

St John the Evangelist
Stevenston

22nd November 2026
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – 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** Remembrance Mass **(L)**	10am Mass **(L)**
Tuesday	6pm Prayers of Reception **James McKendrick**	10am Mass **(L)**	10am Mass **(L)**
Wednesday	10am Funeral Mass **(L)** **James McKendrick** **6pm** Annual Education 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)**

RECONCILIATION: St. Mary's— Saturday 3.45pm-4.15pm. St John's – Saturday 10.30am-11am.
EXPOSITION: St Mary's on Tuesday 9.30am – 10am. St John's on Friday 10am-10.30am

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PARISH MASS FOR THE DECEASED
St Mary's tomorrow (Monday) at 7pm. Hospitality will be available in the parish hall after Mass.

Please remember James in your prayers:
James McKendrick RIP
Prayers of Reception in St John's on Tuesday at 6pm. Funeral Mass on Wednesday at 10am.
Followed by burial in High Road Cemetery.
+May he rest in Peace+

ST JOHN'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE – TODAY. 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!

Becoming a Catholic Teacher Online Information Event on 25th November from 5pm – 6pm. email: **catholiceducation@glasgow.ac.uk**

PENANCE SERVICES
St Peter's - Monday 14th December 7pm
St John's - Tuesday15th December 7pm
St Mary's - Wednesday16th December 2pm

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Will take place at all masses this weekend for Catholic Education.

THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

RIP Birthday: Michael Boyd

Anniversaries: Larry Burke, Hugh McAllister, Kenneth Trayner (3rd), Cathie Pllu, Anne McAuley, Alice Burns, John Maxwell, Kathleen Poland, Hannah Kirk and McConnell & Wylie families.

Recently deceased: Ina McIver, James McKendrick, Joyce McKechnie and Margaret Conway.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK*: First Sunday of Advent- Year B:* *Isaiah 63:16b-17;64:1,3b-8; Psalm 80; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37*

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

For all the sick in our parishes

RIP Birthday: Michael Boyd

Those who have an anniversary: Amedeo Badiali, Sharon Lafferty, Billy Cassidy, Albert White and Jack Gartland.

Those who have died recently: Billy Giffney, Ina McIver, James McKendrick, Daniel McGreer, Canon John McGrorry (Balloch), Bernard McLaughlin (Glasgow), Bernadette Quinn, Jim Harper, James McNamara, Margaret Conway, Joyce McKechnie, Michael Neil, Hugh Scott, Maureen Cahalane (London).

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

DIOCESAN EDUCATION MASS. Will be celebrated by Bishop Frank in St John's, Stevenston on Wednesday at 6pm

ST JOHN'S TWIN PARISH IN BRAZIL. Sheet available for signatures to accompany Christmas Card.

PASTORAL COUNCILS. St John's will meet this coming Tuesday at 7pm in the parish house and St Mary's will meet on Thursday at 7pm in the parish house.

RCIA. Will meet again on Monday 30th at 6pm in St Mary's parish house

THANK YOU. To those who supported the Coffee Morning in St Mary's last Sunday which raised over £800.

ADESTE FIDELES - Come All Ye Faithful - a Gathering for Advent. We are getting together with our two Primary Schools to celebrate Advent in St Mary's Hall at 3pm next Sunday (29th). An hour of song, prayer and reflection. It is usually a very uplifting experience. Please bring a tin for the Foodbank if you can.

ST JOHN'S - 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 26th November at 3pm-4pm. Saturday Club in St John's on 5th December at 9am-10.30am.

ONLINE LOURDES SIGN-UP SUNDAY. Galloway Lourdes Hospitalité and Youth For Lourdes are holding a joint Sign-Up Session today at 3pm, St Quivox Hall, Prestwick, KA9 1LU. Please join them to find out more about the fulfilling experience that volunteering in Lourdes is. They are looking for helpers in all capacities - medical team, general helpers and young people from 4th year to 23 years for the Youth for Lourdes team. Whether it is your 1st or 21st pilgrimage, a warm welcome awaits!

SOUP AND CHAT. Every Wednesday in St Mary's from 11.30am-1.30pm in the parish hall.

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

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

NEW YEAR'S EVE CEILIDH. Thursday 31st December, 7.30pm – 12.30am. Proceeds Ukraine Appeal. Tickets £15.
More information contact – Michael on 0781 365 0411.

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 34085or on the night.

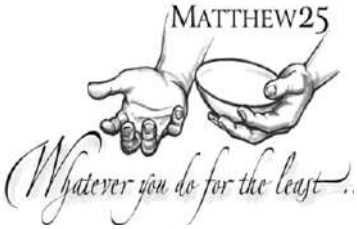
GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

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

JUSTICE & PEACE. Join us for our annual St Andrew's Day Dignity Not Detention Solidarity Witness at Dungavel on Sunday 29th November at 1pm.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

At the time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you have me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me."
Then the righteous will answer him, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?"
And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me." 'Then he will say to those on his left, "Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me."
Then they also will answer, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minster to you?" Then he will answer them, saying, "Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me."
And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'



PROMPTS FOR FAITH SHARING

The gospel reveals that Jesus calls us to compassionate care of the marginalised and vulnerable. What opportunities might you be overlooking in your life to pay homage to Christ the King?

There is some harshness in the judgements passed by Christ in the gospel; how does this make you feel?

In relationships where you hold power, how can you enact Christlike justice toward those who are less powerful?

COP 31. *Threats to humanity and nature from climate change are worsening while global attention to the crisis is waning, Cardinal Pietro Parolin warned in remarks at the United Nations climate change summit in Turkey. Parolin, the Vatican secretary of state and top diplomat, delivered the first speech during the resumed high-level segment of the summit, known as COP31, Nov. 17 in Antalya, Turkey. "This human-centered approach becomes even more necessary when considering that the climate crisis is getting worse, and it disproportionately affects the poorest and future generations, who are least responsible for causing it," Parolin said. He continued: "It is also concerning that the climate crisis is being overshadowed by geopolitical tensions driven by narrow self-interest and shortsightedness, which foster conflict and fragmentation. There is an urgent need for countries to collaborate on shared priorities through a cohesive and forward-looking multilateralism."* ***National; Catholic Reporter***

Summary of Holy Father's words on Wednesday at the General Audience. *Dear brothers and sisters, My Apostolic Journey to Uruguay, Argentina and Peru was a very special gift from the Lord. To the people of Uruguay, I reiterated the message of salvation: "I bring you good news of great joy, that is, Jesus Christ, the Truth that enlightens every person. Argentina, the homeland of Pope Francis, welcomed me with warm enthusiasm. Finally, on arriving in Peru, I felt the embrace, full of affection and faith, of the people amongst whom I had served as a missionary and as a bishop.*
www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/audiences/2026

Pope Francis on today's Gospel. *Dear brothers and sisters, may looking at the Last Judgement never frighten us: rather, may it impel us to live the present better. God offers us this time with mercy and patience so that we may learn every day to recognise him in the poor and in the lowly. Let us strive for goodness and be watchful in prayer and in love.*
https://www.popefrancishomilies.com/last-judgement

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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