture of solidarity. May our communities promote concrete gestures: awareness campaigns, food banks, and a sober and responsible lifestyle, Amen <https://thepopevideo.org/>

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.

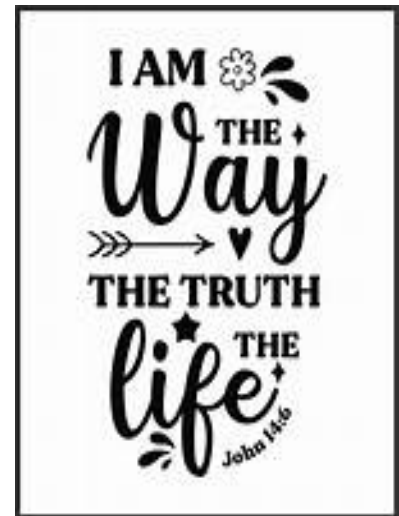
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Neighbouring Parish: Fr Duncan McVicar, St Peter's, Ardrossan 464063. Fr Jim Hayes, St Winin's, Kilwinning 552276
Going into Hospital? Ask Canon Poland for the Anointing of the Sick before you are admitted.

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@rcdg.org.uk or on 01563 521832. For general visiting in Ayr Hospital please contact Fr Benjamin Mkeri at benjamin.mkeri@rcdg.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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