

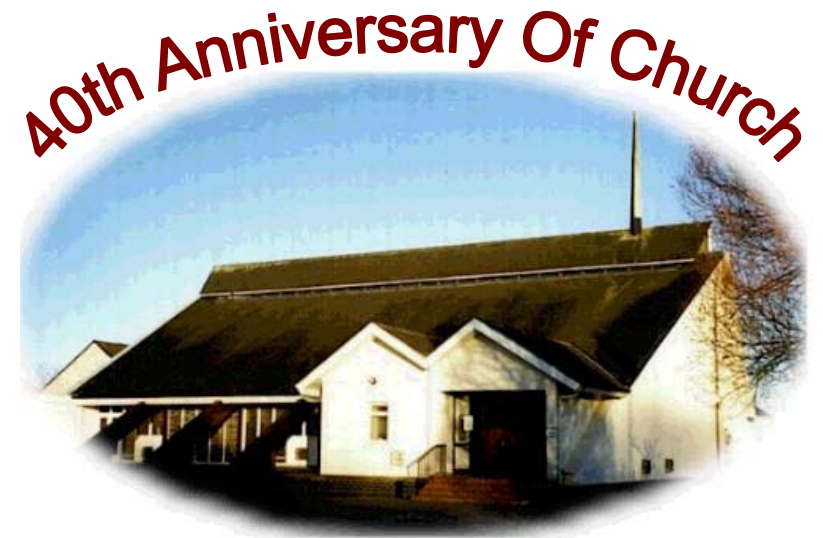
**St. John The Evangelist
Parish Patron Saint**



**“And the Word was made flesh
and lived among us”**



St. John's Parish Community

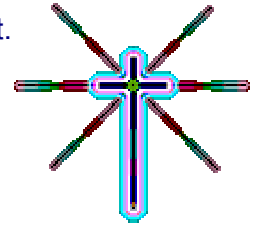


Friday, 4th July 2003

Recessional Hymn: City Of God

1. Awake from your slumber!
Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people of darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

***Let us build the city of God.
May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our Love,
Has turned the night into day!***



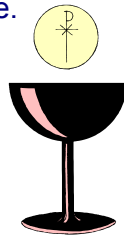
You are sons & daughters
of God
through
faith in
Christ Jesus

2. We are sons of the morning;
We are daughters of day.
The One who has loved us
Has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
A light for His people to set their hearts free.
3. God is light; in Him there is no darkness.
Let us walk in His light, His children, one and all.
O comfort my people; make gentle your words.
Proclaim to my city the day of her birth.
4. O city of gladness, now lift up your voice!
Proclaim the good tidings that all may rejoice.



Communion Hymn 1: Be Still For The Presence

1. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.
Come, bow before Him now, with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground,
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.
2. Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.
3. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

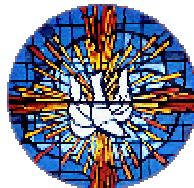


Communion Hymn 2: Taize Chant

Adoramus te Domine.

Post Communion: A Clare Benediction (John Rutter)

May the Lord show His mercy upon you,
May the light of His presence be your guide,
May he guard you and uphold you
May His spirit be ever at your side.
When you sleep may His angels watch over you,
When you wake may he fill you with His grace.
Then in heaven may you see His face.



2. May the Lord's loving kindness surround you,
Keep you safe as you journey on your way.
May He lead you and inspire you
As He grants you the gift of each new day.
May he bless all our loved ones and cherish them,
Every friend, every stranger at your door.
In the name of His Son our Saviour Christ
May God bless you, now and evermore,
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The Parish Community
St. John's Church
STEVENSTON



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

With you, I rejoice in you reaching a significant milestone in the history of your parish.

The church of St. John the Evangelist is a very worthy building for the worship that we owe to God. Not only does it have a prominent position, its attractiveness easily visible to all, but its interior – the fine sanctuary, the welcoming entrance space and, above all, the magnificent stained glass – provides an excellent setting for the celebration of the liturgy.

Please accept my congratulations, my appreciation of your witness of faith, and my prayer that God will, through St. John the Evangelist's intercession, continue to bless you all.

Yours sincerely,

+ Maurice Taylor

And A Word From Fr. Martin, Our Parish Priest

Today we have a great occasion to celebrate – 40 years since our beautiful Church was built.

As I have been preparing for this day, I am filled with a deep sense of gratitude to the people who worked so hard forty years ago to make our Church building a reality. In particular, I am thankful to Canon Joseph Maxwell for having the vision not only to build us a Church building that always reminds us of God but also a Church that has stood the test of time.

For today we are celebrating in at least two ways: the Church building; and the Parish Community.

