



St John the Evangelist  
Stevenston

# 7th June 2026

## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ—Solemnity 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	10am Mass (L)	_____	10am Mass (L)
Thursday	_____	10am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)
Friday	10am Eucharistic Service	9.30am in St Anthony's PS	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.

**RECONCILIATION:** St. Mary's— Saturday 3.45pm-4.15pm. St John's—Saturday 10.30am-11am

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:** Tuesday at 2pm.

**WELCOME.** To SPRED Groups from the Diocese who will join us in St John's today at the 11.30am Mass.

**POPE FRANCIS AWARDS.** Thank you to those who came to hear about the Pope Francis Awards and to the children who made the presentation last Sunday. And a special thank you Mrs Aveen Gallagher, Deputy Head at St John's for her work in promoting and supporting the Pope Francis Awards in all the Catholic primary schools in North Ayrshire.

**FEAST DAY.** Mass will take place in St Anthony's PS on Friday at 9.30am to celebrate the Feast Day of St Anthony.

### SAVE THE DATE

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

*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/>*

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

**Anniversaries:** John Morrison, Robert Ross, Michael (Bod) Taylor and Patrick Moran Snr.

**Recently deceased:** Grant Mitchell, Bernie Lavelle (Mayo) 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: Eleventh Sunday of Year A:** Exodus 19:2-6; Psalm 99; Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36;10:8

**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:** John Morrison, Robert Ross, Michael (Bod) Taylor, Patrick Moran Snr Kevin Rowswell (months mind), Theresa McCann, Terence Grant, Elizabeth Grant, William Stuart, Dusty Millar (9 month mind), Daniel McAuliffe and Jean Monan Paton.



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



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**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.

**ST JOHN'S PPC.** Will meet this coming Wednesday (10th) at 7pm in the parish house.

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

**PODCAST.** Peter Sharp is working on different podcasts, you can find them by visiting the following link. [www.youtube.com/@TheCatholicCafeIrvine](http://www.youtube.com/@TheCatholicCafeIrvine)

**DIGNITY NOT DETENTION - SUNDAY 14TH JUNE 2026 - AT 1PM AT DUNGAVEL DETENTION CENTRE.**

Next weekend, Justice and Peace Scotland invite you to stand with us in an act of Christian hope and solidarity. By gathering outside Dungavel, we send a simple message to those detained inside: you are not forgotten. Join us as we witness for a more just and humane immigration system; one that recognises the dignity, worth, and humanity of every person.

**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](http://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](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.

**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)

**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.

**GOSPEL: John 6:51-58**

At that time: Jesus said to the Jews,  
'I am the living bread that came down from heaven.  
If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever.  
And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'  
The Jews then disrupted among themselves, saying,  
'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?'  
So Jesus said to them,  
'Truly, truly, I say to you,  
unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood,  
you have no life in you.  
Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life,  
and I will raise him up on the last day.  
For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.  
Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me,  
and I in him.  
As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father,  
so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me.  
This is the bread that came down from heaven,  
not like the bread the fathers ate, and died.  
Whoever feeds on this bread will live for ever.'

**PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING**

*What is your participation in Eucharist like these days? Do you come to Communion wholeheartedly or out of habit?*

*Mothers live out Jesus's model of giving up his body as food and drink in a special way; pregnancy and breastfeeding are some of the most literal ways one can give up one's body for another. What might your experience of mothering or being mothered teach you about what Jesus is doing in the Eucharist?*

*Who in the church do you find it difficult to understand yourself as being in communion with? How might the Eucharist serve as an invitation to transcend the boundaries between 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 XIV's encyclical Magnifica Humanitas makes several key theological and moral claims that have significant implications for human flourishing in the age of artificial intelligence. According to Leo, humans flourish when they enjoy personal health and well-being, practice the virtues, engage in dignified work, enjoy leisure and cultivate friendship with God and neighbour. This vision contrasts with the technocratic paradigm, which views technology as the source of all human goods. The contrast becomes especially clear when Leo's vision is set alongside the hopes that animate many of today's most enthusiastic advocates of AI. National Catholic Reporter.**

**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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