



St John the Evangelist  
Stevenston

# 24th May 2026 Pentecost Sunday—Solemnity Year A

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and Sr Ursula and Sr Anna  
Canon Matt McManus (Retired)



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Saltcoats

Day	St John's	St Mary's	St Peter's
Monday	_____	_____	10am Mass <b>(L)</b>
Tuesday	_____	10am Mass <b>(L)</b>	10am Mass <b>(L)</b>
Wednesday	10am Mass <b>(L)</b> 6pm Prayers of Reception <b>James Monaghan</b>	_____	10am Mass <b>(L)</b>
Thursday	10am Funeral Mass <b>James Monaghan</b>	10am Eucharistic Service	10am Mass <b>(L)</b>
Friday	10am Mass <b>(L)</b>	_____	10am Mass <b>(L)</b>
Saturday	_____	4.30pm Mass <b>(L)</b>	5.30pm Mass <b>(L)</b>
Sunday	11.30am Mass <b>(L)</b>	10am Mass <b>(L)</b>	10.30am Mass <b>(L)</b>

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**EXPOSITION:** St Mary's—Tuesday 9.30am-10am. St John's—Friday 10.30am-11am.  
**RECONCILIATION:** St. Mary's— Saturday 3.45pm-4.15pm. St John's—Saturday 10.30am-11am  
**ROSARY:** Every Tuesday during May at 7pm in St John's. **SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:** Tuesday at 2pm.

*Please remember James in your prayers*  
**James Monaghan RIP**  
 Prayers of Reception will take place on Wednesday at 6pm in St John's. Funeral Mass on Thursday at 10am.  
 Followed by cremation in Holmsford Bridge Crematorium.  
 +May he rest in peace+

**COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY.** The second collection this weekend will support the work of the Office of Communications and Evangelisation of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland as it continues to share the Gospel through digital media, press, social media, broadcasting and evangelisation initiatives across the country. Please pray for all those working in Catholic communications and for all who encounter Christ through digital media.

**A Date for Your Diary**

When? Sunday 31st May at 3pm. Where? St John's hall. How long? One Hour. Tea and Coffee? Yes  
 The Synod Team are bringing together the pupils of St Anthony's and St John's, who are working towards their Pope Francis Faith Awards to share with all parishioners their understanding of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. This is an opportunity for all of us to encourage and affirm these young people in this important stage of their faith journey.

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

**Anniversaries:** Michael Higgins, Terry Milligan, Agnes Theresa Gilchrist, John Monaghan, Morag McLaughlin, Derek Findlay, Carla Marie Dickie, Alex Pllu and Kevin MacNamara.

**Recently deceased:** Margaret Lowe, Thomas Patrick Lynagh (Jersey), Kevin Rowswell and James Monaghan.

*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: *The Most Holy Trinity—Solemnity Year A: Exodus 34:4-6; 8-9; Psalm Daniel 3:52-55; 2 Cor. 13:11-13; John 3:16-18.***

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

**For all the sick in our parishes**

**Those who have an anniversary:** Michael Higgins, Terry Milligan, Agnes Theresa Gilchrist, John Monaghan, Morag McLaughlin, Derek Findlay, Carla Marie Dickie, Alex Pllu, Kevin MacNamara, Sam Taylor, Flora Murray, Mary & JJ McCann, Betty McGowan, Eileen McCann, Cathy McGuire, James & Frances Breen, Eddie Hamilton (1st), Mary Harbinson, Mary Kilmartin, Mary Hayes, Jim Dunwoodie, John Collins and George Boyd.

