



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

5th July 2026

14th Sunday of Year A

Parish Priest: Canon Martin Poland

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and Sr Ursula and Sr Anna

Canon Matt McManus (Retired) and
Peter Sharp (Trainee Deacon)



Our Lady Star of the Sea
Saltcoats

Day	St John's	St Mary's	St Peter's
Monday			10am Mass (L)
Tuesday		10am Mass (L)	10am Funeral Mass (L) Mary Conway
Wednesday	10am Eucharistic Service	10am Funeral Mass Margaret Smith	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: Will restart in the Autumn.

PETER'S PENCE SPECIAL COLLECTION.

Will take place at all masses this weekend.

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Margaret Smith RIP

Margaret's Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 8th July at 10am in St Mary's
Followed by burial in Ardrossan Cemetery.

Michael Murray RIP

Michael's Prayers of Reception and Funeral Mass on Wednesday, 22nd July at 10am in St John's
Followed by burial in High Road Cemetery.
+May they rest in peace+

BISHOP FRANK'S PASTORAL LETTER—Sustainability. Parish Consultation meeting will take place in St Mary's Church hall on Sunday 16th August at 3pm and in St John's Church hall on Sunday 13th September at 1pm.

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Anniversaries: Janet Collins; Ian Gargan (2nd); Agnes Crawford; George and Ali Burnett; Betty McConnell; Anna Teresa Gallagher (1st); James Joseph (Jimmy) Gallagher.

Recently deceased: Mary Conway, Mary Frew, Margaret Smith, Mark Graham and Michael Murray

Special intentions: Bishop Frank's Silver Jubilee.

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: Fifteenth Sunday of Year A: Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 65; Romans 8:18-23; Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

For all the sick in our parishes

Those who have an anniversary: Janet Collins, Ian Gargan (2nd), James Moffat, Harry Boyle, Agnes (Cameron) McCaffery, John Mitchell (2nd); Joe McKeever; Agnes Crawford; George and Ali Burnett; Betty McConnell; Anna Teresa Gallagher (1st) and James Joseph (Jimmy) Gallagher.

Those who have died recently: Mary Conway, Mary Frew, Margaret Smith, Eva Needham (London), Dessie West (Ireland), Grant Mitchell, John Thomasson, Liam Ferguson, Richard McGarry, Jamie Napier, Bernie Lavelle (Mayo), Donald Gibson, James Monaghan and Michael Murray.

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

MARY'S MEALS. Once again the Mary's Meals Team would like to thank everyone who gave us donations for Mary's Meals. Since the start of this year we have sent them £1,096 to help feed more than 3 million children in some of the world's poorest countries. A special thank you to the first communicants who donated £235 of their money gifts to Mary's meals.

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.

YOUNG ADULTS' (S5-30) EVENING: The next Young Adults' evening takes place on Sunday 5th July in St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock. This month, the group will be joined by Marianne Luchessi from the Jesuit Spirituality Centre as she speaks on the theme of prayer: looking at various forms of prayer, how we pray, and taking the group through some practical examples. The evening begins with Adoration in the church from 6pm, following which Marianne's talk will be in the hall from 6.30pm. Can't make it in person? Sign up at youth.rcdg.org.uk to follow the evening online.

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. Has now stopped and will return later in the year. Thanks to all who have helped provide this service.

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.

R.C.I.A. Following the completion of this year's 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.

RACE NIGHT AT ST JOHN'S. Thanks to all who worked and all who supported this evening which raised £847.70 for St John's Parish.

SCHOOLS. We wish all associated with our school communities a restful and safe summer holiday.

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GOSPEL: Matthew 11:25-30



At that time, Jesus declared, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

FOR REFLECTION

- *What consolation does Jesus offer you in our Christian journey? What consolations do you wish he would offer?*
- *Do you find Jesus's yoke easy and light? What makes it hard to carry sometimes?*
- *How do you honour God's invitations - and even commands! - to rest?*

*Dear brothers and sisters, for us too there are moments of weariness and disillusion. Thus let us remember these words of the Lord, which give us so much consolation and allow us to understand whether we are placing our energy at the service of the good. Indeed, at times our weariness is caused by placing trust in things that are not essential, because we have distanced ourselves from what really matters in life. The Lord teaches us not to be afraid to follow Him, because the hope that we place in Him will never disappoint. **Pope Francis.***

Pope Leo's Prayer Intentions for July: For respect for human life.
Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.
Pope Video—<https://www.popesprayer.va/praywiththepope/>

Prayer Vigil with Young People in Madrid on 6th June: "I want to entrust all of you the mission to be truly human. Yes, be human: men and women of flesh and blood! Not mere appearances, but trustworthy faces. People who seek justice because they hunger for it, as for their daily bread. People who desire an honest and upright life, because they gladly do to others what they would like others to do to them. Be human as Christ is human, the perfect man, the risen one who shares history with us in every age." **Pope Leo**

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 monneysmart@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 phen.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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Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser: Mr Tony Fisher 01292 266750

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