



St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

1st November 2026

All Saints – Solemnity Year A

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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	7pm Mass	10am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)
Tuesday	—————	10am Mass with P5/6 Pupils from St Anthony's PS	10am Mass (L)
Wednesday	10am Mass (L)	—————	10am Mass (L)
Thursday	—————	10am Mass (L)	10am Funeral Mass (L) Patricia Dixon
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)

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

EXPOSITION: St Mary's – Tuesday at 9.30am-10am. St John's - Friday at 10.30am-11am

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY. Service at War Memorial in Saltcoats at 11am. Service at War Memorial in Stevenston at 1.30pm. I am always grateful to those who represent both parishes on this occasion.

PARISH MASS FOR THE DECEASED. St John's on Thursday 19th November at 7pm. St Mary's on Monday 23rd November at 7pm. Hospitality will be available in both parish halls after Mass.

R.C.I.A. Will meet again on Thursday at 6pm in St Mary's parish house.

ST. JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PRIMARY 1 REGISTRATION 2027. Registration for P1 children commencing school in August 2027 will take place online between Monday 9th November 2026 and Sunday 22nd November 2026. Parents/carers will be required to complete an online form available on the Council website. Children whose fifth birthday falls between 1st March 2027 and 28th February 2028 are eligible to start primary school in August 2027.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS. Lists are available for our deceased relatives and friends during the month of November. Please hand them into St Mary's parish office or St John's Sacristy where they will be placed on the Altar during this month. Those included on the list will be remembered in masses in both churches as well as Canon Matt and Fr McCabe in Cape Town.

Pope Leo's Prayer Intentions for November: *For the proper use of wealth Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less. See <https://thepopevideo.org/>*

PARISH OFFICE. Will be closed until Tuesday 17th November.

ANNUAL CEMETERY MASS. Will take place in Ardrossan Cemetery on Sunday 8th November 2026 at 2pm

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

Birthday Remembrance: Monica Taylor

Anniversaries: Margaret Brennan (1st), William & Jeanie Smyth, Margaret Martin, Sandra Cassidy (3rd), Pat McMenamin, Mary Timmons, David Owen Murphy and Luigi & Marietta Tortolano.

Recently deceased: Billy Giffney, Ina McIver, Daniel McGreer, Canon John McGorry (Balloch), Bernard McLaughlin (Glasgow), Bernadette Quinn and Anne Templeton.

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: *Thirty second Sunday of Year*

A: Wisdom 6:12-16; Psalm 63; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

For all the sick in our parishes

Special Intention: 90th Birthday, Monica Taylor (RIP Birthday)

Those who have an anniversary: Margaret Brennan (1st), William & Jeanie Smyth, Margaret Martin, Sandra Cassidy (3rd), Pat McMenamin, Mary Timmons, David Owen Murphy and Luigi & Marietta Tortolano. Sarah Murray, George Lafferty, Stephen (Tiney) Brennan, Jimmy Kelly, James McCann, Matthew Taylor, Bobby Fleming, John & Mary McCann and Cathy Murphy (McGurran).

Those who have died recently: Billy Giffney, Ina McIver, Daniel McGreer, Canon John McGorry (Balloch), Bernard McLaughlin (Glasgow), Bernadette Quinn, Harriet Scott, Patricia Aitkin Joe Sloan (Dundee), Anne Templeton, Ellen Carson, Rosaria Lee, Jim Harper and James McNamara.

THANK YOU. To all who came along and those who supplied dishes to the recent Food Taster in St John's.

FUNDRAISER – COFFEE MORNING. Will take place in St Mary's parish hall on Saturday 14th November from 10am-2pm with home baking and a raffle. All welcome.

CHANA (Churches Homeless Action North Ayrshire). Is teaming up again with the Night Before Christmas Charity (NB4CC) to provide a Christmas present for those who are homeless & being supported by North Ayrshire Council. If you can help, please put a cash donation in an envelope marked NB4C & put it in the usual collection bag or donate online at nbcc.scot

FOODBANK TESCO COLLECTION. This is the Foodbank's biggest food drive of the year and brings in the bulk of the food they require to get through the winter months and ensure they meet all the requests they receive. Your past support has been critical to the success of the work of the Foodbank. The dates are November, Thursday 26th - Saturday 28th between 10am until 4pm. The Caritas Students usually do the Saturday. Can you help by doing a two-hour shift on the Thursday or Friday? Please contact Danny on 07979542319

EVENTS IN ST JOHN'S- Christmas Fayre - Sunday 22nd November. Join us for our annual Christmas Craft Fayre! We always have a fantastic selection of stalls, the tea room will be open, and of course, Santa will be making a special visit! We also have tables available for hire for any crafters who wish a stall, they are £15 each. If interested please get in touch with Brenda 07812758415, Lorna 07833347035, or Michael 07813650411. **Annual Visit from the Wayside Club of Glasgow - Sunday 29th November 1pm - 5pm.** We look forward to welcoming our friends from the Wayside Club of Glasgow for this very special annual event. It is always a fantastic day and is greatly appreciated by everyone who attends. As always, we would be grateful for donations of toiletries, hats, scarves, gloves, raffle prizes and home baking to help make the day extra special. Please hand in donations to any of the hall committee. We look forward to seeing you all at these upcoming events. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and generosity!