**Those who have died recently:** Margaret Lowe, Thomas Patrick Lynagh (Jersey), Mary McCann, Tommy Murphy (Belfast), Canon Pat McSorley, Kevin Rowswell, Leo Herbert Walker, Mae Cavani, Mary McCann, James Monaghan, Kenneth McEwan, Lena O'Hare (Kilmarnock) and Bill Thomson (Troon)

**ST JOHN'S HALL COMMITTEE – AGM SUMMARY.** The Hall Committee met on 21st April for its Annual General Meeting to review the past year's activities, finances, and plans for the year ahead. The continued success of parish fundraising events, especially the Summer Fete and Christmas Fayre, was warmly acknowledged, as these make a valuable contribution to parish life. Canon Poland expressed his sincere thanks to all volunteers for their dedication and support throughout the year. The Treasurer reported that the hall recorded a small deficit of £1,317.93 in 2025, with income of £12,176.54 and expenditure of £13,494.47. Recent months have included significant but necessary costs, including new hall chairs and repairs to the PA system. Despite these expenses, the hall's financial position remains stable, and the committee will continue to manage funds responsibly. All office bearers were re-appointed for the coming year: Michael Lafferty – Chair; Brenda Robertson – Secretary and Shona Stevens – Treasurer. Please note a full copy of the minutes are posted at the back of St John's church. The next committee meeting will take place this coming Tuesday at 7pm in the church hall.

**ST MARY'S SVDP CONFERENCE— Year ending March 2026.** Number of times families and individuals assisted with: Food—216; Utilities—6; Clothing—27 and Furniture—4; Spiritual visits—47; School visits—18 and Ozanam Centre, Glasgow donations of clothing for homeless—7.

**SPRED—GALLOWAY.** The SPRED Groups from the Diocese will join us in St John's on Sunday 7th June at the 11.30am Mass.

**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.

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

**SOUP AND CHAT.** Every Wednesday in St Mary's from 11.30am-1.30pm in the parish hall.

**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](mailto: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.



**We Are on**



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in the RC calendar.

**SAVE THE DATE**

St John's Church are hosting a race night on Friday the 26th of June at 7pm. More details to follow.

**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 available on the Diocesan website. [www.gallowaydiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy-and-gdpr](http://www.gallowaydiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy-and-gdpr)

**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](http://bit.ly/synodality26).

**GOSPEL: John 20:19-23**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week,  
the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews,  
Jesus came and stood among them and said to them,  
'Peace be with you.'

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again,

'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me,  
even so I am sending you.'

And when he had said this, he breathed on them  
and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.

If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them;

if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.



**PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING**

*Jesus promises peace in the gospel. Where in your life do you need the peace of Christ?*

*Name the cultures of which you are a part, remembering that "culture" here can be as small as family culture and can include things like age, profession, and social location. What aspects of your culture do you find limiting when it comes to preaching the gospel? How might the Holy Spirit be inviting you to overcome these divisions?*

*The second reading reminds us that the Holy Spirit unites us as one body. What role do you play in the Body of Christ? How do you need others to support you?*

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

**DIOCESAN SOCIAL MEDIA.** Stay up to date with all the latest news and events from across the Diocese, follow us: @rcdgalloway on Facebook, X, or Instagram, and check out our website: [www.rcdg.org.uk](http://www.rcdg.org.uk)

**Pope Leo's prayer intention for May:** *'That everyone might have food' "* 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. Awaken in us a new awareness: that we learn to be thankful for every food, to consume simply, to share with joy, and to care for the fruits of the earth as a gift from you, destined for all, not just a few.

**Pope Leo's Audience on Wednesday, 20th May - Summary of the Holy Father's words:** *Dear Brothers and Sisters, as we continue our series of catecheses on the Second Vatican Council, today we consider the Dogmatic Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Sacrosanctum Concilium. This document teaches that the liturgy immerses us in the mystery of Christ's passion, death, resurrection and glorification. Through liturgical rites and prayers, and by the power of the Spirit, Jesus exercises his priesthood and sanctifies the Church, his spouse, uniting her to his own oblation to the Father. Indeed, Christ is present in the word that is proclaimed, in the sacraments, in the ministers, in the community, and most of all in the Eucharist. Let us allow ourselves to be shaped from within by the rites, symbols, gestures and above all by the living presence of Christ in the liturgy, which we will have further opportunity to explore. 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.

**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)

**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 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:** 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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