The Church building – 40 years old today - is indeed wonderful with its many features that catch the eye. The stained glass windows tell us God's story – through Creation to Resurrection, along with the Baptismal window and the window of our patron saint, John the Evangelist. On top of that we have an ornate Baptismal font recalling the words of the psalm 'as a deer longs for running streams, so longs my soul for you, O Lord'. And of course, the central focus of our Church has always been the lectern and the altar reminding us of the two central parts of each Mass, the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

If we can say that we have a beautiful building fit for worship, it is also true that the friendliness and openness of the people of our Parish Community has been a hallmark of our Parish Community over the past forty years. Together with the many priests and religious sisters of our Parish Community, the faith of our Parish has flourished and grown. There are many events of note in the



past forty years --the transformation of the liturgy in the model of Vatican II, the flourishing of liturgical ministries, the Papal Visit, the Renew process, the television broadcasts as well as the many sacraments that have been celebrated regularly here. In each of these events, our Church and Parish Community has seen the flourishing of our faith as we journey together in the Lord.

Let tonight's Mass be a true celebration of this people of faith and let us lift up our lives to God that God will continue to bless and transform our lives and hearts.

Liturgy Of The Eucharist

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord
God of power and might.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the Highest.
Blessed is He, O Blessed is He,
Who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the Highest.

Galloway Mass

Memorial Acclamation: When we eat this bread
And drink this cup,
We proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
Until you come in Glory,
Until you come in Glory.

Amen: (Las Americas) Amen, Amen, Amen, Alleluia!
Amen, Amen, Amen, Alleluia!

Lamb of God: Hear our prayer, have mercy
Hear our prayer, have mercy
Give us your peace.



Preparation Of Gifts: I Give My Hands

1. I give my hands to do your work
And, Jesus Lord, I give them willingly.
I give my feet to go your way
And every step I shall take cheerfully.

***O, the joy of the Lord
Is my strength, my strength!
O, the joy of the Lord
Is my help, my help!
For the pow'r of his Spirit
Is in my soul
And the joy of the Lord,
Is my strength.***

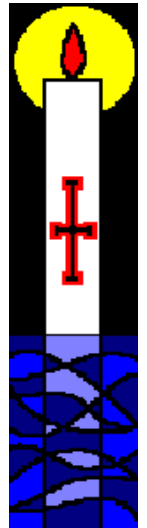


2. I give my eyes to see the world
And every one, in just the way you do.
I give my tongue to speak your words,
To spread your name and freedom-giving truth.
3. I give my mind in every way
So that each thought I have will come from you.
I give my spirit to you, Lord,
And every day my prayer will spring anew.
4. I give my heart that you may love
In me your Father and the human race.
I give myself that you may grow
In me and make my life a song of praise.



Opening Hymn: Gather Us In

1. Here in this place, new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away,
See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
Brought here to you in the light of the day.
Gather us in the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
We shall arise at the sound of our name.
2. We are the young – our lives are a mystery,
We are the old – who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of history,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
Give us the courage to enter the song.



3. Here we will take the wine and the water,
Here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
Give us to eat the bread that is you,
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion,
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven, light years away,
But here in this place, the new light is shining,
Now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us for ever,
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.



Penitential Rite: Please Follow Cantor

Gloria: George Salazar

Glory! Glory! Glory to God!
Glory! Glory! Glory to God!

1. Glory to God in the heights of the heavens,
Peace to God's people, all people on earth.
2. Son of the Father, all glory and worship;
Praise and thanksgiving to you, Lamb of God.
3. You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us, receive our prayer.
4. Seated in pow'r at the right of the Father,
Jesus alone is the Lord, the Most High.
5. And with the Spirit of love everlasting,
Reigning in glory for ever, Amen.



Liturgy Of The Word

1st Reading: First Book of Kings 8:22-30
"Let your eyes watch over this house."

Psalm: **As the deer longs for running streams,
So I long, so I long, so I long for you.**

2nd Reading: Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 2:19-22
"All grow into one holy temple in the Lord."

Gospel: Luke 6:44-49
"He laid his foundations on rock."

Alleluia: Please follow cantor.



Renewal Of Baptismal Promises: I Saw The Living Water

Congregation please sing the words in capitals

1. I saw the living water flowing from Christ's side, alleluia,
ALLELUIA!
All those who wash in this water will be saved and they will sing:
ALLELUIA!
Alleluia, **ALLELUIA!**
Alleluia, **ALLELUIA!**
Alleluia, **ALLELUIA!**
2. I saw the stream become a river in full spate,
Alleluia, **ALLELUIA!**
The sons of all assembled sang their thanks
for being saved:
ALLELUIA!
Alleluia, **ALLELUIA!**
Alleluia, **ALLELUIA!**
Alleluia, **ALLELUIA!**
3. I saw the Word extend to us God's heavenly peace, Alleluia!
ALLELUIA!
All who believe in His name will thus be saved and they will sing:
ALLELUIA!



Alleluia, **ALLELUIA!**
Alleluia, **ALLELUIA!**
Alleluia, **ALLELUIA!**
