



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

31st May 2026

The Most Holy Trinity — Solemnity Year A

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Our Lady Star of the Sea
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| Day | St John's | St Mary's | St Peter's |
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| Monday | _____ | _____ | 10am Mass (L) |
| Tuesday | _____ | 10am Mass (L) | 10am Mass (L) |
| Wednesday | 10am Mass (L) | _____ | 10am Mass (L) |
| Thursday | _____ | 10am Mass (L) | 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) |

L = LIVESTREAMED

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

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: Tuesday at 2pm.

TODAY AT 3PM IN ST JOHN'S HALL FOR ONE HOUR.

Come along and support our young people, Tea and Coffee provided. This is an opportunity for all of us to encourage and affirm these young people in this important stage of their faith journey.

Pope Leo's First Encyclical - Magnifica Humanitas, First Paragraph. Humanity, created by God in all its grandeur, is today facing a pivotal choice: either to construct a new Tower of Babel or to build the city in which God and humanity dwell together. Each generation inherits the task of shaping its own era, of guiding history to become a place where the dignity of every person is safeguarded, justice is promoted and fraternity is made possible. Yet every era also runs the risk of creating an inhumane and more unjust world. Whenever humanity is in danger of marring its true identity, we Christians lift our eyes to the Incarnate God, knowing that it is "only in the mystery of the Word made flesh that the mystery of humanity truly becomes clear."

Full Text - www.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html

SAVE THE DATE

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

CHURCH STUDENTS SPECIAL COLLECTION. £737.33 from St Mary's and £219.74 from St John's.

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Special Intentions and RIP Birthday Intention for Kevin Rowswell.

Anniversaries: Kevin Rowswell (months mind), Theresa McCann, Terence Grant, Elizabeth Grant, William Stuart, Dusty Millar (9 month mind), Daniel McAuliffe and Jean Monan Paton.

Recently deceased: James Francis Haddock, James Monaghan and Donald Gibson

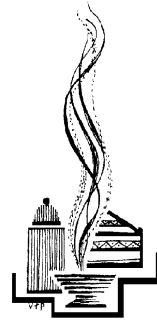
Masses are celebrated also by Fr Benjamin, Fr Gerard McCabe (South Africa) plus Retired Priests and Missio Scotland (Pontifical Mission Societies).

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: *The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*—Solemnity Year A: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Psalm 147; I Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51-58

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

For all the sick in our parishes

Special Intentions and RIP Birthday Intention for Kevin Rowswell.



Those who have an anniversary: Kevin Rowswell (months mind), Theresa McCann, Terence Grant, Elizabeth Grant, William Stuart, Dusty Millar (9 month mind), Daniel McAuliffe, Jean Monan Paton, Michael Higgins, Terry Milligan, Agnes Theresa Gilchrist, John Monaghan, Morag McLaughlin, Derek Findlay, Carla Marie Dickie, Alex Pllu and Kevin MacNamara.

Those who have died recently: Donald Gibson, James Monaghan, Margaret Lowe, Thomas Patrick Lynagh (Jersey), Mary McCann and Tommy Murphy (Belfast).



We Are on 



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

300 CLUB. Congratulations to the winners of the May draw: No 92—B. Robertson £30 and No 132—P. Wilson £20.

DEANERY PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING. Will take place tomorrow (Monday) at 7pm in St John's parish hall. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place from 6pm for those who wish to come early.

GALLOWAY LOURDES HOSPITALITÉ. Are celebrating their 70th Anniversary with Mass in St Winin's, Kilwinning, on Sunday 21st June at 3.30pm. We look forward to welcoming those who have been involved with Hospitalité and pilgrimage in any way, please join us to celebrate a wonderful 70 years of service to our diocese. Followed by refreshments in the hall.

CARFIN—SUNDAY 21ST JUNE. Unfortunately this event has been cancelled.

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

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 – NEXT SATURDAY (6TH). Join Catholics from across Scotland for a joyful and hope-filled day of prayer, listening and Conversation in the Spirit, celebrating the life and mission of the Church in Scotland today. The Festival of Synodality will take place on Saturday 6th June from 9am to 4pm at Glasgow Caledonian University. The day includes guest speakers Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ, Fr David McCallum SJ and Sandra Chaoul, with opportunities to take part in Conversation in the Spirit and various workshops. Lunch included. Tickets: £45. Book now: bit.ly/synodality26

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GOSPEL: John 3:16-18

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.



PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

Is there a person of the Trinity you think of most often when you pray? While the unity of the Trinity means that of course God in God's fullness hears your prayers, what might it be like to try praying to one of the other persons more explicitly?

Where might God be inviting you to keep an eye out for the Spirit's subtle movements?

Which relationships in your life reveal God's love to you? In which relationships is it challenging to see God at work?

R.C.I.A. Following the completion of this years programme we hope that the new programme will begin around September/October . Anyone interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith or becoming a full member of the Church should contact either the parish office or Canon Martin.

The Provincial for the Sisters of Saint Paul of Chartres will be visiting this weekend and we extend a warm welcome to her.

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

In June 2026, Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention is for the care of water, promoting just and sustainable management so that everyone may have equal access to this vital resource. For June 2026, the Pope invites all people to pray for a just and sustainable management of water, recognizing it as a vital resource essential for life and human dignity. This intention emphasizes the importance of ensuring that everyone, regardless of location or circumstance, has access to clean and safe water, and encourages responsible stewardship of this precious resource.

General Audience on Wednesday - Summary of the Holy Father's words: *Dear brothers and sisters, in today's reflection on Sacrosanctum Concili, we consider the liturgy through the lens of tradition and of development. Pope Pius XII called the Church a "living organism" which needs to grow, mature and adapt to circumstances. Indeed, desiring that Christian life should thrive and grow, the Second Vatican Council recognised it was time to adjust some adaptable elements in the liturgy for the health and vitality of the Church, to fortify and rejuvenate Christians, and to foster unity and evangelize men and women. The Vatican Council affirmed that legitimate progress in the liturgy must also preserve sound tradition, and that certain elements of the liturgy can never change because they are divinely instituted. In a particular way, I encourage all priests to respect the texts and norms of the liturgy with openness, humility, trust in God's greatness and with sincere fidelity to ecclesial communion. **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.

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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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