



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

10th May 2026 Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A

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Saltcoats

Day	St John's	St Mary's	St Peter's
Monday	_____	_____	10am Mass (L)
Tuesday	_____	10am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)
Wednesday	7pm Mass (L)	_____	10am Mass (L)
Thursday	11am Mass with John's PS	9.30am Mass in St Anthony's PS 7pm Mass	10am Mass (L)
Friday	10am Mass (L)	_____	10am Funeral Mass (L) Catherine Dalton
Saturday	_____	11.30am and 1pm First Eucharist Masses (L) 4.30pm Mass (L)	10.30am First Eucharist Mass 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.

RECONCILIATION: St. Mary's—Saturday 3.45pm-4.15pm.

ROSARY: Every Tuesday during May at 7pm in St John's.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: Tuesday at 2pm.

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Please remember the following in your prayers

Leo Herbert Walker RIP

Kevin Rowswell RIP

Leo's Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Monday 18th 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 19th at 10am in St John's.

Followed by burial in High Road Cemetery.

+May they rest in peace+

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD. Holy Day of Obligation on Thursday

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

COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY. Next weekend, 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 in 2 weeks 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.

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Special Intentions

Anniversaries: Michael James Gallagher (1st), Tom McGrath, James Turbet, Thomas Kirk and Victor Mitchell.

Recently deceased: Canon Pat McSorley, Kevin Rowswell, Leo Herbert Walker, Mae Cavani, Mary McCann, James Monaghan, Kenneth McEwan, Tom Cassidy, Lena O'Hare (Kilmarnock), Thomas Forde and Betty Loye.

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: *Seventh Sunday of Easter Year A: Acts 1:12-14; Psalm 26; 1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11*

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

For all the sick in our parishes

Special Intentions and 30th Wedding Anniversary.

Those who have an anniversary: Michael James Gallagher (1st), Tom McGrath, James Turbet, Thomas Kirk, Victor Mitchell, James Timmons, Anne White, John Ross, Michael McCann and James Fergus Dorrian.

Those who have died recently: 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), Liam McBirnie, Grace McGahon, Tom Cassidy (Switzerland), Denise Reilly, Margaret Cannon (Irvine), Ann Stuart (Nairn), Donna Davidson and Pat McNamara.

FIRST EUCHARIST. Will be celebrated in St Mary's next Saturday (16th) at 11.30am and 1pm. Please be in your places 10 minutes before the start of Mass so that we can begin on time.

300 CLUB. Congratulations to the winners of the April draw: No 172—A. Hughes £30 and No 164—P. Brown £20.

ST MARY'S TASTING AFTERNOON. Thank you to Yolanda Cowan and all who provided food from different countries for that day. We hope to continue this on an annual basis, so thank you to all who supported the event and those who gave their time and service to make the day a success.

NOTE OF THANKS ON FIRST ANNIVERSARY (MICHAEL JAMES GALLAGHER). Anna, Joanna and family would like to express their gratitude and appreciation to Canon Poland and all parishioners for the love and support which they have given to us in the last year which has greatly helped to sustain us.

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. 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.

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.

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.

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@redg.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.

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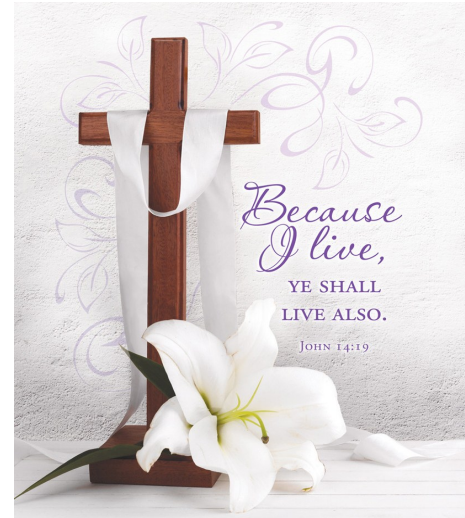
FESTIVAL OF SYNODALITY – SATURDAY 6 JUNE 2026. At Glasgow Caledonian University, a day inspired by Pope Francis' call to be "witnesses to synodality." Lunch is included. All are welcome. Tickets available: bit.ly/synodality26.

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.

GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples,
'If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper,
to be with you for ever,
even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive,
because it neither sees him nor knows him.
You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

'I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.
Yet a little while and the world will see me no more,
but you will see me.
Because I live, you also will live.
In that day you will know that I am in my Father,
and you in me, and I in you.
Whoever has my commandments and keeps them,
he it is who loves me.
And he who loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I will love him and manifest myself to him.'



PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

Reflect on your confirmation; what do you remember of that day?

How do you experience the Holy Spirit's promised presence in your life?

The gifts of the Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. Which of these do you need to increase in order to meet your current challenges in life?

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 31st May—St John's Parish Hall at 3pm
Community Event involving both our Primary Schools.
All welcome

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." thepopevideo.org/

Summary of Pope Leo's Catechesis on the Second Vatican Council's Constitution on Wednesday. As the pilgrim People of God, the Church interprets history through the lens of the Gospel and speaks decisively against all evil. At the same time, the Church acknowledges the need for continual conversion so she may properly fulfill her mission. As members of the same Body, we too are called to renewal. We do this by remaining in communion with Christ and one another. The entire Church is most closely united in our praise of God in the liturgy. There we pray for the faithful departed and ask the Saints to intercede for us so that we may all receive the fullness of God's promises in the Kingdom of Heaven. **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

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.

Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser: Mr Tony Fisher 01292 266750



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