



St John the Evangelist
Stevenson

21st June 2026 Twelfth Sunday of Year A

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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 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

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

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: Tuesday at 2pm.

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DAY FOR LIFE. Today 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 this weekend.**

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD WISHES. To Bishop Frank who celebrates his Silver Jubilee in the Priesthood next weekend. All welcome to his mass of Thanksgiving in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr on Friday at 7pm. St Mary's stall has Silver Jubilee cards on sale.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH. Are hosting a Family Race Night on Friday the 26th June 2026 at 7pm tickets £2 and are available on the night. We are looking for raffle prizes and race sponsors. To sponsor a race is £20, this could be family groups, businesses or community groups. Sheets are available in St John's Church porch to buy a horse. The bar will be open and pies will be served at the interval. This is a family fun night and we look forward to seeing everyone there. Any donations can be dropped off at church or on the night.

Please remember Mary in your prayers

Mary Frew RIP

Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday 2nd July at 10am in St Mary's.

Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery.

+May she rest in peace+

HAPPY FATHERS DAY. To all parents in both parishes.

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Anniversaries: Sheila Mason, James Moffat, Margaret Taylor, Jim Taylor, Harry Boyle, Agnes (Cameron) McCaffery, John Mitchell (2nd) and Joe McKeever.

Recently deceased: Mary Frew, Grant Mitchell and Eva Needham (London).

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: Thirteenth Sunday of Year A: 2 Kings 4:7-11, 14-16; Psalm 88; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11; Matthew 10:37-42

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

For all the sick in our parishes

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

Those who have an anniversary: James Moffat, Harry Boyle, Agnes (Cameron) McCaffery, John Mitchell (2nd), Joe McKeever, Jetta Monaghan, Marie Cambridge, Hugh Carr, Terry Morrison, Sheila Reilly, Mary (May) McGoogan, Margaret Taylor and Jim Taylor.

Those who have died recently: Mary Frew, Eva Needham (London), 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).

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

SCIAF SHIELD. Football. Faith. Fundraising. Returns on Saturday 1st August 2026. Put your faith into action and take part in the SCIAF Shield – our knock-out tournament that uses football to raise money for the world's poorest people. Get ready for a day of fun, football, and fundraising. The SCIAF Shield is a 5-a-side tournament that brings together 16 teams for an exciting afternoon of community and sport - all in support of SCIAF's life-changing work overseas. This year, funds raised by the SCIAF Shield will go towards our Emergency Hunger Appeal, to provide emergency food packages and help people grow more food in places devastated by floods and droughts in Africa. Sign your parish team up here: www.sciaf.org.uk/sciafshield

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

FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION DAY. The Diocesan Youth Office invites all those who have made their First Communion this year to join them for a celebration at St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock on Saturday 25th July from 11am to 4pm. The day will include a variety of fun and engaging games, a couple of short talks, Mass, and lunch: pizza and a BBQ. Interested? Scan the QR code to register. There's no charge to take part in the day.



YOUTH EVENING. (P5-S4) Join Youth from across the cluster tonight 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.

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

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:26-33

At that time: Jesus instructed his Apostles:

‘Have no fear of them,

for nothing is covered that will not be revealed,
or hidden that will not be known.

What I tell you in the dark, say in the light,
and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.

And do not fear those who fill the body but cannot kill the soul.

Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?

And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.

But even the hairs of your head are all numbered.

Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

So everyone who acknowledges me before men,
I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven,
but whoever denies me before men,

I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.’



PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

Have you experienced suffering because of your faith in Jesus? What was it like?

How does your suffering compare to that of the early church?

Where in your life do you need an increase in courage?

*I welcome with satisfaction the agreement reached between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the United States of America, which is to be signed on Friday, as an encouraging outcome of patient dialogue and negotiation. I express my gratitude to the countries that have worked to facilitate the meeting between the parties and make this agreement possible. I hope that this agreement may help to strengthen mutual trust, security and stability in the Middle East, by promoting paths of dialogue and cooperation among peoples. **Pope Leo on Wednesday at the General Audience. Full Text - www.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html***

*"Soccer reminds us of something we must not forget: life is not a race to show off on our own, but a path we learn to walk together. Anyone who does not know how to pass the ball, even if they have talent, has not yet understood the game. Anyone who does not know how to live with and for others has not yet understood life." **Pope Leo at the start of the World Cup.***

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/>

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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