CALLED AND SENT - LEADERSHIP FORMATION FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH. The journey into a synodal way of being Church together, begun by Pope Francis and continued by Pope Leo is one where we will require a new passion for equipping, and using the gifts of, leaders. Responding to this call and to what people have asked for, the Bishops' Conference are excited to offer Called and Sent, formation for Christian leaders. This course will equip people with skills and tools that, while necessary in the Church today, will be even more so in the Church going into the future, where clergy, lay and religious are called to be co-responsible for the 'the being and action of the Church'. (Pope Benedict). The course will be conducted in a spirit of prayerfulness and entail one full day's formation and four follow up online formation sessions. We are looking for people who are prayerful, faith-filled and already involved in the life of the Church in their parish, diocese or organisation. Please consider if you might be the right person for this course. For more information, and to apply for Called and Sent, go to; <https://www.iscglasgow.co.uk/called-and-sent>

P4 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME. After School Club in St Mary's on 12th and 26th November at 3pm-4pm. Saturday Club in St John's on 7th November and 5th December at 9am-10.30am.

NORTH AYRSHIRE FUNDING FAYRE. Has been organised to take place at Saltcoats Town Hall, 18-20 Countess Street, Saltcoats this coming Friday (30th) from 9:30am – 12:30pm.

SOUP AND CHAT. Every Wednesday in St Mary's from 11.30am-1.30pm in the parish hall. St John's have stopped serving on a Monday for now – thank you to those who supported and to all the volunteers.

GALLOWAY DIOCESAN CHOIR. Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 7:15–8:45pm (September–March, except December/January) at St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr. Contact: David Robinson: david.robinson.mj@gmail.com or 07714 340854.

ST MARY'S AND ST JOHN'S SUNDAY TEAS. Takes place after Sunday Masses today in St Mary's and St John's.

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

COP31 CLIMATE SUMMIT – Mass and Livestream Presentation. Come together to pray for all those taking part the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP31) and for the care of our common home. Hosted by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland's Care of Creation Office and supported by Justice & Peace Scotland, SCIAF, and SCES this Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Nolan to pray for the success of the COP31 climate summit in Türkiye. After Mass, join us for refreshments in Eyre Hall and a live video update from CAFOD who will be reporting to us live from COP31. All are welcome. Date: Thursday 12th November 2026. Time: Mass - 1pm | Livestream & Refreshments - 2pm. Location: St Andrew's Cathedral & Eyre Hall, 196 Clyde Street, Glasgow, G1 4JY

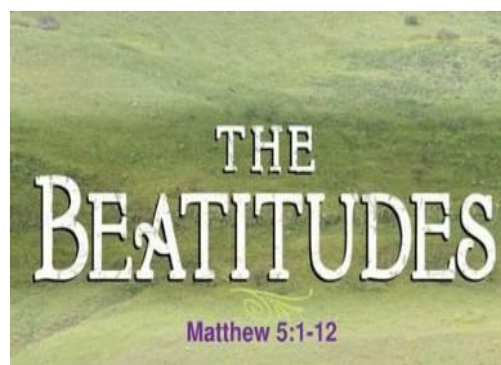
SVDP. Please call 07379400568 for St Mary's. Please call 07498501326 for St John's. Please call 07825726904 for St Peter's.

ST JOHN'S SVDP. Are collecting non perishable food for the Crisis Bags. **FOODBANK STEVENSTON.** 07437 521 930

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12a

At that time:

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain,
and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.
And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'



PROMPTS FOR FAITH SHARING

In the second reading from the first letter of St John we read, "My dear people, we are already the children of God". What implication does this have for your spirituality?

Today we read from the Beatitudes one of the most famous passages in all Scripture. Which Beatitude do you feel most challenging? How might you seek to live this Beatitude in your own life?

On this feast of All Saints what saint have you find particularly inspiring to your journey of faith?

Summary of the Pope's words at the General Audience on Wednesday. The Second Vatican Council's Pastoral Constitution *Gaudium et Spes*, reflecting on the Church in the modern world, also addresses the topic of culture. In promoting culture in all its forms, the Church has always combined the proclamation of the Gospel with the establishment of schools, seeking to foster human and spiritual formation, encouraging believers to give an account of their faith and preparing all peoples to receive the Gospel. The authentic relationship between faith and culture is rooted in the Incarnation. Faith, therefore, enriches and brings to fulfilment every culture it encounters, and is itself called to become a culture that is shaped by Christ. In this way, *Gaudium et Spes* affirms the need to cultivate a fruitful integration of knowledge, expressed in a way of living the faith marked by a positive outlook on the world and history.

www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/audiences/2026/

PODCAST. Peter Sharp is working on different podcasts; you can find them at: www.youtube.com/TheCatholicCafeGalloway

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 GAINST 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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