



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

14th June 2026

Eleventh Sunday of Year A

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Day	St John's	St Mary's	St Peter's
Monday	—————	—————	10am Mass (L)
Tuesday	6pm Prayers of Reception John Thomasson	10am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)
Wednesday	10am Funeral Mass (L) John Thomasson	—————	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.

Please remember John in your prayers

John Thomasson RIP

Prayers of Reception will take place on Tuesday at 6pm in St John's.

Funeral Mass on Wednesday at 10am. Followed by burial in High Road Cemetery.

+May he rest in peace+

DAY FOR LIFE. Next Sunday (21st), is Day for Life in the Church in Scotland. This year's theme is '**The Wonder of the Child in the Womb**' and reflects on the humanity of the unborn child and acknowledges, with compassion, the deep grief experienced by parents who lose a child before or shortly after birth. You will find the Bishops' Letter along with other materials here: www.bcos.org.uk/dayforlife. There will be a second collection towards the Bishops' Conference Day for Life Fund www.bcos.org.uk/Day-for-Life-Fund which offers grants for pro-life initiatives and other initiatives that allow people to live life to the full. **A Special Collection will take place at all masses next weekend.**

PASTORAL LETTER. Bishop Dougan has written a second Pastoral Letter on the sustainability of the Diocese which you will find enclosed with your bulletin. Any comments/thoughts can be put in writing by email or on paper to the parish office or the Sacristy at St John's.

SAVE THE DATE

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

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

RIP Birthday Intentions: Margaret Simpson, John Dolan and Tom McKay.

Anniversaries: Jetta Monaghan, Marie Cambridge, Hugh Carr, Terry Morrison, Sheila Reilly, Mary (May) McGoogan, Margaret Taylor and Jim Taylor.

Recently deceased: Dessie West (Ireland), Grant Mitchell, John Thomasson, Liam Ferguson, Richard McGarry and Jamie Napier.

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

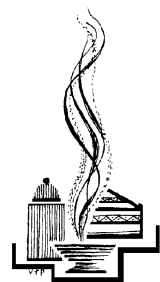
READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Twelfth Sunday of Year A: *Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 68; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33*

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

For all the sick in our parishes

RIP Birthday Intention: Margaret Simpson, John Dolan, Tom McKay and Kevin Rowswell.

Those who have an anniversary: Jetta Monaghan, Marie Cambridge, Hugh Carr, Terry Morrison, Sheila Reilly, Mary (May) McGoogan, Margaret Taylor, Jim Taylor, John Morrison, Robert Ross, Michael (Bod) Taylor and Patrick Moran Snr



Those who have died recently: Dessie West (Ireland), Grant Mitchell, John Thomasson, Liam Ferguson, Richard McGarry, Jamie Napier, Bernie Lavelle (Mayo), Donald Gibson, James Monaghan, Margaret Lowe and Thomas Patrick Lynagh (Jersey).

BISHOP FRANK'S SILVER JUBILEE MASS. Will take place on Friday 26th June at 7pm in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr. All welcome.

COMMUNICATIONS SPECIAL COLLECTION. St Mary's £699.65 and St John's £283.23.

ST MARY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING. Will take place this coming Thursday at 7pm in the parish house.

GALLOWAY LOURDES HOSPITALITÉ. Are celebrating their 70th Anniversary with Mass in St Winin's, Kilwinning, next Sunday (21st) 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.

PODCAST. Peter Sharp is working on different podcasts, you can find them by visiting the following link. www.youtube.com/@TheCatholicCafeIrvine

YOUTH EVENING. (P5-S4) Join Youth from across the cluster next Sunday as they gather for their final evening before the summer in St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan. They'll be reflecting on the theme of The Church: The Family of God. 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.

GALLOWAY'S SEOUL. In 2027, Pope Leo will join young people from across the world in Seoul, South Korea. While it is not possible for us to travel to Seoul, the Diocesan Youth Office will be running a parallel event in our Diocese at Gowanbank SU Centre (near Darvel). Join young people (current P5-S4) from across the Diocese as we gather for the week to follow the World Youth Day programme, hear inspiring Catechetical talks from local priests, take part in a range of different outdoor activities, and have a fantastic week of faith and friendship. Galloway's Seoul runs from 7th – 11th August 2027 and costs £400 per person (grants are available for those in need and if more than one child in a household is taking part), but we'll be supporting young people in fundraising to reduce the cost. For full details pick up a flyer or go to our website: youth.rcdg.org.uk.

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.

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.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

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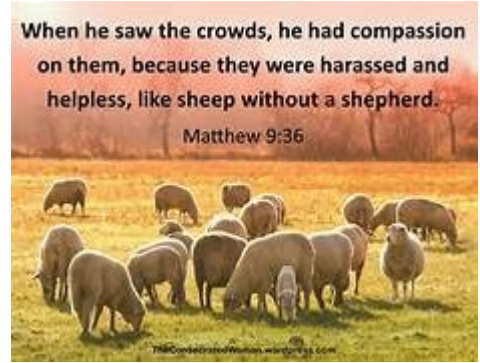
GOSPEL: Matthew 9:36-10:8

At that time:

When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.’

And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. The names of the twelve Apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, ‘Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.’



PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

We are all called to be both members of Jesus’s flock and, in ways appropriate to our state in life, shepherds of the flock. Which of these calls feels more natural to you? How could the other be an invitation to grow?

Do you feel that you share in the disciples’ mission as described in the gospel? How do you (or how could you) help in healing and comforting those who are sick?

When you are moved with pity for another, how do you respond? How could your responses be more like Jesus’s response—immediate and loving?

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. <https://thepopevideo.org/>

Pope Leo in his address to prisoners in Spain on Wednesday. Every human being is “worthy” by the mere fact of having been willed, created and loved by God. There is, therefore, no situation that causes the Lord to turn his gaze away from us. It is a consoling truth that accompanies us at all times and reminds us how his merciful love always outweighs whatever good or evil we may have done. Vatican. www.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html

The theme for this year’s Refugee Week is Courage. The week runs from 15th to 21st June. For refugees around the world, courage is often a daily necessity. It is the courage to face unknown journeys, learn new languages, navigate unfamiliar systems, or simply to wake up each morning and step into an uncertain world.

This Refugee Week, join our campaign to learn how your acts of kindness can go a long way, helping refugees feel welcome and safe in your community. www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/support-us/campaign-for-us/refugee-week/

Kindness is Courage. Courage isn’t always loud or bold. It can be found in simple acts of kindness: opening your door to a neighbour, helping someone who is new to your community, or even giving someone a simple smile and hello.

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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