



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

17th May 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Year A

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Day	St John's	St Mary's	St Peter's
Monday	10am Funeral Mass (L) Leo Herbert Walker	—————	10am Mass (L)
Tuesday	10am Funeral Mass (L) Kevin Rowswell	10am Eucharistic Service	10am Mass (L)
Wednesday	10am Mass (L)	—————	10am Mass (L)
Thursday	—————	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)

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

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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 the following in your prayers

Leo Herbert Walker RIP

Kevin Rowswell RIP

James Monaghan RIP

Leo's Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place tomorrow (Monday) at 10am in St John's.

Followed by burial in High Road Cemetery.

Kevin'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.

James' Prayers of Reception will take place on Wednesday 27th at 6pm in St John's

Funeral Mass on Thursday 28th at 10am. Followed by cremation in Holmsford Bridge Crematorium.

+May they rest in peace+

COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY. Today, the Church marks Communications Sunday, a day to reflect on how the Gospel is shared through media, digital platforms, broadcasting and communications. From parish social media pages and livestreamed Masses to Catholic television, videos and news coverage, communications plays an important role in helping people stay connected to the life of the Church. The second collection next weekend time 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.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

In this Year of Prayer to the Holy Spirit, the Synod Team are bringing together the pupils of St Anthony's and St John's PS, who are working towards their Pope Francis Faith Awards to share with all parishioners their understanding of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and the transforming effects these gifts can have in our daily lives. This is an opportunity for all of us to encourage and affirm these young people in this important stage of their faith journey and they would be delighted if as many parishioners as possible could join them for an hour in St John's hall on Sunday 31st May at 3pm.

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Special Intentions

Anniversaries: 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.

Recently deceased: Mary McCann, Tommy Murphy (Belfast), Kevin Rowswell, Donna Davidson, Leo Herbert Walker and Lena O'Hare (Kilmarnock).

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: Pentecost Sunday of Easter Year A: Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 104; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13; John 20:19-23

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

For all the sick in our parishes

Special Intentions

Those who have an anniversary: 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, George Boyd, Michael James Gallagher (1st), Tom McGrath, James Turbet, Thomas Kirk and Victor Mitchell.

Those who have died recently: 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), Liam McBirnie, Bill Thomson (Troon), John Chalmers (USA), Grace McGahon, Tom Cassidy (Switzerland), Denise Reilly, Margaret Cannon (Irvine) and Ann Stuart (Nairn).

CONGRATULATIONS. To those who celebrated First Eucharist in St Mary's and St John's. Thank you to all who have helped with their preparation and those who have provided refreshments in St John's hall.

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 next Sunday 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.

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. St John's will return later in the year.

YOUTH EVENING. Join Youth from across the cluster tonight (Sunday) as they gather for their monthly evening in St Peter's, Ardrrossan They'll be reflecting on The Eucharist: Jesus' Body and Blood. The evening begins with Mass at 5pm after which they'll continue in the hall with games, activities, a short talk, and pizza. All young people in P5-S4 are welcome, if it's your first time, please complete an Annual Consent Form online: youth.rcdg.org.uk.

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.

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.

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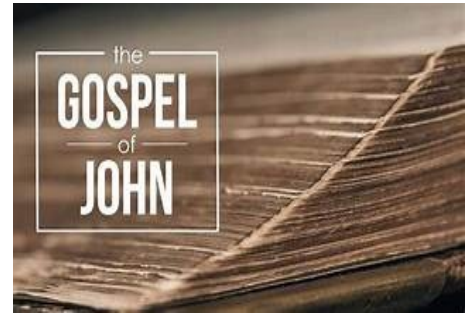
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GOSPEL: John 17:1-11a

At that time:

Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

'I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'



PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

When Jesus speaks to those who belong to him, do you include yourself in that number? Why or why not?

The first reading shows that prayer is the baseline work of the disciples; it is established as their daily task before the Holy Spirit arrives to send them out with their other missions of preaching and baptisms and caring for the poor. How does prayer fit into your other callings in life? How might you make more room for it?

How do you imagine eternal life? Does it feel like something you're ready for?

DIOCESAN SOCIAL MEDIA. Stay up to date with all the latest news and events from across the Diocese, follow us: @rcdgallo way on Facebook, X, or Instagram, and check out our website: 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 General Audience on Wednesday. Summary of the Holy Father's words: Dear brothers and sisters, in our catechesis today we contemplate Mary, whom the final chapter of the Dogmatic Constitution Lumen Gentium recognizes as model, perfect member, and as mother. Docile to the Father's will, her son's work of redemption and the promptings of the Holy Spirit, Mary is the model of what the Church is meant to be. Her unconditional "yes" shows us how to be members of the Church. As our mother by grace, she is the one to whom we can turn with filial trust, in the certainty of being heard, protected, and loved. In a special way, Mary cooperated in the work of salvation, through obedience, faith, hope, and ardent charity, to restore through her Son, the supernatural life of souls. Let us be challenged by Mary's example of humility, active faith and obedience. Let us generously respond in love, magnifying God in our hearts, and receiving strength from the sacraments. Let us ask Mary to help us be faithful disciples of her Son. www.vatican.va/

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

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 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.

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.

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